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Lady Aggies take on SMU in tourney

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Mustangs on their own court. The Aggies are 15-12 this season, while SMU brings a 16-11 record to the tournament. Each team finished with seven wins and seven losses in the conference this year.

The 1992 season marked the fifth consecutive year A&M has finished .500 in the SWC.

Tipoff is set for 8 p.m. and will be the fourth tournament game played today. The winner of the A&M-SMU game will face top-seeded Texas Tech if the Lady Raiders defeat TCU today.

A&M women's basketball coach Lynn Hickey

Hickey said the Lady Aggies will need to effectively rebound and play defense in order to be successful against SMU and in the tournament. She said the Aggies lost those elements toward the end of the season.

"We are at a big disadvantage having to play a team that is playing so well at home," Hickey said. "But we put ourselves in that position."

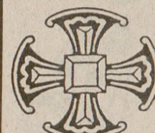
"SMU is playing well and with so much confidence. Our advantage is our depth and we must utilize it."

The Lady Aggies haven't made it to the tournament's semifinals since 1989. A&M lost to Houston in the first round the last two seasons. The Aggies have never faced SMU in the postsea-

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Rockets, Spurs leave Mavs behind

Maxwell, Houston toast road-weary Dallas

HOUSTON (AP) — Vernon Maxwell scored 11 of his 19 points as the Houston Rockets sprinted away in the third period of a 116-93 victory Tuesday night over Dallas, the Mavericks' 18th straight road defeat.

The Rockets had six players in double figures as they won their fifth straight game in The Summit and handed the Mavericks their sixth straight loss.

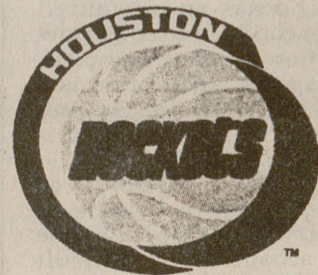
Dallas has not won on the road since beating Houston 105-85 on Dec. 23.

The Rockets broke from a 52-46 halftime lead with a 15-2 charge that gave them a 67-48 lead with 6:04 to go in the third period. Dallas — outscored 38-18 in the quarter — didn't score in the period until Terry Davis' basket with 7:52 left.

Kenny Smith scored 17 points for the Rockets and Hakeem Olajuwon, who had two points at the half, finished with 13 and 11 rebounds.

Herb Williams led the Mavericks with 16 points and Rolando Blackman had 14. Donald Hodge had 13 points and 10 rebounds.

The Rockets scored the first seven points and built a 20-8 margin en route to their halftime lead. Thorpe had 12 first-half points and Buck Johnson seven in the first six minutes.



Cummings, Strickland push SA past Hawks

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Terry Cummings scored 22 points and Rod Strickland added 19 as the San Antonio Spurs defeated Atlanta 103-92 on Tuesday night, extending the Hawks' losing streak to a season-high five games.

David Robinson added 17 for the Spurs, who moved within a half-game of the Phoenix Suns in the race for fourth place in the Western Conference. The Spurs are second in the Midwest Division.

Kevin Willis led the Hawks with 25 points, while Rumeal Robinson scored 16.

The score was tied at 81 at 8:56 of the fourth quarter. San Antonio then held Atlanta to just two field goals in the next eight minutes, using a 16-4 run to build a 97-85 lead with a minute left.

The NBA's top defensive team, San Antonio held Atlanta to 43.5 percent shooting from the field.

San Antonio also moved to 13-1 at home under interim coach Bob Bass.

Willis scored 12 first-half points as the Hawks built a 48-45 lead. San Antonio had led by as many as 14 late in the first period, taking advantage of Atlanta's 33.3 percent field goal shooting in the quarter.

A 15-5 Atlanta run, fueled by five points from Alexander Volkov, helped the Hawks take a 34-30 edge with 4:54 remaining in the half.

Astros down Los Angeles, 8-5

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — Jeff Bagwell's two-run double capped a five-run fifth inning and Karl Rhodes and Ernest Riles homered, helping the Houston Astros defeat the Los Angeles Dodgers 8-5 in an exhibition game Tuesday.

The Astros, 2-3, scored all their

fifth-inning runs after two were out against rookie pitcher Pedro Martinez, 0-1. Rafael Ramirez and Steve Finley doubled, while Denny Walling and Casey Candaele each reached base on infield errors preceding Bagwell's hit. All five runs were unearned.

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expected. Then it's over.

Nolan Ryan is getting older, Bobby Witt is getting more inconsistent and Ruben Sierra is getting out of Texas. Rangers fans better cherish this season because it might be the best one they have for some time.

The rest of the division might make the AL West the best division from top to bottom. The Oakland Athletics, the Chicago White Sox and the Kansas City Royals should be the best of the division.

But when it's all said and done, look for the White Sox to be the winners. The combination of Frank Thomas, Tim Lincecum and Steve Sax could pose a serious threat to the rest of the American League. Thomas could also become the league's Most Valuable Player.

The White Sox will beat the Red Sox in the playoffs and represent the American League in the World Series.

That leaves the National League. Let's start in the West. It would be nice to see the Atlanta Braves go back to the playoffs because they are a fun team to watch. Atlanta has been a bad team for so long, and it's nice to see an underdog win.

The only thing that will stop the Braves next season will be the Dodgers. The duo of Eric

Davis and Darryl Strawberry should make the Dodgers the best in the West. If not, so what.

It doesn't matter who wins the West because they will get beat by the team from the NL East.

The team, of course, is the Chicago Cubs. The Cubbies are going to surprise a lot of people this year, both on and off the field.

Chicago doesn't have the on-field pressure it did last season after spending a lot of money on big-name free agents. This season, just like in 1989, not much is expected from the Cubbies. And as every true Cubs fan remembers, 1989 was the last year they took the NL East.


Off the field, two Cub events should make news. First, Ryne Sandberg will announce that he will take some of his money and give the United States its first balanced budget since Eisenhower was President.

But more importantly, the Cubs will make news by announcing that they have signed new batboy — the King himself, Elvis. Elvis will say he takes the job to get himself back into shape before he comes out of retirement for his 1992 World Tour.

In the end, the 1992 baseball season will become an L-train series. Don't be surprised to see the Cubs take the White Sox in seven games.

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