

A&M baseball near: Is Omaha close behind?

For some of us, it's never too early to start thinking about baseball. Heck, a few of us start before the World Series champagne is dry.



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Sports Editor

For the legions who are fanatical enough about baseball to count down the days until pitchers and catchers report for spring training, the early-starting college baseball season is a godsend. Who cares if it's 10-below outside? It's baseball!

Opening day for Texas A&M falls on Feb. 9, which is exciting enough in itself. But if you put stock in the predictions of Baseball America, the excitement is only beginning.

The Aggies, coming off of a 41-20 season and a trip to the NCAA Regionals, enter this year ranked 10th in BA's national poll, just one spot ahead of the University of Texas. Yes, that means the Aggies are also picked to win the Southwest Conference.

The immediate question might be whether the Aggies' status as SWC golden boys will place pressure on their shoulders before they even step on the diamond. A&M head coach Mark Johnson says not really.

"Sure, we're worried about it," Johnson said Tuesday. "It does have some importance for our team."

"I take it with a grain of salt, though."

Top 10 ranking or not, Johnson could not be faulted for feeling

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One more for the road

Aggies to end extended swing against SMU

By WILLIAM HARRISON

The Battalion

The Texas A&M basketball team will be off to the races with the Southern Methodist Mustangs in Moody Coliseum at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, as they face an SMU team featuring a revamped, high-paced offense led by the experience of their five senior starters.

"They've totally changed their style," said A&M Coach Tony Barone.

"Last year they were a real patterned offensive team, a random motion offense, and they were going to play in the fifties," Barone said. "They're playing totally up-tempo now."

"They're playing very, very well right now, and it's a challenge for us because of the way they shoot the ball from the perimeter."

SMU's run-and-gun offense, popularized by Nevada-Las Vegas under Jerry Tarkanian, has averaged 24 three-point shots a game and are good offensive rebounders according to Barone.

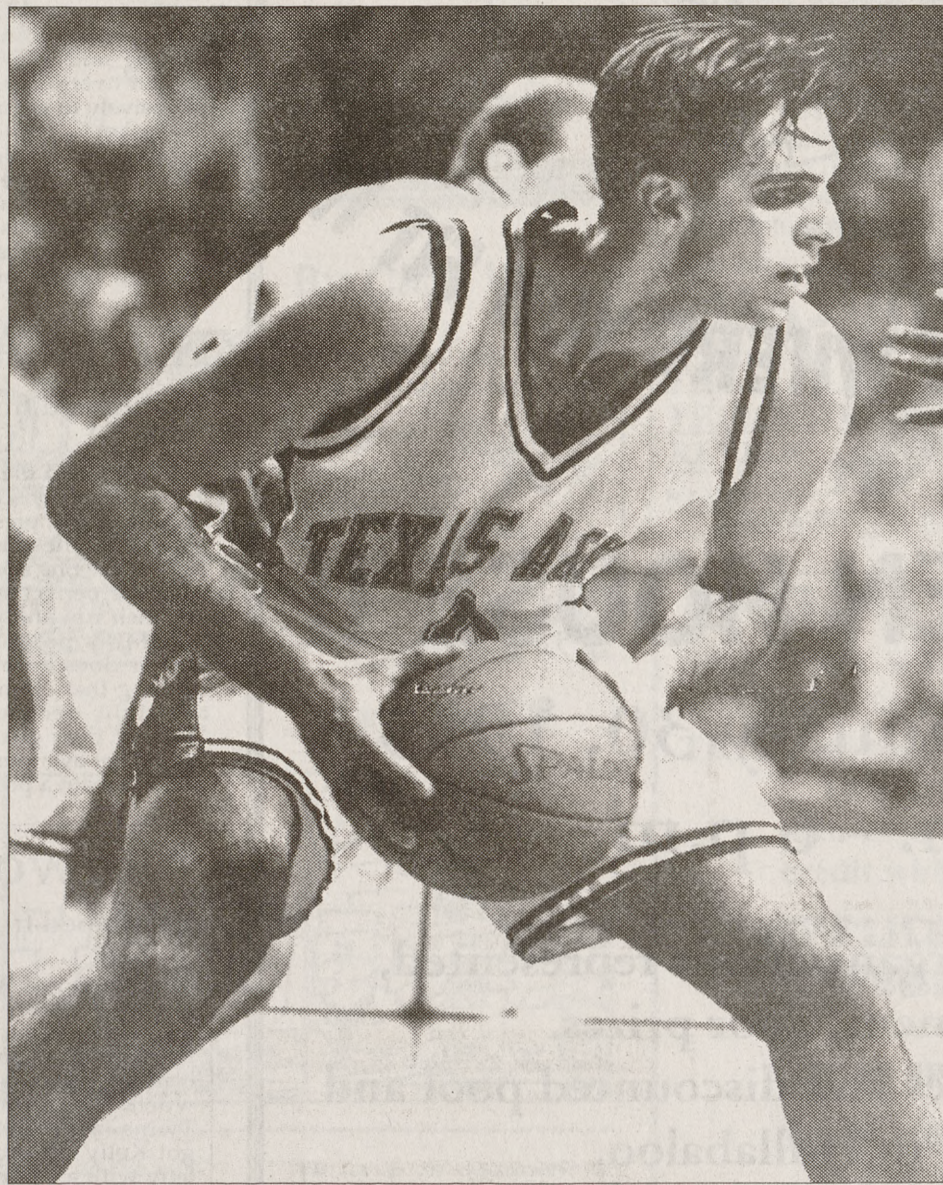
Led by Mike Miller, the fourth-leading scorer in the conference, and the strength of experience in their all-senior starters, the offensive switch has apparently revitalized SMU, who at just over the season's halfway mark have already won as many games (10-5) as they won last season overall (10-18), when they finished seventh in the conference.

Barone said the key to the game would be how well A&M defends SMU's quick shooting.

"It's a big issue for us," Barone said. "If we let them out there and simply shoot open shots, they're going to make enough of them to beat us."

"We'll just have to contest every shot," freshman forward Lance Broderson said.

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A&M forward Brett Murry pulls down a rebound in a game earlier this season. Murry and the rest of the Aggies finish a three-game road trip tonight in Dallas against Southern Methodist.

Battalion file photo

Lady Aggies look for revenge against SMU

By MICHAEL PLUMER

The Battalion

For the Texas A&M Lady Aggie basketball team, there are two very important numbers concerning tonight's Southwest Conference game against Southern Methodist—two and five.

Two is the number of seniors Texas A&M (9-5, 2-1) has on the entire roster. SMU (7-4, 1-3), on the other hand, starts three seniors.

"SMU has a veteran club, while we are so young," A&M head coach Lynn Hickey said Tuesday. "But if we execute as well as we can, then that will offset their experience."

The game, which is set for a 7 p.m. tipoff and will be televised by Home Sports Entertainment, will provide a litmus test for the youthful Aggies. In trying to overcome the Mustangs' seniority, the Aggies will be looking to extend their home winning streak to five games this season.

"This is a big game for us because it would set us up for our road trip to Baylor on Saturday," senior forward Yolanda Brown said. "You always want to win your home games, especially in conference play."

Hickey said that there were two keys in A&M extending its home winning streak.

"First of all, we have to make great transition off the defensive end of the court when we try to push the ball up the floor," she said. "Secondly, we have to do a great job of blocking out when going for rebounds."

"SMU does a great job of rebounding, and if we don't, things could be tough for us."

Brown agreed with her coach.

"Personally, I'm really going to have to crash the boards," she said. "Everybody else is going to have to go to the boards or else SMU will be able to get two or three shots every time down the court if we don't rebound well."

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WORKSHOPS

DANCE

Country & Western
Wed. Feb 3, 10, 17, 24, March 3
6-7:15pm or 7:30-8:45pm
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent

Adv C&W Dance
Wed. March 24, 31, April 7, 14, 21
6-7:15pm
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent

Ballroom Dancing
Tues. March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 20
7:15-8:30pm
\$18/student \$23/nonstudent

Jitterbug
Mon. Feb 1, 8, 15, March 1, 8
6-7pm
Mon. Feb 1, 8, 15, March 1, 8
7:15-8:15pm

Wed. March 24, 31, April 7, 14, 21
7:30-8:45pm
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent

MUSIC

Beginning Guitar
Mon. Feb 15 - April 12
7-8:30pm
Tues. Feb 16 - April 13
7-8:30pm

Thurs. March 4 - April 29
7-8:30pm
\$40/student \$45/nonstudent

Intermediate Guitar
Tues. Feb 16 - April 13
8:30-10pm
\$40/student \$45/nonstudent

Music Appreciation
Wed. Feb 17, 24, March 3, 10
8-9:30pm
\$12/student \$17/nonstudent

Music Theory
Wed. Feb 3, 10, 17, 24, March 3, 10
6:30-8pm
\$18/student \$23/nonstudent

Suzuki Strings I
Mon. Feb 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1, 8
6:30-8pm
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent

Suzuki Strings II
Mon. March 29, April 5, 12, 19, 26
6:30-8pm
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent

POTTERY

Beg. Pottery
Tues. Feb 2 - March 9
6-10pm
M/W, Feb 8 - 24
5-7pm

M/W, Feb 8 - 24
7:30-9:30pm
Thurs. March 25 - April 29
5-7pm

Thurs. March 25 - April 29
7:30-9:30pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent

Hand Building
Tues. Feb 2 - March 9
5:30-7:30pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent

Advanced Pottery
Wed. March 3, 10, 24, 31
6-8pm
\$16/student \$21/nonstudent

Wheel Throwing
Tues. Feb 2 - March 9
2:30-4:30pm
M/W, March 22 - April 7
5:30-7:30pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent

ARTS & CRAFTS

Stained Glass
Wed. Feb 10, 17, 24, March 3, 10
6-9pm
Thurs. March 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22
6-9pm

\$30/student \$35/nonstudent
Leaded Glass
Mon. Feb 8, 15, 22, March 1, 8
6-9pm

\$30/student \$35/nonstudent
Etched Glass
Thurs. March 4
6-9pm

\$12/student \$17/nonstudent
Cake Decorating
Wed. Feb 10, 17, 24, March 3
6-8pm

\$15/student \$20/nonstudent
Flower Arranging
Tues. Feb 16, 23, March 2
6-9pm

\$17/student \$22/nonstudent
Potpourri
Tues. March 23
6-8pm

\$12/student \$17/nonstudent
Painting I
Thurs. Feb 11 - March 11
6-9pm

\$30/student \$35/nonstudent
Painting II
Thurs. March 25 - April 22
6-9pm

\$30/student \$35/nonstudent
Drawing I
Tues. Feb 9 - March 9
6-8pm

\$20/student \$25/nonstudent
Drawing II
Tues. March 23 - April 20
6-8pm

\$20/student \$25/nonstudent
Jewelry Casting
Sat. & Sun. March 6 & March 7
9am-12 & 1pm-4pm each day

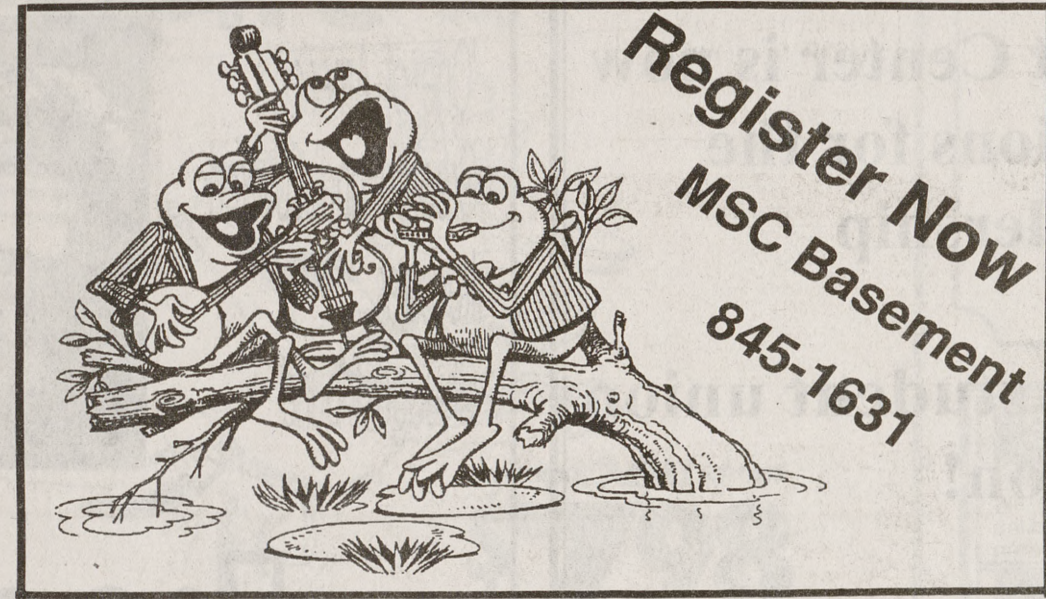
\$40/student \$45/nonstudent
Sewing I
Wed. Feb 10 - March 10
6-9pm

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Sewing II
Wed. March 24 - April 21
6-9pm

\$35/student \$40/nonstudent
Smocking
Mon. Feb 15, 22, March 1, 8
6-9pm

\$22/student \$27/nonstudent
Hand Quilting
Wed. March 3, 10, 24, 31
6-8pm

\$16/student \$21/nonstudent



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SPECIAL INTEREST

Be Assertive
Thurs. Feb 11 - March 11
7:30-9pm
\$18/student \$23/nonstudent

Attaining Your Goals
Thurs. April 1, 8, 15, 22
7:30-9pm
\$12/student \$17/nonstudent

Tae kwon do
Thurs. Feb 18 - April 1
7-8:30pm
\$22/student \$27/nonstudent

Self Defense
Tues. Feb 16 - March 30
7-8:30pm
\$22/student \$27/nonstudent

Stress Management
T/Th. Feb 16 - March 4
6:30-8pm
\$15/student \$20/nonstudent

CPR
M/W, Feb 15 & 17
6-10pm
M/W, March 8 & 10
6-10pm

M/W, April 12 & 14
6-10pm
\$18/student \$23/nonstudent

First Aid
T/Th. March 2, 4, 9, 11
6-8pm
T/Th. March 30, April 1, 6, 8
6-8pm

\$18/student \$23/nonstudent

BUSINESS

Business Etiquette
Thurs. Feb 18, 25
6-8pm
\$10/student \$15/nonstudent

Job Interviewing
M/W, Feb 15, 17, 22, 24
6:30-8pm
M/W, April 5, 7, 12, 14
6:30-8pm

\$12/student \$17/nonstudent
GRE Success
MTWTh. Feb 15 - March 3
6-8pm
\$70/student \$75/nonstudent

Basics of Investing
Tues. Feb 9, 16, 23, March 2, 9
7:30-9pm
\$15/student \$20/nonstudent

International Business Success
Thurs. March 25, April 1
6-8pm
\$10/student \$15/nonstudent

Personal Finance and Banking
Mon. Feb 15, 22, March 1, 8
7-9pm
No fee required - Registration only

Stress Management
T/Th. Feb 16 - March 4
6:30-8pm
\$15/student \$20/nonstudent

COMPUTERS

Intro to Macintosh
Sat. Feb 6
9-12am
Sat. March 6
9-12am

\$15/student \$20/nonstudent
Microsoft Word 5.0
T/Th. Feb 16, 18, 23, 25
6-7:30pm
M/W, April 5, 7, 12, 14
6-7:30pm

\$20/student \$25/nonstudent
Pagemaker 4.0
M/W, March 1, 3, 8, 10
6-8pm
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent

Intro to DOS/IBM PC
M/W, Feb 8, 10, 15
7-9pm
\$15/student \$20/nonstudent

WordPerfect 5.1
T/Th. Feb 16 - March 4
7-9pm
\$45/student \$50/nonstudent

Windows
T/Th. Feb 9, 11
6-7:30pm
T/Th. March 30, April 1
6-7:30pm

\$12/student \$17/nonstudent
Lotus 1 2 3
T/Th. Feb 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25
7-9pm
\$45/student \$50/nonstudent

SPECIAL INTEREST

B&W Darkroom
Tues. March 30, April 6, 13
6-9pm
\$25/student \$30/nonstudent

Video Camcorder Techniques
Thurs. April 1, 8, 15, 22
7-9pm
\$15/student \$20/nonstudent

Creative Writing
Tues. Feb 2 - March 9
6:30-9pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent

Photography
Wed. Feb 17, 24, March 3, 10
6-9pm
\$25/student \$30/nonstudent

Wines of America
Tues. Feb 9, 16, 23, March 2
7-8:30pm
\$25/student \$30/nonstudent

International Wines
Wed. March 31, April 7, 14, 21
7-8:30pm
\$25/student \$30/nonstudent

Social Phenomenon of Spiritualism
Thurs. Feb 4 - March 11
7:30-9:30pm
\$18/student \$23/nonstudent

Matting & Framing
Thurs. Feb 11, 18, 25
6-8pm
Wed. March 31, April 7, 14
6-8pm
\$25/student \$30/nonstudent

Learn How to Plan Your Own Wedding
Tues. Feb 16 - March 9
6-8pm
\$22/student \$27/nonstudent

Diamond Buying
Wed. Feb 17, 24, March 3
7-8pm
\$14/student \$19/nonstudent

Magazine Writing
Wed. Feb 17 - April 14
6:30-8pm
\$22/student \$27/nonstudent

Star Gazing
T/Th. Feb 16 - March 11
7:30-10:30pm
\$35/student \$40/nonstudent

Bike Maintenance
Tues. Feb 9, 16, 23, March 2
7:30-9:30pm
Tues. March 30, April 6, 13, 20
7:30-9:30pm
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent

Bridge
Feb 15 - April 19
6-8pm
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent

Billiards
Sat. Feb 6, 13, 20, 27, March 6
11am - 1pm
Sat. Feb 6, 13, 20, 27, March 6
2-4pm
\$30/student \$35/nonstudent

Electronics
Wed. Feb 17, 24, March 3, 10
6:30-9:30pm
\$22/student \$27/nonstudent

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