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Moses Malone was making

But no, only the Rockets made it to the big show, and they were quickly shown to the door by a young Larry

The let-down hurt a little,

The mid-80s in Houston

but I was still young, and the lasting effects hadn't begun to really hit me.

were a sports wasteland.

Time and time again, I was

convinced we were a player

away from the promised

Those years of depression began to bog me down as l accepted lie after terrible lie.
"Yes, " said I, "I believe

Buddy Biancalana is the next Cal Ripken, Jr.," and "You know, I don't think the

scouts really know how great

Oliver Luck can be," and

is going to make people for-get Wilt Chamberlain!"

as I have yet experienced

when taking Houston sports

Astros won their divisions

with Mike Scott making it

oh-so-dramatic with his divi-

the Astros ran headlong into

a dominating Mets team that

had 108 wins in the regular

been the worst for me, for

the Rockets and Oilers have

both made the playoffs consistently only to dash my

hopes in the first or second

But I keep coming back believing that Buck Johnson or Alonzo Highsmith or Jim

Clancy is the final piece to

The doctors just called me

that championship puzzle.

into the the examining room,

and their diagnosis is brutal.

ros Stupiditis, and my worst fears are true; there is no

known cure for my affliction.
I'll try to stay away from

Houston sports as long as I can, but already I can feel

that gnawing craving build-ing up inside of me. Oh, by the way, be sure to check out my next column in

which I prove why the the

Astros' acquisition of Yankee

Domingo Jean makes them a lock to win at least 120

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The years since then have

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"My god, Ralph Sampson

1986 was as great a rush

Both the Rockets and the

the lane HIS private domain.



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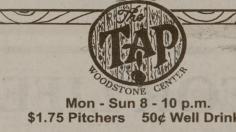
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## A&M swim teams dive in against Houston, LSU varsity

By Kristine Ramirez

THE BATTALION

The Texas A&M women's swim team will take on the University of Houston Friday at 4 p.m. in the Aggies' first home meet of the season.

The men's and women's teams will face the Louisiana State University on Saturday at 1 p.m. at P.L. Downs Natatorium.

The Aggies come back home with a victory over Florida State last weekend, improving their record to 2-1 overall and 1-1 in the conference.

Both squads defeated FSU and Texas Christian University but

Richardson's running ability and

physical play could have warranted a position change to running back

Jack Pardee said Richardson was

drafted on the strength of his arm -

and with the exception of volunteer

work on kickoff teams - third-string

quarterback is the position in which

Richardson has stayed for two

years.

"Last couple of years, Bucky hasn't been called on, and (against the Jets) was the first time we've

had two quarterbacks hurt at once,

Pardee said. "Bucky came in and it

was good for him and good for the

"We hope that he's on track and

one day can be a starter, and in the

meantime keep progressing and

learning so he can be the valuable

was given little chance to make the

team in 1992, but he made the most

of his appearances in preseason.

He scored every time he entered a

preseason game, save once, and is

remembered that season for switch-

ing hands to his left - improbably

shoveling a wobbly pass for a first

York Jets game in the fourth quarter to 61,040 cheering fans at the As-

trodome, but left on three downs

when he was sacked, forcing the

ball in his hands again, he marched the Oilers down the field on a 88-

yard drive, passing (3-4 for 55 yards) and scrambling for first

downs and handing off to running

back Gary Brown, who capped the drive with a 16-yard touchdown

The touchdown capped a 24-0

Oilers win, eliminating the Jets from the playoffs and notching the

But when Richardson got the

Oilers to punt.

Richardson entered the New

As a late-round pick, Richardson

But Houston head football coach

Richardson

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lost to Southern Methodist Uni-

Assistant head coach Jay Holmes said the meet against Houston will be interesting.

Holmes said the Cougars had a good team in the fall, but have added new people since the break.

He said the Aggies do not know what to expect and the team's performance depends on how they adapt to it.

The Aggie men won last year's meet against LSU and Holmes said he expects a heated rematch this weekend.

'Last year we went to Baton Rouge where they were nationally ranked and beat them," he said.

Holmes said the LSU men's

"I had a good, long drive and ate up some clock," Richardson said.

like that is to chew off some of the

time.

"It was a pretty good first showing, and it sure does feel great that

the crowd is behind you and the

It's a real nice feeling, and I ap-

Richardson said he still returns

to A&M in the off-season to play

golf and catch up, and says he

keeps tabs on the team which just

recently fired his former offensive

He had nothing but compliments for Toledo, but said that

Slocum chose to go another direc-

Slocum thinks (Toledo) is a good

coach, but for whatever reason

Coach Slocum wanted to go a dif-

ferent direction with the offense,"

Richardson said. "That's his prerogative – he's the boss and he can do

"I don't think it's anything personal against Coach Toledo. It's

unfortunate, but Coach Toledo will

get another job. He's too good a

him for the NFL by accustoming

him to the huge crowds, travel, top-

ranked teams and pressure of big-

have thought he would come out of

college and play as a throwing quarterback, but that he has steadi-

improved under the direction of

"I don't think you ever master

"You certainly improve over

Oilers' offensive coordinator Kevin

(the Run and Shoot),"Richardson

time, and I've gotten a lot better.

What's so good about Kevin is he

treats you like an adult, you have

Gilbride, whom he praised.

his respect and he has yours.

He said that he never would

Richardson said Á&M prepared

"There's no doubt that Coach

coach Bob Toledo.

what he wants to do."

football coach (not to).

time college football.

people want to see you in there

My goal when I go in a situation

Oilers' eleventh straight win.

squad has good sprinters and the biggest races will be the sprints.

As for the LSU's women, they have excellent stroke people, Holmes said. "The relays and freestyles will be key events."

Despite LSU's strengths, Holmes said the Aggies will be ready for this weekend.

'Houston will be full of surorises and LSU will be a dogfight," he said.

Holmes said he is happy to swim at A&M this weekend and the team will need the support.

When you get people in the stands it gets incredibly loud," Holmes said. "It would be great to see some Aggies this weekend in the stands."

fan - a traditional Houston rival when he was growing up, said he and fellow Aggies Pardee and de-fensive tackle Ray Childress swap A&M stories all the time and share

interest in the team.

"I talk to Ray all the time about (A&M)," he said. "We still pull for A&M in everything, so it's impor-

"I think (A&M) had a good year, (but) I hope people aren't satisfied and content with 'We almost won the Cotton Bowl and played a good game," he said. "We got beat, and we need to figure out a way to start

said it is not possible for him to

know what happened.
"You never know what the NCAA is going to do, so you just have to roll with the punches, try to learn from it, make it a positive thing, and don't let it distract you next year," Richardson said.

'Go out and do what Auburn (a

Richardson has had to go through a special treatment of harassment by

out his Houston career with a traditional head shaving by the offensive lineman, yielding a small, square patch of hair on the top front of his head. And, when A&M lost to Oklahoma this season, 44-14, Sooner-ex linebacker Joe Bowden greeted him by humming the fight song.

"Joe Bowden made sure I knew

the score of the game," Richardson

hind him, Richardson is looking forward to challenging for a start ing job and remained proud of his

sion-clinching no-hitter, while the Rockets bounced the powerful Lakers in five games to reach the Finals. But again, there waited Bird and the Celtics, while

winning those things."

He said that he couldn't speculate on A&M's NCAA penalties that were handed down because he

program beset with similar sanctions) did this year - go undefeated and have a good season."

As an Oiler and an Aggie,

As a rookie, Richardson started

With his college career well be-

"It's been a lot of ups and downs and distractions, but we've been able to fight through it," he said. "I just have to sit back, be patient "He expects a lot out of you which is good. It makes me better, and it makes our players better."

Richardson, ironically a Steeler

"I just have to si and wait my turn."

games this season. Uh,oh.

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