

SPORTS

A&M basketball squads split weekend's games

Lady Aggies seize SWC lead, defeat Sacramento State

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The Texas A&M women's basketball team got off to a bit of a slow start Sunday, before running away from an overwhelmed Cal State Sacramento squad.

Led by sophomore guard Donyale Canada's career-high 18 points, the Lady Aggies defeated the Cal State Sacramento Hornets 87-63 at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

The Aggies moved to 11-3 on the year and, by virtue of Texas' upset of Texas Tech on Saturday afternoon, lead the Southwest Conference race with a 3-0 record.

Canada said that although the Lady Aggies started slowly, they felt they were the superior team.

"They appeared slow on film and didn't seem to have too many good ball handlers," Canada said.

"We felt that if we could put pressure on them, it would create

opportunities for us and make things happen," she said.

Hornets' senior forward Kristy Ryan came into the game leading the nation in scoring at 31.4 points per game.

A swarming Aggie defense, however, held Ryan to 15 points, her lowest total of the season.

A&M head women's basketball coach Lynn Hickey said she was pleased with the defensive work of her players against Ryan.

"Her game is to drive to the basket, she is not a very good spot-up shooter," Hickey said. "We had very good individual efforts on her by all her defenders."

Also contributing to

the Aggie cause Sunday were sophomore Martha McClelland with 16 points on 8-of-8 shooting and sophomore Lisa Branch who recorded 10 points, nine assists and five steals.

Sophomore Kelly Cerny also blocked four shots.

The Lady Aggies recorded their season high in free throw shooting, going 12-of-14 from the line.

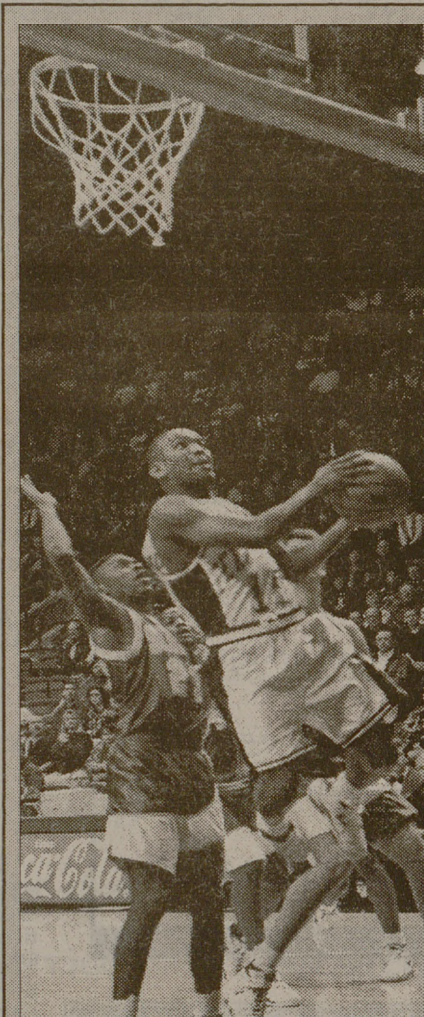
Sunday's game concluded a five-game homestand for A&M.

The Lady Aggies return to conference play on Wednesday with a road game at Texas Christian University.



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Texas A&M guard Shanae Ford, No. 24, attempts a jump shot during the Lady Aggies victory Saturday, 87-63. A&M held the nation's leading female scorer, Kristy Ryan, to 15 points, her lowest total of the 1993-94 season.



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David Edwards, A&M point guard, drives to the basket during the Aggies loss to Siena University on Saturday. The A&M squad next plays on Tuesday against TCU.

Men's team hampered by poor shooting

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Texas A&M's men's basketball team blasted to a 10-point lead in the first minutes of Saturday's game, but could not maintain it as Siena University downed A&M, 62-73.

Senior forward Damon Johnson scored 10 of his 14 points during the Aggies 12-2 run, forcing Siena head coach Mike Deane to call three timeouts in the four-minute span.

"We took the timeouts because we didn't want the game to get away from us in the first half," Deane said. "I also told the guys that Texas A&M is capable of scoring droughts."

"We took Damon Johnson and put (junior forward Brian) Bidlingmyer on him after the second timeout. After the third timeout, I just told the guys to stay in the game."

The switch worked for the Saints (13-3) as Johnson only scored four points in the rest of the first half and went scoreless in the second half.

With the switch, the Saints forced A&M to shoot from the perimeter and gained control of the boards, out rebounding the Aggies 51-37.

"We weren't executing, just obvi

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A&M 87, Sacramento St. 63		Miller 21 1-2 3-4 5 3	
Texas A&M	46 41 87	Burkett	9 1-5 1-2 3 4
Sacramento State	38 25 63	Totals	200 35-86 17-21 87 44
A&M	min fg-fta ft-fta topts reb	Sac St.	min fg-fta ft-fta topts reb
Burket	20 4-11 1-1 9 5	Ryan	36 6-13 3-4 15 8
Littles	10 1-2 2-2 4 2	Stapp	33 4-12 2-2 11 8
McClelland	15 8-8 0-0 16 5	Boudreaux	24 5-11 0-1 10 6
Canada	28 9-19 0-0 18 5	Townsend	25 0-4 2-3 2 2
Branch	34 3-13 4-4 10 6	Siebe	36 3-7 4-5 10 7
Christian	1 0-0 0-0 0 0	White	14 1-3 4-4 6 0
Williams	4 0-0 0-0 0 1	Manning	4 0-1 0-0 0 1
Tucker	4 0-3 0-0 0 2	Helm, Hea	12 0-1 0-0 0 0
Cerny	17 2-6 2-2 6 3	Helm, Hal	3 0-0 0-0 0 1
Ford	6 0-2 2-4 2 3	Kuelper	13 3-7 3-4 9 5
Bierman	6 3-3 1-1 5 1	Totals	200 22-59 18-23 63 38
Ferguson	17 2-6 1-1 5 1	Technical - None	
Williams	7 1-6 0-0 2 2	Attendance - 412	

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