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## Tech fans file suit

By Nick Georgandis

THE BATTALION

With about three weeks of play left in the men's Southwest confer-

ence basketball regular season, the two thoroughbreds coming down

the stretch neck-and-neck are none other than Texas A&M and its archrival, the University of Texas.

The two squads are in a virtual tie for the SWC lead (UT 8-1, A&M 7-1), with each school's loss coming

on the other's home court.

Texas' 85-68 win over the Aggies Saturday in Austin helped avenge the Longhorns' loss at G.
Rollie White Coliseum a month

ago. A&M men's head basketball

coach Tony Barone said he believes the two teams' attitudes following

Saturday's clash will determine

"It was a very big type of game, a kind of game that we haven't really played in before," Barone said. "How we handle this loss, and how

Texas handles this win, will deter-

mine who wins the champi-

who comes out on top in the end.

the Aggies are 8-2 this season.

seem overly concerned with the

LUBBOCK - Two Texas Tech basketball fans sued Texas A&M coach Tony Barone Sr. and three players Monday for wanton, wilful and malicious' attacks during a post-game

The plaintiffs asked for punitive damages of \$1.375 million and actual damages between

Barone and his co-defendants and John Michael Jungers – were at practice Monday and

Plaintiffs are Charles Ewing Jr. and Mary Catherine Ewing as next friend of 16-year-old

players were attempting to leave the court after their 89-88



William Harrison/ THE BATTALION David Edwards (10) stretches for a loose ball during the Aggies' first conference loss. Texas won 85-68.

said he is eager to face Texas again in the SWC Tournament final, that is, if the Longhorns can make it that

"We'll most definitely see Texas in the finals," Wilbert said." Actually, I don't really know about them,

"When those guys throw a 91-mph he at your face, you'll cryin' for your man

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I was considered one of most deadly two-strike hitte the league, often lashing the as far as third base or even

shortstop before the kinetic e gy was expelled from the ball And of course, one of greatest moments in sports one tropical Houston mo that summer, when I rippinside-the-park grand slam swear, was aided by seven

Most skeptics are by thinking," Yeah, but there at tees in collegiate ball! those guys throw a 91-mph at your face, you'll be cry your mama." But I have a

this past summer, I no long the baseball. I can than brother for that.

On two separate occasion summer, while I was pitching ting practice to him, he me true brotherly love by me with two line drives, the

The first took out my 01: keychain that was residing pocket, while the second pr would have knocked me instead of just knocking down, if I hadn't tipped my glove. I now consider

I think I've established# tures in facts now about my hitting dream ing and my determination

They are: I cannot hit of and I am too stupid to get the way of a line drive hit

I haven't played organize since 1980, and it shoulds

and the White Sox. When are thousands of guys by their butts in the minors shot at the show, how co gets to waltz in and get in spring training? I mean

### against Barone The Associated Press

melee Feb. 5

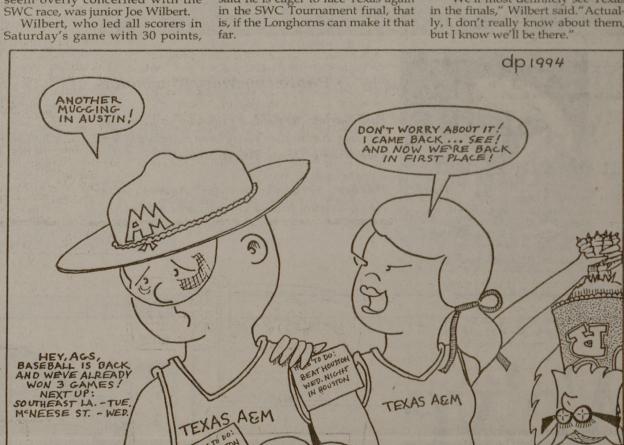
\$500 and \$100,000.

Tony Barone Jr., Joe Wilbert unavailable to comment.

Christopher Ewing.
The 5-minute scuffle erupted

as Barone and several Aggie victory over the Red Raiders.

But the lawsuit pegs the problem as starting even earlier.



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baseball practice for the '93 season began - Barber was involved in an automobile accident that broke his jaw in two

He missed the entire 1993 season while working himself back into playing shape. Barber said he believes that

although the rehabilita-"Rehab took some long tion process was a long and hard one, it will pay off for him.

"Rehab took some long hours with Danny Kniffin (A&M's rehab specialist)," Barber said. "I'm a

step slower than I was last year, but I am now in very good health.'

Robert Harris came in to fill the shortstop spot last season, and proceeded to hit .325 while earning All-Southwest conference honors.

This season, a healthy Barber has moved to third base where he hopes to regain his previous offensive prowess.

Barber said he feels the switch from shortstop to third base will not be a problem, despite his relative inexperience at the hot corner.

"I played third base in the fall of my freshman year here, but other than that I had never played there," Barber said.

Barber could also help out A&M with his pitching talents. In his senior year of high school, shutout in the state semifinals against Fredericksburg.

In his freshman year, Barber pitched in four games, starting and winning one game with three in-

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hours with Danny Kniffin (A&M's rehab specialist)," - Paul Barber, this season,

A&M third baseman worked on on his recovery from an accident on Jan. 17, 1992

Barber shirted last season following his injury, meaning he has yet to play a full season, despite entering his third year at A&M.

Although anxious to help the squad, Barber said he does not believe his ability is being tested this season.

"It is my first year of play, but I don't feel like I have to prove anything, "Barber said. I'm just going out there to have fun, and do what I can for the

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Sure, Jordan played school, but if he's 31 now was 13 years ago.

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