

# SPORTS

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## Lady Aggies crush SMU

*A&M can clinch SWC title with road victories over Baylor, No. 7 Texas Tech*

By Nick Georgandis

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Going into the final week of the season, the Texas A&M women's basketball team holds its destiny in its own hands.

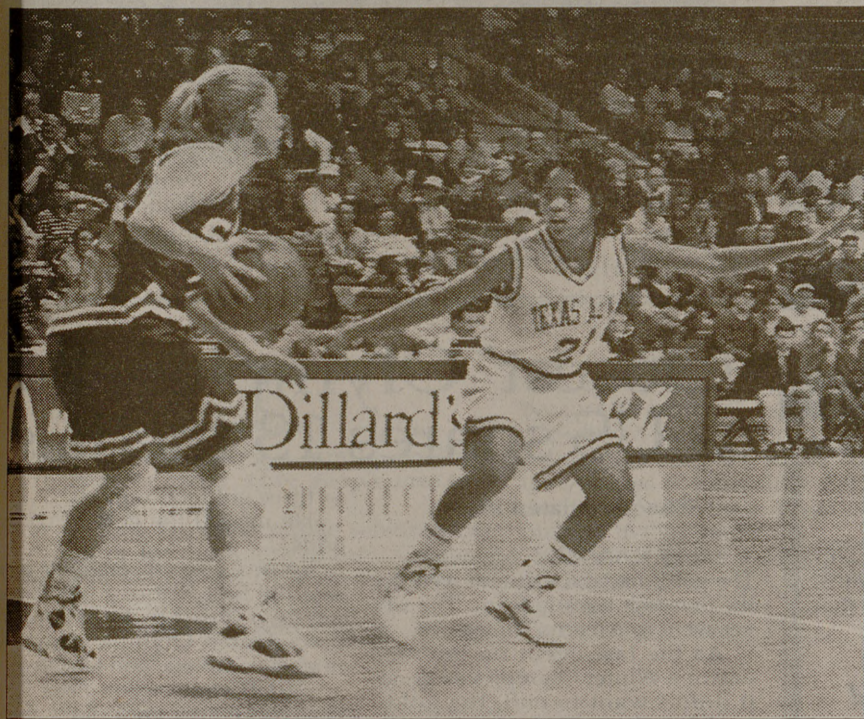
The course is clear. If the team wins its two remaining games, it wins the Southwest Conference championship.

The road to the championship will not be easy, though, as the team must play its last two games on the road, first at Baylor on Wednesday night, then at Lubbock against No. 7 Texas Tech on Saturday in a season-ending showdown.

The Lady Aggies kept pace with the Lady Raiders on Saturday by mauling Southern Methodist, 103-85, in front of a crowd of 877 at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

The 103 points was the third highest point total for A&M ever, and the win moved A&M's overall record to 19-5 (10-2 in the SWC).

The Lady Aggies were once again led by the brilliance of sophomore point guard Lisa Branch, who scored 27 points, dished out 11 assists and



Stew Milne/The Battalion

Lisa Branch, right, pressures the ball during A&M's game against the SMU Lady Mustangs on Saturday. The Lady Aggies won, 103-85.

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## A&M men's basketball team falls to SMU

The Associated Press

DALLAS — Freshman Troy Matthews scored a career-high 20 points, including two key baskets and six points during a 25-10 second-half run, as last-place Southern Methodist handed first-place Texas A&M a 64-57 Southwest Conference upset Sunday afternoon.

The Aggies slipped to 17-7 overall, 10-2 in the SWC, allowing Texas to pull into a tie for the top spot.

Texas A&M opened the second half with an 8-0 spurt and went on to a 47-39 lead after trailing by one at halftime.

But SMU outscored A&M 25-10 over the game's final 9:10, taking the lead for good, 53-51 with 2:32 to play on Matthews' 8-foot jumper.

The Mustangs pushed their lead to 58-53 with 52 seconds to play on Matthews' short jumper.

Senior Troy Dornier converted four free throws and Matthews added one foul

shot, all in the final 29 seconds, as SMU polished off the biggest upset in the SWC this season.

SMU (5-19, 3-10) had lost seven of its previous eight games.

A&M scoring leader Joe Wilbert was saddled with foul trouble and was held to six points on three-for-13 shooting before fouling out with 3:11 to play.

The Aggies were led by Damon Johnson's 10 points. Dornier added 15 for the Mustangs.

## UNO Privateers pilfer series against 'slumping' A&M squad

By Kristine Ramirez

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The Texas A&M baseball team dropped two of three games against the University of New Orleans during the weekend.

A&M failed to capitalize on Billy Harlan's home run and two hits during the Aggies' last game on Sunday, as UNO won 5-2.

The Privateers scored in the third inning when UNO rightfielder Scott Krause drove in two runs with his two-out triple.

Designated hitter Sean Hicks drove in Krause after Aggie third baseman Lee Fedora committed a throwing error to first baseman John Curl.

Hicks then scored on a double by third baseman Chris Powell.

A&M answered with a run in the fourth inning on Tommy Collard's sacrifice fly.

Aggie right fielder Chad Allen replaced pitcher Trey Moore in the seventh inning and gave up a home run to Hicks.

Moore had seven strikeouts, but allowed four runs on five hits.

Allen pitched three innings with two hits, one run and two strikeouts.

A&M scored their final run on a home run by Harlan in the seventh inning.

Harlan said A&M was out played during the entire this weekend.

"They were better than us this weekend," he said. "We had a few errors here and there and we couldn't overcome them."

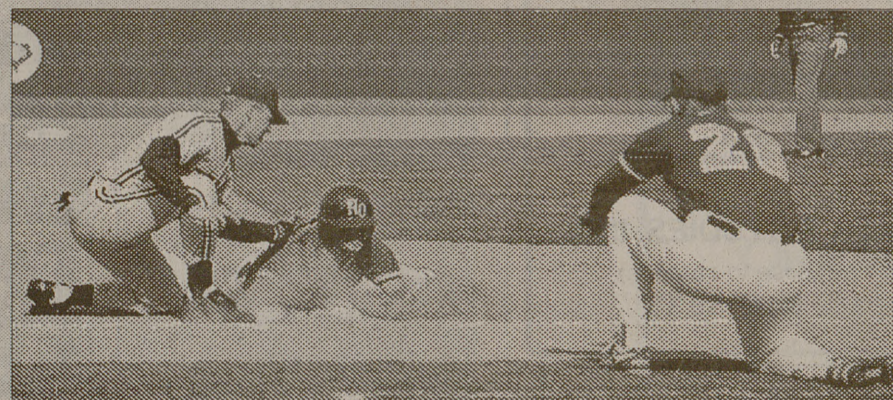
Harlan said the team is in a slump, but will be ready to play against Sam Houston State on Tuesday.

"It's something every team goes through every year," he said. "We'll work hard Monday and come back Tuesday ready to play."

Head Coach Mark Johnson also said A&M is not playing well and needs to get back on track.

"We have to fight our way out of it," Johnson said. "That can be done, and I would be shocked if we can't get it done."

Johnson said the Aggies were making too many defensive mistakes to win. "We're making stupid mistakes," he said. "Defensively, we have been killing ourselves."



Darrin Hill/The Battalion

A&M's Lee Fedora attempts to tag UNO's Scott Krause during Sunday's game.

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Dr. Ken Kramer, director, Lone Star Chapter, Sierra Club

4:15-5:15 p.m. Energy Security and U.S. Dependence on Foreign Energy Sources

Mr. Richard L. Lawson, president, National Coal Association

7:30-8:30 p.m. The Challenges

Mr. Michel T. Halbouty, CEO and chairman of the board, Halbouty Energy Company



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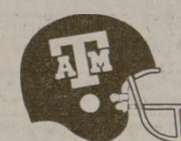
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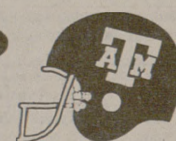
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