

# He sees you when you're 1-12, he knows you dodge the IRS

He's making a list. He's checking it twice. He's going to find out who's been naughty or nice. That's right, Santa Claus is coming to town and I wonder what the big, red, jolly gift giver will bring with him? I have some ideas.

Now I'm not talking about something little like giving Dennis Rodman a permanent hair color or some sympathy for the Dallas Cowboys who have to wear those gaudy special event uniforms they showed off on Thanksgiving Day.

The first assist by the holiday's all-time gift giver from the North Pole goes to the Houston Oilers. This team hasn't been naughty, but bad enough that they'll be able to draft Kerry Collins to take over the reigns from the three stooges of former SWC fame. Santa will come up short when dropping off the gifts down the Astrodome chimney. Jimmy Johnson will not be gift wrapped under the goal post.

While on the subject of football, Santa will give the Dallas Cowboys and their uniforms two for one coupons good at any Dallas hospital to take care of the many injuries the team has suffered this season. Bonus stocking stuffers will include free defensive driving classes and third-straight NFL championship rings.

For the Dallas Mavericks and Stars, a new state of the art arena filled with luxury boxes and other necessities. Jason Kidd and Mike Madon will both get a new home to display their talents and bring championships home too. Where the arena will be placed is still in the air. The two teams are threatening to move away from the downtown area.

To Kyle Field, the gift of grass will be delivered to replace the Astroturf that exists now. The turf is expected to cut down injuries and will probably look better. Expect finalization on the delivery just in time for Big 12 play or at least within

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three years.

Some of the wishes that Santa will commit a turnover on.

A peaceful holiday season for Darryl Strawberry. Strawberry had come back to baseball and been a good boy until the IRS found that Strawberry was keeping a secret, a \$300,000 secret. That's called tax evasion.

The NCAA's bowl system. If Nebraska and Penn State win their bowl games, the argument for the best team in the country will be up to the voters. Of course, the Miami Hurricanes just might beat the Cornhuskers and bring up another argument, why Miami will not be the national champs.

Steve Young's dream to become like Joe. The 49ers have mortgaged the future that they will win their fifth Super Bowl. Too bad they spent good money for all that talent and still will not beat the Dallas Cowboys in the NFC title game (even if it is in Candlestick).

Oh well, there are a few Christmas wishes that I have for Texas A&M.

I wish that men's basketball coach Tony Barone gets his basketball arena in the near future. To get the top talent, he needs a facility that he can be proud of to show the recruits.

To Danny McCray, I wish you will quit football and stick with track just to see if you are one of the best in the Southwest Conference will ever see. You have too much talent to waste.

To the fans of A&M athletics, I wish that you will have the wisdom to attend more A&M athletic events.

Have a great holiday season and wonderful new year.

# Break busy for basketball teams

By Drew Diener THE BATTALION

Winter vacation?

For the two basketball teams that represent Texas A&M University, it will be business as usual for the majority of the holiday season, save the week prior to Christmas Day.

"We are hoping we can continue with success," Lady Aggie head coach Candi Harvey said. "We have a tough three games coming up in the next five days."

After a break during finals, the women resume their season by playing host to the University of Minnesota on December 16. Minnesota was an NCAA Tournament qualifier last season. On December 18, the Lady Aggies travel to Norman to do battle with last season's NIT Champions, Oklahoma. To close out their pre-Christmas run, the Lady Aggies will play host to Louisiana State on December 20.

"Those are three games that will answer a lot of questions," Harvey said. "We feel that our previous games have already answered some questions."

Ranked 21st in the Associated Press poll, the undefeated Lady Aggies return from an abbreviated Christmas break on December 29 as participants in the Citrus Sports Travel Holiday Classic held in Orlando.

"That will be a very tough tournament," Harvey said. "We will see

perennial NCAA Tournament teams, and it will be good for us."

Following the tournament, the Lady Aggies will play Oklahoma State and Manhattan before battling national power Texas Tech in Lubbock to open the conference season.

Harvey said she has been disappointed with the support her team has been given this year at home.

"Every time we take the floor, we need to have the homecourt advantage," Harvey said. "We would like to have more folks at G. Rollie White to support us."

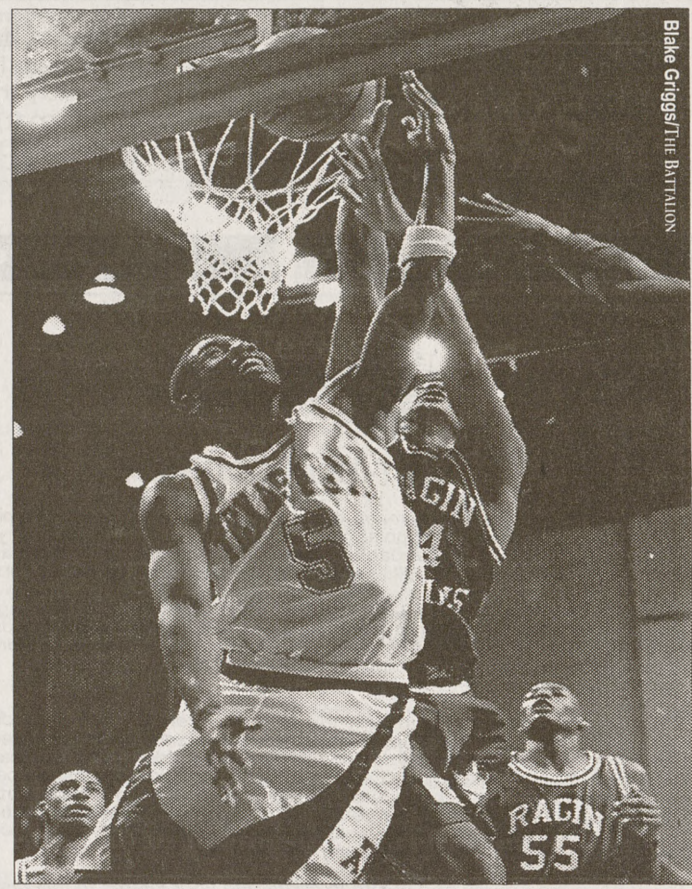
After their finals break, the men retake the hardwood December 17 in Montana when they take on a dangerous Montana State team.

"Montana State is a key game," men's head coach Tony Barone said. "They will have a packed house. Everything we do from this point on becomes a lot more focused because we get closer to the conference season."

The Aggies return to G. Rollie White two days later to battle McNeese State before taking a short holiday break.

"We have had a lack of concentration lately," Barone said. "It's not from not trying or hustling. I think we're doing things too quickly."

Following their Christmas break, the Aggies will participate in the New Orleans Tournament, Princeton, New Orleans, and Rhode Island represent the rest of the tournament field.



Freshman guard, Quinton James, shoots a reverse lay-up in Monday's game against USL.

WEEKLY MATCH UPS	Dave Winder	Nick Georgandis	Drew Diener	Stewart Doreen	Tom Day	Mark Smith	Rob Clark	Kim McGuire	Heather Winch	Stew Milne	Commentary...	The Grinch	Rudolph	Frosty
92 USC vs. Texas Tech	USC	Texas Tech	USC	USC	USC	USC	USC	USC	USC	USC	Trojans ram Raiders into wall...	USC	USC	USC
93 Virginia vs. TCU	TCU	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	Cavaliers squash Horned Frogs...	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
94 N. Carolina vs. Texas	Texas	Texas	N. Carolina	Texas	Texas	N. Carolina	N. Carolina	N. Carolina	N. Carolina	N. Carolina	Tar Heels shoe Horns...	Texas	N. Carolina	N. Carolina
95 Wash. St. vs. Baylor	Wash. St.	Baylor	Baylor	Wash. St.	Wash. St.	Wash. St.	Wash. St.	Wash. St.	Wash. St.	Wash. St.	Cougars and Bears: Trials in Life...	Wash. St.	Wash. St.	Wash. St.
96 Michigan vs. #10 CSU	Michigan	CSU	Michigan	Michigan	CSU	CSU	CSU	CSU	CSU	CSU	Wolverines get decalved...	Michigan	CSU	Michigan
97 Utah vs. #17 Arizona	Utah	Utah	Arizona	Utah	Arizona	Utah	Arizona	Utah	Arizona	Arizona	Desert Swarm suffocates Utes...	Utah	Arizona	Arizona
98 Colorado vs. N. Dame	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	Irish's post-season luck runs out...	Colorado	Colorado	CO Buffs!
99 Florida vs. #7 Fla. St.	Fla. St.	Florida	Fla. St.	Fla. St.	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Gators gain Sugar-coated revenge...	Fla. St.	Fla. St.	Florida
00 Alabama vs. Ohio St.	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Tide rolls on, stomps Buckeyes...	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
01 Penn St. vs. #12 Oregon	Oregon	Penn St.	Penn St.	Penn St.	Penn St.	Penn St.	Penn St.	Penn St.	Penn St.	Penn St.	Nittany Lions pluck Ducks...	Penn St.	Oregon	Penn St.
02 Nebraska vs. #3 Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami	Nebraska	Miami	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Not in the Orange Bowl, Huskers...	Nebraska	Nebraska	Miami
National Champion	Miami	Penn St.	Miami	Penn St.	Penn St.	Penn St.	Nebraska	Nebraska	Penn St.	Penn St.	Paterno's pants! Back in style!!!	Nebraska	Nebraska	Penn St.
Last Week	9-3	8-4	11-1	9-3	6-6	9-3	10-2	9-3	8-4	10-2	66-54 (550)	Thanksgiving Guests: The Turkey: 8-4, The Pilgrim: 7-5, The Indian: 7-5 Total: 154-79 (661)		
Overall	102-53 (650)	81-64 (587)	99-56 (639)	109-46 (703)	91-52 (637)	99-56 (639)	106-49 (676)	102-53 (650)	103-52 (664)	107-48 (676)	912-497 (647)			

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