

**SPORTS BRIEFS**

**Pippen ejected, hurls chair cross-court**

CHICAGO (AP) — Scottie Pippen threw a chair across the court Tuesday night after being ejected by referee Joe Crawford in the first half of the Chicago Bulls' game against the San Antonio Spurs.

With 2:56 left in the half, Pippen was trying to get Crawford to call a three-second violation against the Spurs' Dennis Rodman. Instead, Crawford gave Pippen a technical foul.

An audio replay could only pick up Pippen saying, "Three seconds." Pippen didn't curse, according to the tape.

Pippen became incensed and, even though teammates B.J. Armstrong and Luc Longley tried to restrain him, he went after Crawford and got kicked out of the game.

Still irate, Pippen ran to the Bulls' bench, picked up a chair and, using a two-handed, overhead motion, fired the chair all the way across the United Center floor. The chair didn't come close to hitting anybody.

**Texas wide receiver Adams enrolls in ACC**

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas wide receiver Mike Adams has enrolled in a community college after being forced to drop out of the university for the spring semester due to academic problems.

Texas coach John Mackovic said Adams twice talked to him about the prospect of entering the April NFL draft before enrolling at Austin Community College to make up courses and improve his grade-point average.

"He wants to come back to Texas," Mackovic said. "He's got plenty of course work to do (to regain his eligibility)."

**Broncos' Steckel new Oilers receiver coach**

HOUSTON (AP) — Former Denver Broncos tight ends coach Les Steckel was named Tuesday to coach the Houston Oilers wide receivers.

Steckel, 48, has spent the last two seasons with the Broncos. Prior to that, he worked as offensive coordinator at the University of Colorado and Brown University.

He also coached quarterbacks and wide receivers for the New England Patriots from 1985-88 and was head coach for the Minnesota Vikings in 1984.

New Oilers coach Jeff Fisher still has three vacant jobs on his staff — special teams coach, defensive line coach and defensive coordinator.

He is likely to make himself defensive coordinator, the job he held with the Oilers before succeeding Jack Pardee, who was fired at midseason.

**Chargers unaffected by NFC dominance**

MIAMI (AP) — A decade of NFC Super Bowl dominance means nothing to the San Diego Chargers. They didn't lose any of those games. They didn't even watch some of them.

"That might be an AFC thing, but it ain't a Chargers thing," defensive end Chris Mims said.

The Chargers can ignore history. They can argue that every year is different, every game is different, every team is different.

They can argue until they turn as blue as their uniforms, but there is no denying the NFC has won the last 10 Super Bowls. And the San Francisco 49ers, San Diego's opponents in Sunday's title game, won three of those 10 and four overall.

All of which contributes to the 49ers being 19-point favorites to continue the NFC run in which only two games were close.

"The 49ers won four Super Bowls," Chargers linebacker David Griggs said. "The Chargers haven't won any. It's our first time here and every year for the past 10 years, the AFC has gotten stomped. So, of course, we're going to be the underdogs."

**McClelland adjusts to new style, ready for title**

□ Six four center shows power, stability, drive

By Kristina Buffin  
THE BATTALION

Being the tallest girl in your class can have its advantages. Just ask junior center Martha McClelland, who stands 6 feet 4 inches tall. Her height and sheer power allow her to be one of the most intimidating centers in the Southwest Conference.

"She (McClelland) plays consistent offense and post defense," Texas A&M women's basketball head coach Candi Harvey said. "She is intensive in the paint and her power and strength intimidate a lot of the players that match up against her."

McClelland began her basketball career in elementary school at the Dallas YMCA where she played other sports in addition to basketball. In junior high she decided to continue on with only with the hardwood action.

"I began to play just basketball in junior high," McClelland said. "I was taller than most of the other kids, and

they would pick me to be on their team because of my height."

As a sophomore at Duncanville High School, McClelland led her team to a 37-0 record and the state championship. In her senior year, McClelland averaged 19.9 points and 8.8 rebounds and was named District 11-5A Most Valuable Player while helping her team to a second-place finish in the state playoffs.

McClelland chose to attend A&M over other schools because of the personnel involved and because of the way the Lady Aggies played the game.

"I liked Lynn Hickey (former Lady Aggie coach) and all the other coaches," McClelland said. "I liked the atmosphere of the team and the type of basketball we play here. The style is what I was used to playing in high school."

With new head coach Candi Harvey, McClelland, along with the rest of the team, has had to change her style, but she says the transition has been smooth.

"The change is not entirely different," McClelland said. "She (Harvey) has us playing more up-tempo, but it hasn't been that hard to adjust."

Last year, McClelland averaged 21.7 minutes and 14.1 points per game. She led the league and was ranked 11th

overall in the nation with a 60.8 field goal percentage.

"Martha is very calm and doesn't show a lot of emotion when she plays," Harvey said. "She is very stabilized in her play."

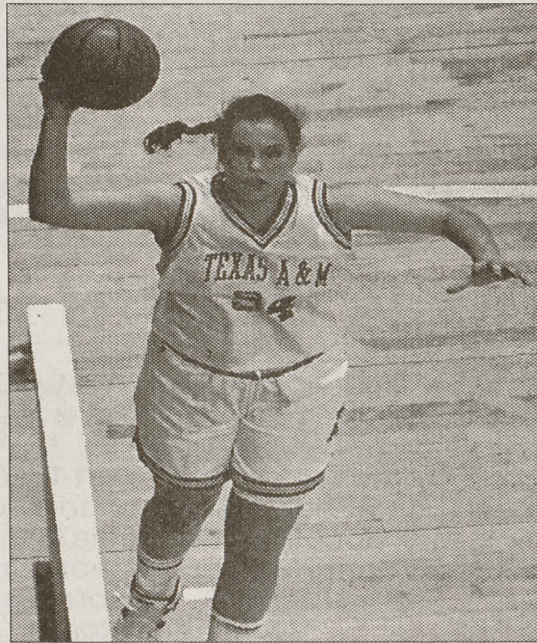
"What she does forces a lot of the other players to change their plan. She is very hard to guard."

In addition to her offensive success, McClelland is a big defensive contributor in terms of rebounds and blocked shots. She is averaging 6.8 rebounds and just under one blocked shot per game.

"I have a lot of power in the low block," McClelland said. "I have a variety of shots and my height is great for playing defense, blocking shots and being an overall defensive threat."

McClelland believes that consistent play down the stretch will give the Lady Aggies a chance at the SWC crown and success in the NCAA tournament.

"We have a chance to win it all," McClelland said. "We will have a good shot at the title if we do well against Tech at home. When we get in the NCAA Tournament, we want to take it a step further. Our goal is (to see) how much further we can go (in the tournament)."



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Martha McClelland looks for a quick pass to a teammate inside.

**A&M on track for title**

□ Aggies rely on walk-ons and runners from other sports

By Jim Anderson  
THE BATTALION

Run, run away.

That's what the Texas A&M men's and women's track teams are hoping to do to the competition as they prepare for the upcoming indoor and outdoor track season.

"We are hoping to do well in the indoor competitions in February to prepare us for the SWC Outdoor Championships in April," said men's and women's head coach Ted Nelson, who is in his 27th season at A&M.

The season for both the men's and women's teams is divided into indoor and outdoor competitions. The Aggies

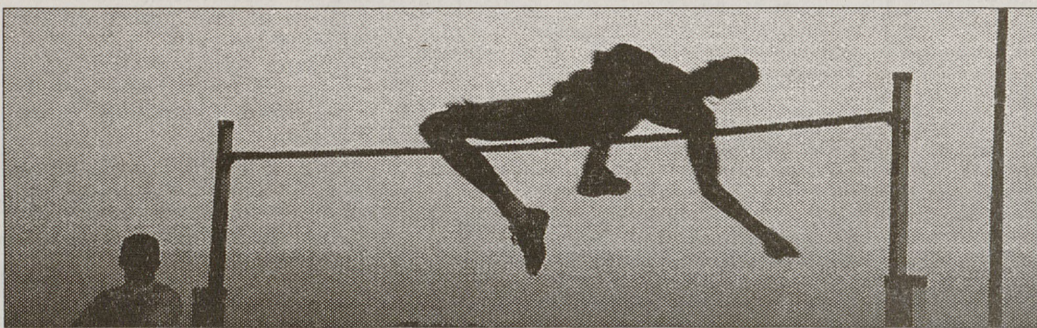
first indoor event was the Sooner Invitational in Norman, Oklahoma on Jan. 21. Nelson was optimistic about the effort put forth (at the event), even though the results were not so good.

"It was a typical first indoor meet for us," he said.

"We are now looking to do bigger and better things in the upcoming indoor and outdoor meets now that we have gotten our feet wet."

Traditionally, A&M has always fielded a stronger outdoor team due to the fact that the outdoor competitions incorporate more sprint, hurdle, and field events than the indoor meets do. A&M's tradition of having a strong sprint and hurdle team is something that has consistently attracted some of the state's top recruits.

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Stew Milne/THE BATTALION  
Aggie high jumper just clears the bar during practice for the upcoming outdoor track season.

**Aggies continue streak on road**

□ Men's basketball takes a bite out of Big Apple.

Staff and Wire Reports

The Texas A&M men's basketball team overcame its road woes and a 12-point halftime deficit to defeat the Siena Saints Tuesday night.

The Aggies, playing in their last non-conference game of the season, were led by senior forward Joe Wilbert's game-high 22 points and 10 rebounds.

After trailing the Saints 44-32 at halftime, the Aggies outscored their opponents 44-26 in the second half to take the victory. Shooting 50 percent from the field and 60 percent from behind the three-point arc accounted for the Aggies' scoring eruption in the second half.

Also turning in key performances for A&M was senior forward Tony McGinnis, who threw in 16 points, grabbed eight rebounds and collected three steals while playing all 40 minutes. Freshman point guard Kyle Kessel had one of the best games of his young career, scoring 10 points, dishing out nine assists, blocking a career-high two shots and only turning the ball over once.

Senior guard Corey Henderson continued to shoot the lights out for A&M from behind the three-point line. After scoring a career-high 18 points on six of nine shooting from behind the arc on Saturday against the University of Houston, Henderson nailed another three of five long-range bombs Tuesday to account for all nine of his points.

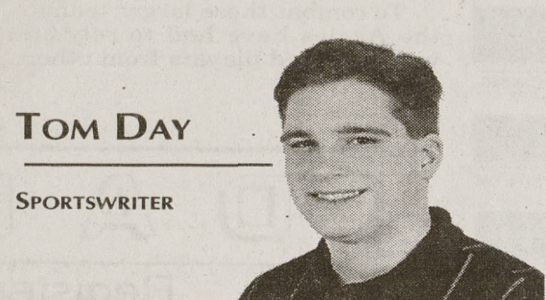
The Saints, who dropped to 4-12 with the loss, were led by senior center Matt Gras' 17 points.

The Aggies will hit the road again on Saturday, as they travel to Fort Worth to face early Southwest Conference front runner Texas Christian. The Frogs are 3-1 in conference play so far this season, and are led by senior forward Kurt Thomas, who is currently leading the nation in rebounding and running second in scoring average.



Stew Milne/THE BATTALION  
Kessel attempts to inbound the ball during the loss against Rice.

**Every winning, losing team should have fans at home**



TOM DAY  
SPORTSWRITER

"...For it's root, root, root for the home team. If they don't win it's a shame..."  
For a vast number of today's sports fans, these once hallowed words sung during baseball's seventh inning stretch

are irrelevant. To live and die with the home team is not as popular a trend anymore. Besides that, those fans that are true and loyal supporters of their home team simply don't show it.

Take for instance the fans of the Houston Rockets. Last season, the Rockets blasted off and delivered Houston its first pro sports title. In a city with over three-and-a-half million people, it's a safe assumption that the team picked up a few more fans during the championship run. Yet, the defending world champions have failed to sell out several games this season.

Whether you blame it on poor marketing or overly extravagant ticket prices, it

still seems there should be enough support in a city Houston's size to fill all 16,611 of The Summit's seats. But that's not the case.

We're just as guilty here in Aggieland. Despite an up-and-coming men's basketball team and the Lady Aggies' Sweet 16 showing last season, the hoops program is hampered by poor home attendance.

Of the 43,000 students attending A&M, nearly 10,000 live on campus within a ten-minute walk of G. Rollie White Coliseum. With that much fan potential, poor attendance shouldn't even be an issue.

Sadly, not only are fans failing to come out to the ballpark to support their home

teams, but some choose not to root for the local sports clubs altogether. Instead, they root for teams that play in other cities or states.

Others go out of their way to root against their home team. I have the honor of knowing a really smart guy from Houston who has Oiler season tickets for the sole purpose of rooting against them in person.

That story aside, why root for a team that plays 3,000 miles away, when you can go to your local ballpark and root for your team in person? You also have access to extensive media coverage of the

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**It's important to know the facts of life.**

Sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) are some of the most common contagious diseases in America. In fact, approximately 12 million people are infected with an STD each year. Fortunately, however, most of the diseases can be cured if detected early.

Early detection is also important due to the fact that some STDs can lead to permanent physical damage — such as blindness, heart disease and cancer. And, if left untreated, STDs can damage the female reproductive organs and lead to fertility problems.

STDs can go undetected for months, since symptoms often develop slowly. And, such diseases are often more difficult to detect in women. But STDs cannot go away on their own. So, it's important to see your doctor regularly for a physical examination.

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