

Raiders will move back to Oakland

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Al Davis has decided to move the Los Angeles Raiders back to Oakland, where they will play the 1995 season, leaving the nation's second-largest city without an NFL team.

A source close to the NFL told The Associated Press that the move back to Oakland was a "done deal" and could be announced as early as this afternoon.

Just two months ago, the NFL approved the move of the Rams from Anaheim to St. Louis and said it was committed to keeping a team in the Los Angeles area.

"We've obviously had discussions with the Raiders in recent days and weeks," NFL spokesman Joe Browne said today, "but we have not been told Al Davis has made a decision at this point."

Davis, the Raiders' general partner, would not confirm the move.

"I don't know what's going on, so help me God," Davis said. "Everyone's doing a lot of things. This went on two weeks ago."

G. Rollie's mystique continues to baffle foe

□ The Aggie basketball team has compiled a 324-130 record at home.

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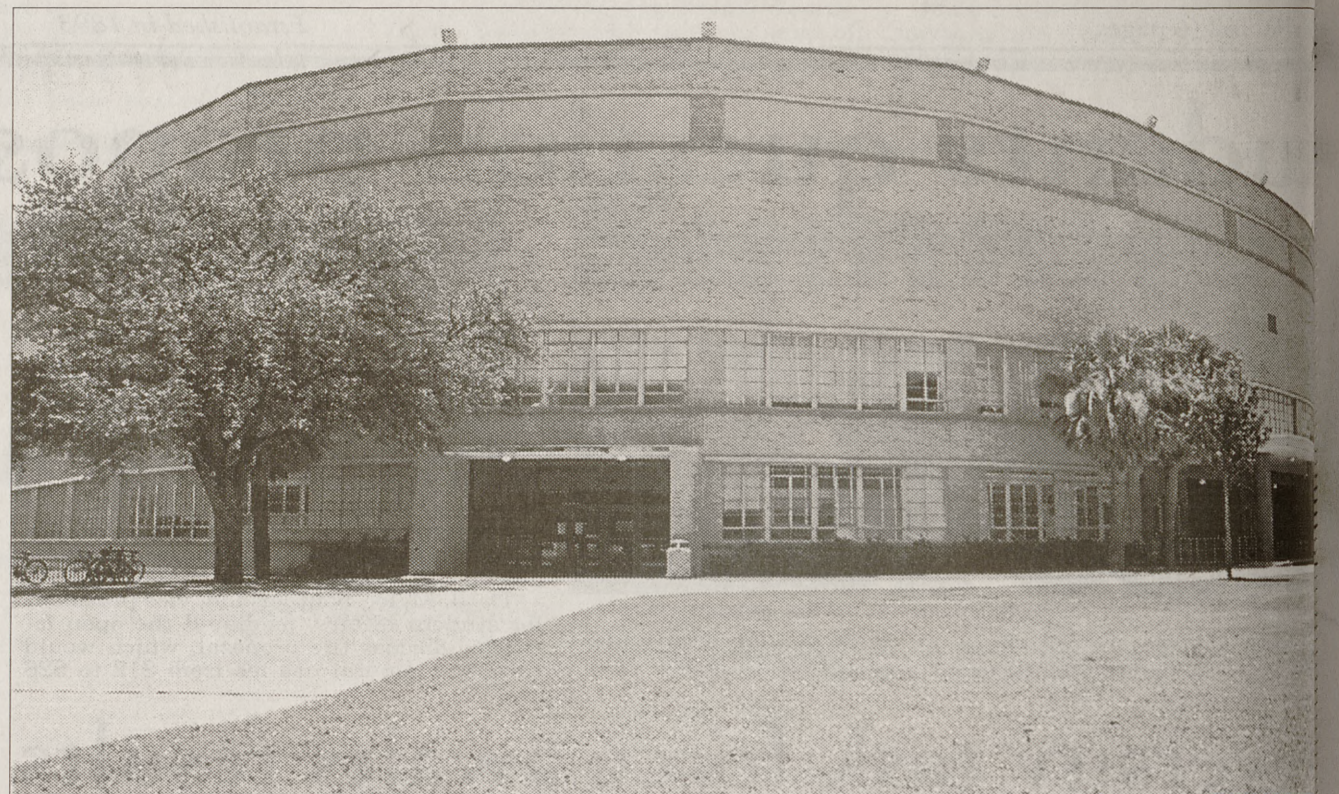
It might not have the massive scoreboard of the Frank Erwin Center at the University of Texas or the storied alumni of Hofheinz Pavilion at the University of Houston, but there is something about G. Rollie White Coliseum that keeps opponents losing and Aggie fans cheering.

"This place is incredible," said UT Basketball Coach Tom Penders on Feb. 11, moments after his nationally-ranked Longhorns had escaped with a 98-88 win at G. Rollie White after coming in as a 22-point favorite. "This building can get so loud, it's difficult to keep your concentration."

With the Aggies' record of 9-2 at home in the 1994-95 season, the men's basketball team's all-time home record moved to 324-130, an exceptional .714 winning percentage. Included in that percentage is a 30-game winning streak at home from 1959 to 1963.

The listed capacity of the coliseum is 7,800, but the top 10 crowds in its history shatter that mark. The biggest crowd ever to see a game at G. Rollie White was 8,608 in 1975 when the Aggies upset then-Southwest Conference-rival Arkansas 62-60.

The coliseum is named for George Rollie White, a famous Texas cattleman who graduated from A&M in 1895, and began serving on the board of directors for the University in 1926. White was also president of the Commercial National Bank of Brady for several years.



G. Rollie White Coliseum opened in 1954 and was the largest building on A&M's campus at the time. Since then, the basketball team has compiled a .714 winning percentage at home.

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Barone preaches desire, hard work at camp

□ More than 180 campers came to G. Rollie White this week.

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Hundreds of young men from around the state are lacing up

their sneakers and hitting the court this summer for the annual Texas A&M basketball camp.

Texas A&M Head Basketball Coach Tony Barone said he and his staff will work intensively with the campers on basketball fundamentals.

Barone said improving the campers' passing, shooting and dribbling skills are not the only

objectives that he has for the camp, however.

"The primary goal is to have fun and give the kids the desire to become good basketball players," Barone said.

More than 180 campers between the ages of 9 and 17 completed the first camp session on Wednesday. Two more sessions will be offered this summer —

one beginning on June 25 and the other starting on July 23.

The campers are broken up by age group into leagues called NBA, NCAA, CBA and High School. Within each league, the teams play a 10-game tournament at the end of the camp to determine an overall champion.

The young men spend up to seven hours on the court each day learning skills, practicing and playing tournament games. The campers live in Haas and Clements Halls for the duration of the camp.

Camp Director and former A&M Assistant Coach Porter Moser said Barone adds something to Barone camp that many coaches do not.

"Some coaches put their names on their camps, but let their assistants do all of the actual teaching," said Moser. "Tony actually gets out on the court and works with the kids, while making sure that they are having fun."

Barone said the camps are positive for the attendees and the hosts.

"The camps are a great public relations tool for the university, as well as a great overall experience for the kids," Barone said.

Barone has put on a summer camp during each of his four years as A&M's head coach. He came to A&M from Creighton University before the 1991 season.

Lemieux's return will hurt Penguins' chances

First Michael, now Mario. What's going on?

Only months after Michael Jordan ended his 1 1/2-year retirement and returned to basketball, Mario Lemieux announced Tuesday his intentions to return to hockey and the Pittsburgh Penguins.

Lemieux has agreed to hit the ice for 60-70 games next season, skipping some of the long road trips to rest his injury-prone back.

Let's hope this trend of retired superstars coming back doesn't continue. Jordan returned to Chicago for the last 15 games of the regular season and the playoffs, and to everyone's chagrin, he wasn't the same player.

Sure he scored 55 points against the Knicks in his fifth game back and was the second-leading scorer in the playoffs, but you could see the rust on Jordan's game.

When the game was on the line, M.J. couldn't come through. He made bad deci-

sions, turned the ball over and missed shots at the buzzer when he was fully dropped, buzzer-beat and made clutch defensive plays.

In the end, Jordan was a good player, but not great. Orlando made sure that Jordan crashed and burned the second round of the playoffs.

How does this bode for per Mario? Lemieux returned to hockey just as Jordan returned to basketball, as the sport's once-marquee player who never ended prematurely.

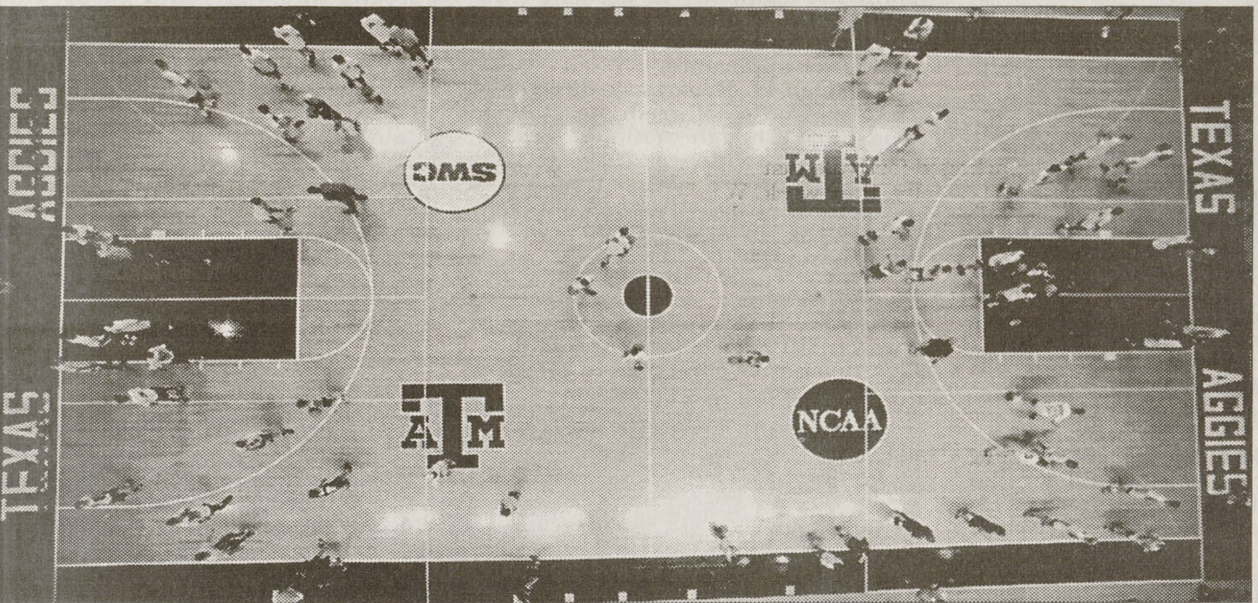
Jordan supposedly retired with his father's neurosis, but his father's neurosis cut short his career with a bad back and Hodgkin's disease. Most notably, Lemieux is returning under the same Atlas-1111 den that faced Jordan.

But Super Mario seems supremely confident.

"I'm not coming back to an average player," Lemieux said at a press conference announcing his comeback. "If I can't come back, I'll stay here."

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Several groups of campers at Tony Barone's Basketball Camp run skill drills at G. Rollie White Coliseum. The camp ran from Sunday until Wednesday and was attended by over 180 young men.

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