

## sports GLANCE

### Poll shows Frisco approves new stadium

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Fifty-two percent of the city's voters favor a measure to construct a \$255 million privately financed stadium in the city's China Basin District, according to a poll in Monday's San Francisco Chronicle.

Thirty-four percent oppose the measure, which will appear on the March 26 ballot, while 14 percent of those surveyed were either undecided or had no opinion.

The poll sampled 500 registered voters and had a margin of error of 4.5 percent.

The poll is the first independent measure of support for the ballot measure since the Giants unveiled their plans. It was conducted for the San Francisco public relations firm of Solem & Associates.

### Dallas brass downplays Haley's TV outburst

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Charles Haley's trashing of the defensive coaching staff at the Pro Bowl brought more chuckles than concern at Valley Ranch on Monday.

"That's just Charles being Charles," said public relations director Rich Dalrymple. "It's old news."

Haley trashed his coaches again Sunday in Hawaii during the NFC's 20-13 victory over the AFC.

He was asked about the opening on the defensive line coaching staff which was vacated when John Blake left after the regular season to take the head coaching job at Oklahoma. Some reports had mentioned defensive assistant Craig Boller as a possibility to replace Blake.

Haley said the Cowboys "need to go out and get a qualified guy to come in and try to coach some of the young guys. Like always, they'll probably stay in house and keep a guy in here that's not really qualified."

### SCORES ROUNDUP

**NBA**  
Trailblazers 90, Raptors 87  
Knicks 97, Pistons 91  
Heat 103, Kings 92  
Timberwolves 104, Mavericks 92  
Jazz 92, Grizzlies 83  
Warriors 128, Clippers 124

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Women's Basketball**  
The Lady Aggies will travel to Waco Wednesday night to take on Baylor University in SWC action.

**A&M Football**  
Wednesday is national signing day for high school players. A&M Head Football Coach R.C. Slocum will announce A&M's 1996 class.

# A&M sweats out win against Bears, 67-64

□ A late run by Baylor gave the Aggies a scare before they put the win away.

By Tom Day  
THE BATTALION

As a group that is rich on talent but lacking in experience, the Texas A&M Men's Basketball Team has often found it an adventure this season to simply close out a sure win.

Monday night was no exception, as the Aggies controlled their Southwest Conference contest with Baylor most of the way, only to sweat out a 67-64 victory at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

A&M Head Coach Tony Barone said even though the game's outcome was closer than it should have been, the Aggies benefited.

"We backed into the win," Barone said. "I don't think we played well, but if you learn from the win, it becomes a real good experience for you."

From the outset, it was A&M's team defense that set the tone of the game. Limiting the Bears (6-13, 1-6 in SWC) to just five points in the first eight minutes of the game, the Aggies jumped out to an early seven-point lead.

After Baylor closed to within 14-9, A&M (11-9, 3-5) used two consecutive steals by junior forward Gary Nottingham to fuel a 7-0 burst highlighted by a fast-break layup by swingman Tracey Anderson and a three-point field goal by Kyle Kessel.

The next nine minutes was characterized by what a fuming Barone and the 2,415 fans at the game might consider shoddy officiating. With the two teams pounding on each other in the paint, it was Baylor that seemed to be getting all the calls.

The game officials called 14 fouls on A&M in the first half, while the Bears were only whistled five times. Luckily for the Aggies, Baylor made just 12-of-22 free-throw attempts in the first half.

After the game, Barone declined to comment on the officiating, but Baylor coach Harry Miller said he was pleased.

"I thought the officials did a great job," Miller said. "A&M is very physical and in the first-half they got some things done because they were allowed to be physical."

Tony may disagree with me because there were so many fouls called on his players, but mostly, they were just trying to stop (center) Brian (Skinner)."

With Kessel forced to sit out the final 8:23 of the first half with three fouls, A&M remained focused. A Dario Quesada jump shot and a fast-break slam dunk by Nottingham pushed the A&M lead to 30-17.

Then, to the delight of the crowd, seldom-used reserves Joel Ockey and Matt Haralson added some fireworks for the Aggies. Haralson's jumper and Ockey's three-pointer staked A&M to a fourteen point advantage going into halftime.

"That was amazing at the end of the first half," Barone said. "(Haralson) hadn't scored a basket in practice, so I

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Texas A&M junior guard Tracey Anderson drives to the basket during Monday night's win over the Baylor Bears. Anderson scored a career-high 21 points in the win.

## Strength in numbers: Aggies outgun Baylor's Skinner



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Baylor's Brian Skinner challenges A&M's Brad Stricker Monday night.

□ The super sophomore had 29 points in the Bears' loss.

By Philip Leone  
THE BATTALION

Fans who showed up at G. Rollie White Coliseum on Monday night to see the Texas A&M Men's Basketball Team face Baylor University witnessed a mismatch. Baylor sophomore center Brian Skinner took on the Aggies all by himself.

The rest of his teammates showed up, of course, but they were of little help to Skinner in Baylor's down-to-the-wire 67-64 loss to the Aggies. No other player was a factor for Baylor. Skinner played all but three minutes of the contest, pouring in 29 points on 12-of-16 from the floor.

Only one other Bear, junior guard Damon Mannon, scored in double digits. Skinner also grabbed 13 rebounds and had four blocked shots.

Texas A&M Head Coach Tony Barone was certainly impressed with Skinner's performance after the contest. So impressed, in

fact, that he jokingly called for Skinner to leave school early to play in the NBA.

"Skinner was just outstanding tonight — I was totally impressed," Barone said. "He should leave (school) early. He'll make a lot of money. I think he ought to go."

Earlier this season, Skinner scored 25 points in Baylor's 74-67 upset of A&M in Waco, and Barone said before Monday's action that his team was not going to allow Skinner to have that same kind of game in College Station. In his postgame press conference, Barone stuck to his guns in spite of Skinner's repeat performance.

"He didn't (have the same type of game) — he had a better game," Barone said. "I just said 'he wasn't going to have that same kind of game.' So, he had a better game."

Though Skinner consistently burned the Aggies with easy inside points, Baylor's perimeter game was held in check by A&M defensive pressure. The Bears shot a dismal 6-of-21 from the field in the first half, allowing A&M to roll to a 39-29 halftime lead. Baylor would shoot the ball only slightly better in the second half, but Skinner would keep the game in ques-

tion until the final moments.

Barone was pleased with his squad's overall defensive play and believed it was a definite factor in escaping with the three-point victory.

"I thought that our defense was excellent for the most part," Barone said. "I thought that we played good pressure defense and forced their perimeter players in to making tough plays. Skinner just kept them in the game."

Another telling factor in Baylor's demise was poor free-throw shooting. The Bears only hit on 22-of-38 from the line for a 57.9 percentage.

"We simply weren't making our free throws," Baylor Head Coach Harry Miller said. "That's where we lost the ballgame if you really want to get down to it. There's always one certain area in each game where we fall off the cliff. That's the way it's been for us this season."

The Bears actually outscored A&M in the second half 39-28 but never managed to overcome their first half deficit. Smith, pleased with his team's effort, said the Bears' second rally was a reversal of the way things have gone this season.

"Usually in the first half we'll get up by 10 or 11 points and then fade in the end," Smith said. "This game, we came back. But again, it was close but no cigar."

Aggies 67, Bears 64												
A&M	39 28 - 67											
Baylor	25 39 - 64											
Baylor	fg	fga	ft	fta	reb	ast	stl	blk	tp			
Brandt, D.	1-6	3-4	8	0	2	0	5					
Perkins, J.	0-3	2-2	5	3	1	1	2					
Skinner, B.	12-16	5-10	13	1	4	29						
Mannon, D.	4-16	2-4	4	2	2	0	11					
Smith, R.	1-6	2-8	4	3	1	0	5					
Richard, J.	0-2	1-2	1	0	0	0	1					
Clyde, K.	1-3	7-8	7	0	0	0	9					
Miller, R.	1-5	0-0	0	4	2	0	2					
Ramirez, G.	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0					
<b>Totals</b>	<b>20-57</b>	<b>22-38</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>64</b>					
A&M	fg	fga	ft	fta	reb	ast	stl	blk	tp			
Nottingham, G.	2-4	2-3	6	1	2	2	6					
Quesada, D.	5-11	0-1	5	2	0	0	11					
Stricker, B.	2-7	0-0	3	0	0	0	4					
Anderson, T.	7-12	6-6	4	4	0	0	21					
Kessel, K.	4-8	0-0	3	7	3	0	11					
Hart, D.	0-6	3-4	0	2	1	0	3					
James, Q.	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0					
Davis, C.	3-4	0-0	5	0	3	0	6					
Ockey, J.	1-1	0-2	1	0	0	0	3					
<b>Totals</b>	<b>25-54</b>	<b>11-16</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>67</b>					
<b>FG percentage:</b>	<b>A&amp;M - .463</b>	<b>Baylor - .351</b>										
<b>3PT percentage:</b>	<b>A&amp;M - .462</b>	<b>Baylor - .118</b>										
<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>2,415</b>											

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CHEM 101-all sections	MATH 142-505 & 507	PHYS 218-sections 525-528
CHEM 102-all sections	MATH 151-sections 501-503	POLS 206-502 & 507
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CHEM 489 sections 512-522	MATH 152-sections 516-518	PSYC 107-504 & 508
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