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For the second year, Bryan-College Station will host the 1996 Whataburger Southwest Shootout Basketball Tournament to be held this weekend

and July 11 to 14.

This is the largest girls basketball tournament of its type in the state.

The tournament originated 10 years ago when Gordon Loucks, a Corpus Christi resident, saw a need for a tourna ment high school girls could

Lynn Hickey, the sports committee chair and A&M associate athletic director, said the event made a huge impact on the community last year and

was highly successful.

"This is a great opportunity

for girls in Texas," Hickey said. They are guaranteed three to four games and it is a great chance for recruiters to see this tournament.

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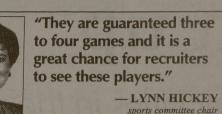
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Hickey said Texas A&M

# Football

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coaching staff.
"I've talked to the coaches about the decision

and they are aware that I am leaving," Kevin said. 'A&M is a great school and it gave me the better opportunity when I first got here. Coach Ensminger has always been great to me, and I never had any problems with him whatsoever.

"I know he (Kevin Colon) would have had a chance to make a difference."

Neither A&M nor TCU officials could be reached on Tuesday to confirm the transfer.
Senior wide receiver Albert Connell expressed

disappointment in Kevin's departure.

"It will be bad because he is a good quarter-back," Connell said. "He's probably leaving because of his brother. I know he would have had a chance to make a difference.

"I didn't see it coming, and I worked out with Kevin just about every day.

Chris Colon, an A&M reserve at safety and linebacker for three seasons, will be looking for a new place to play in the fall.

"I have been released by the team and I will be transferring in the fall," Chris said. "That's all I have to say about it at this time.

The brothers had no comment on whether their departures are related.



Former Aggie Typail McMullen tackles LSU tailback Kendall Cleveland during a 1995 game.

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Texas definitely making a good argument that this is the year they won't be a disappointment.

After 81 games, the Rangers lead the American League West by six games and have held first place for 74 consecutive days, tying the 1994 team record.

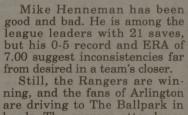
They are playing 17 games above .500 (49-32); defeating

contenders Baltimore, New York and Cleveland. The Rangers definitely feel at home in The Ballpark at Ar-

lington. Their home record is an amazing 31-12, the best in the majors. Keeping true to tradition,

Texas bats are the doom of pitchers across the league. The team leads the league with a .296 batting average, amassing more than 100 homeruns and 470 runs batted in.

It also appears General Manager Doug Melvin has put quality talent on the mound as he promised. All five starting pitchers are posting numbers that easily surpass the past ragarm rotations of Texas. Their combined record is 41-21 and all

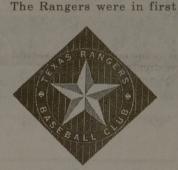


perennial swan dive in '96

Rangers need to avoid

herds. The average attendance so far is 34,153 people — up 22 percent from last year. However, anyone who has followed the Rangers in years past knows torrid starts like this year's are typical, and they al-ways seem to fade after the All-

Star break.



place at the All-Star break in 1991, but finished the season in third place, 10 games out of

the lead. In 1993 they were one game out of first at the All-Star break, but by season's end they were

eight games behind. Last year Texas held a 39-30 record at the break, but fell out of the pennant race by mid-September. They finished third behind Seattle and California, going 35-40 in the second half of

For the Rangers to finally win a pennant this year, they must do three things they haven't done in the past and have proved to be their downfall: 1) Win consistently at home

For the first two years in the new stadium their record was 72-63. A championship caliber team should dominate at home and not barely scrape above the .500 mark. This year, how

ing themselves as the rulers of their own turf. 2) They must beat their divi-

ever, the Rangers have im-

proved in this area, establish-

sion rivals. Texas has only played nine of its games against the Western division teams and is 5-4. The rest of the season will be filled with division games.
Hopefully they will do better than they did in '95, when they

Ever since to posted a 18-21 record in the

3) Texas must simply refuse to fade in the second half of

this season. They must overcome obstacles including injuries, poor attitudes and the Texas heat that often both players and critics have cit ed as reasons for failure in the

years past. The All-Star break is next week, and Texas is in first place playing like a division champion. Of course, we have

seen this before. Good teams know how to win when it counts, and only their not h performance through the next and final three months will show us if the Rangers have what it takes to win its first

# Angels down Henneman, Rangers 6-5

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) - Reliever Mike Henneman allowed the tying run to score when he threw wildly to first, then threw a wild pitch that enabled

Rex Hudler to score the winning run in the California Angels' 6-5 victory over Texas on Tuesday night. The Angels, 0-37 When trailing after eight innings, were behind 5-4 when Darin Erstad beat out an infield single to open the ninth. Henneman replaced Ed Vosberg, and Hudler, who homered

earlier, bunted down the first-base line.
Henneman fielded the ball and tossed wildly to first, allowing Erstad to score and sending Hudler

Garret Anderson and Tim Salmon were then intentionally walked to load the bases before Hudler scored when Henneman threw in the dirt and the

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ball rolled past Ivan Rodriguez to the backstop. Mike James (5-3) got the win, retiring all four batters he faced. Henneman (0-6) blew his sixth save opportunity in 27 chances, and his ERA remained at 7.00.

Juan Gonzalez homered his first two times up for

After Gonzalez gave Texas a 3-0 lead in the

first, Hudler got two of those back with his 11th

homer, a two-run shot in the bottom of the first.

Texas, driving in five runs to give him nine RBIs in

Texas starter Ken Hill gave up four runs, three earned, on nine hits in six innings. Boskie went seven-plus innings, allowing five runs on seven hits. He struck out nine and walked one.

two games, but the Rangers couldn't hold on.

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