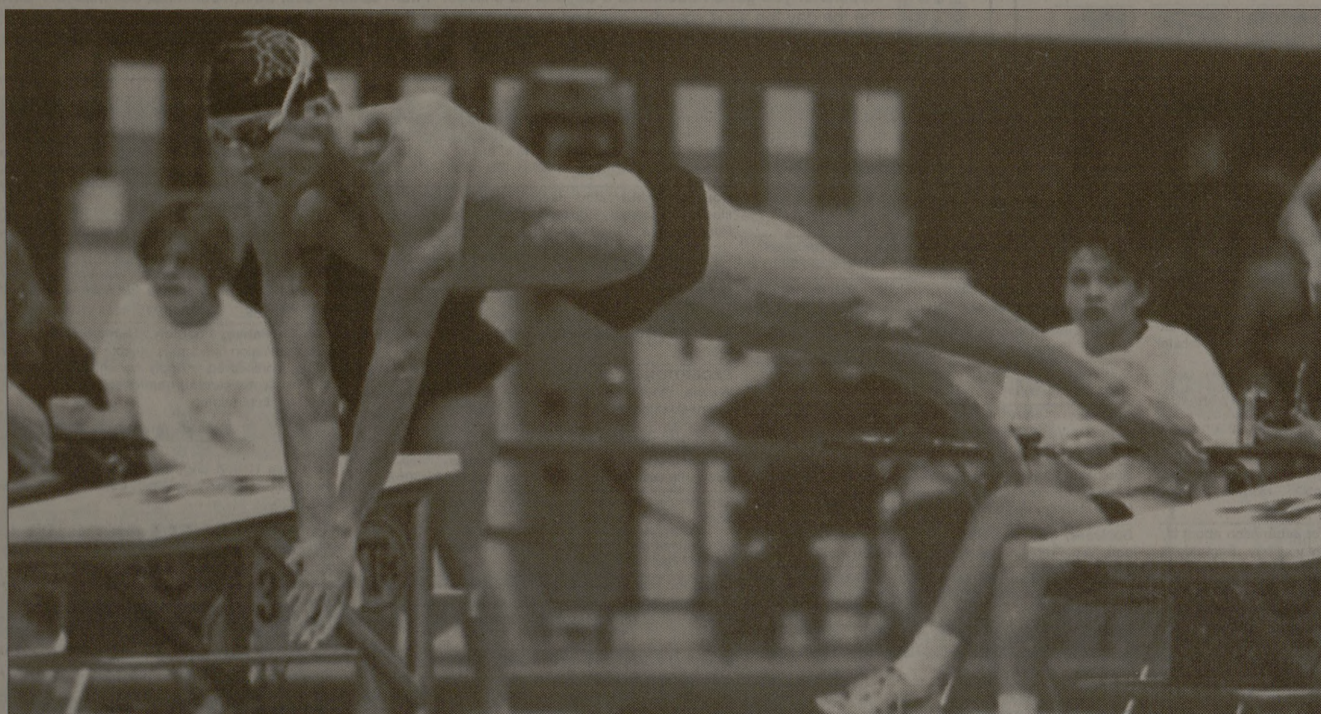


# Aggies upset SMU in last home dual meet of season

By COURTNEY LYONS  
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Junior Patrick McDermott leaps off the starting blocks in the 50-meter freestyle in Saturday's meet against SMU. McDermott placed second as A&M swept the top three places.

For a time, it seemed the home pool advantage was working for the 20th-ranked Texas A&M Men's Swimming and Diving Team during their dual meet against 17th-ranked Southern Methodist University Saturday.

Yet during the last event, the 400-meter freestyle relay, the Aggies were ahead just a few points. SMU took an early lead over the Aggies, and held on for two legs of the race, but the Aggie team of senior Neil Randall, junior Patrick McDermott, sophomore Jerrod Kappler, and freshman Kevin Kehlenbach surged ahead, in the end to win the event. The Aggies' other relay team also took third place earning them the points they needed to win the meet, 129 to SMU's 114.

"We had great splits on both our A and relay teams," Men's Swimming Head Coach Mel Nash said. "All of our guys swam very impressive times."

The freestyle relay was not the only event the Aggies won decisively — they swept first, second, and third places in the 50-meter freestyle, the 500-meter freestyle and the 1,000-meter freestyle.

"The 1,000 was a strategy move," Nash said. "We hid (freshman Scott) Anderson in lane eight, and he surprised SMU. That race helped us emotionally, because it was early in the meet."

The Aggies performed well throughout the meet, with many competitors swimming their best. Freshman Matt Rice swam a tough 200-meter breaststroke against SMU junior Casey Barrett, finishing in second place by only one-tenth of a second.

The men's diving team also put points on the board, with sophomore Mark Nafanel winning the one- and three-meter

springboard competitions. Senior Wade Diederich also took fourth on the three-meter springboard.

"We knew we had to win both boards to add to the team's point totals," Diving Head Coach Kevin Wright said. "That added a bit of pressure to the meet."

For the three seniors on the team, winning the meet meant just a bit more, as it was their last dual meet in the home pool.

"This was a good experience on senior day," senior Neil Randall said. "We had lots of fun and swam well as a team. This was our best meet since LSU — everyone responded well."

The Aggies soundly beat, what traditionally has been a powerhouse team. SMU fought back against A&M's early lead by taking first in a few of the events in the middle of the meet, such as the 200-meter freestyle,

the 200-meter butterfly, and the 200-meter backstroke. These event wins are what brought SMU's score close to the Aggies going into the last relay.

"It was a team-wide effort," Nash said. "We did well across the board. The 50-free was a great surprise, and it is nice to know you can count on the divers to make points, too. We definitely felt the home pool advantage today."

## Lady Aggies split wins with Houston, SMU

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The Texas A&M Women's Swimming and Diving Team had an up-and-down weekend, beating the University of Houston Friday and suffering a pounding from second-ranked Southern Methodist University Saturday.

The weekend began well, with the Lady Aggies winning 124-91 over Houston. A&M took first and second place in the 200-meter medley relay, and freshman Tracy Evans won both the 200-meter intermedley and the 100-meter butterfly. Diver Jodi Janssen gave a solid performance on the boards and took second place in both the one- and three-meter springboard competitions.

"It wasn't a real emotional meet," Women's Swimming Head Coach Don Wagner said. "But we swam off events, and I was pleased with the way we competed."

The Lady Aggies commanded such a large lead by the end of the 100-meter freestyle, that A&M swam the last three events as exhibitions (where no score is taken, but the time can still qualify the participant for the NCAA championships).

The tables turned the other way, the next afternoon, when the SMU Lady Mustangs came to town. The Lady Mustangs won the 400-meter individual medley relay and then swept first through third in the 1,650-meter freestyle. They did not let up the rest of the meet.

The Lady Aggies still fought hard but were no match for powerhouse SMU.

"We were flat, and that was my fault," Wagner said. "Today was not an indicator of where we are as a team."

Several Aggies gave solid performances. Junior Stacie Karnes took third in the 200-meter butterfly, sophomore Tammy Lee took third in the 200-meter backstroke, and sophomore Lauren Buckalo garnered second on the 200-meter breaststroke.

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# Eleventh-ranked Cyclones blow away Aggies, 71-57

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The Green Hornet was nowhere to be found when the Texas A&M Men's Basketball Team took on the Iowa State Cyclones Saturday night at G. Rollie White Coliseum. But Cato showed up in full force.

The 6-foot-11 behemoth center, Kelvin Cato, racked up 18 points on eight-of-eight shooting and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead the 11th-ranked Cyclones to a 71-57 win in front of 5,501.

The contest was closer than the final score indicated, as the Aggies held themselves down 53-48 with just over seven minutes to play. But Cyclone forward Stevie Johnson hit a short jumper with the shot clock winding down and, after an Aggie turnover, guard Detric Willoughby hit a three-pointer to put Iowa State up by 10. The Aggies could get no closer than eight points the rest of the way.

Because of a short bench, the Aggies again ran a zone defense to

open the game, hoping to shut down the Cyclones in the paint. It did not work out quite as they had hoped, as Cato and undersized forward Kenny Pratt found the holes in the zone to combine for 21 points and 17 rebounds in the first half.

The Cyclones were able to get the ball to the middle, making the Aggie zone collapse high in the paint, leaving the hulking Cato to roam the baseline and collect an assortment of alley-oop dunks, short hook shots, and put-backs.

"He's really athletic, can jump, can run ... He rebounds hard," junior center Dario Quesada said. "I think he was a big factor on their inside game."

After being down early 13-3, the Aggies closed to 21-15 on senior guard Tracey Anderson's three-pointer with four minutes left in the half and were down just 32-23 at halftime. Iowa State scored 13 points off Aggie turnovers in the first half, compared to just two for A&M.

"I thought our kids came out

probably a little bit bothered early," A&M Head Coach Tony Barone said. "But we hung in there, and we got to half time with only a couple of guys with two fouls, which is what we had to do. Then we made a run in the second half."

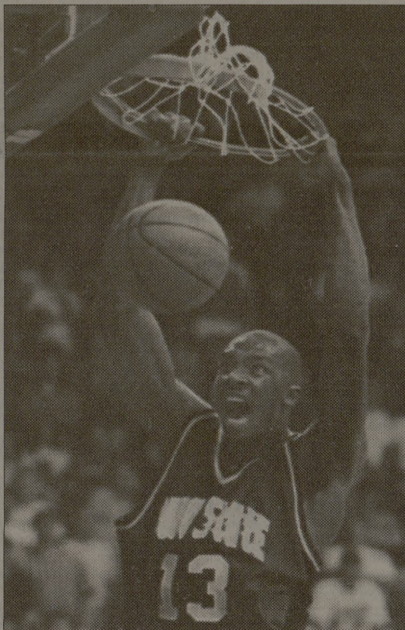
As usual, A&M started the second half with a flurry, matching the Cyclones shot for shot, with Quesada and sophomore forward Calvin Davis opening up the outside and inside, respectively.

After being held scoreless in the first half, Davis erupted for 12 points after half time, including a spectacular, lunging dunk and a foul with Cato hanging all over him.

"Cato got in foul trouble, and I guess he wasn't going to play too aggressively," Davis said. "I was able to get position and get the ball."

Quesada continued his shooting barrage with 13 second-half points to finish with a team-high 19, to go along with 14 rebounds.

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Iowa State's Kelvin Cato slams one down against the Aggies Saturday.

## Cyclone 'big men' stop Ags inside paint

By CHRIS FERRELL  
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After the battle of the paint was all said and done, it was the Iowa State Cyclones who left G. Rollie White Coliseum as a group of happy trees.

Iowa State senior center Kelvin Cato proved to be a sequoia as the 11th-ranked Cyclones (15-3, 6-2) defeated the Texas A&M Men's Basketball team (8-10, 2-6) 71-57 Saturday night.

Cato was eight for eight from the floor and had 10 rebounds but it was his five blocked shots, all in the first half, that helped him establish himself and the Cyclones in the paint.

"The thing that he does as a shot blocker — and this is what good shot blockers do — they step back," Head Coach Tony Barone said. "The guys who try to block shot when you're right next to them, those are not great shot blockers, those are foulers. This kid has a great knack for stepping away and making you think that he's not coming and then blocking your shot."

The 6-foot-11 Cato put the Aggies in a catch-22 situation.

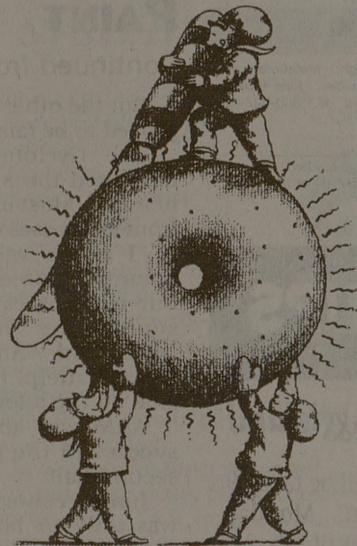
"What they do is they put you in a tough bind," Barone said. "And the bind is, if you guard (senior point guard) Jacy Holloway aggressively, they have (senior guard) Detric Willoughby on the wing, and he's gonna hit the three."

"You've got to make a decision, are you going to go out and play Willoughby or are you going to sink in a little bit and watch the play that they are going to run for Cato? So it's a double-edged sword. We chose to really get out on Willoughby more, and I think (Iowa State coach) Tim (Floyd) will tell you that Cato has missed a number of dunks in games."

A&M stayed with the zone defense that helped them win their last two games, despite the fact that they only dressed eight players. The 3-2 zone was effective in shutting down ISU's perimeter play as they held Willoughby, the Big 12's leading three-point shooter, to three for 11 from the field.

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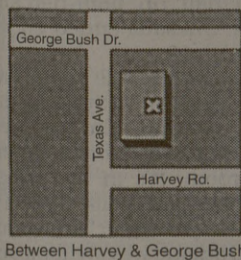
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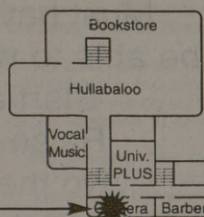
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