

► **Women's Basketball**

Lady Ags look to surprise Tech

► **The Texas A&M Women's Basketball Team hopes to rebound from its loss to Baylor against the Lady Raiders tonight.**

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THE BATTALION

The Texas A&M Women's Basketball Team (9-15, 3-11) returns home to G. Rollie White Coliseum for its final home stand of the season facing off against Texas Tech University (17-7 overall, 9-5) tonight at 7.

Fresh off a disappointing 75-60 loss to Baylor University Saturday afternoon, the Lady Aggies will look to build momentum while heading into the Big 12 Conference Tournament.

A&M Head Coach Candi Harvey said the team is confident about defeating the Lady Red Raiders.

"Our kids believe they can beat Texas Tech here (at home)," Harvey said. "I think they're excited to be playing them again and are looking forward to it. That's half the battle."

The Red Raiders have consistently mounted a balanced attack this season. Junior center Alicia Thompson, the catalyst of the Red Raider assault, leads the team in scoring (23.8), rebounds (10.0) and shooting percentage (.495).

Sophomore guard Renee Hanebutt is a threat from outside the perimeter. Hanebutt is 64-of-141 (.454) from the three point line. Six-foot-two junior center Crystal Boles leads the squad in blocked shots (80), swatting down 3.3 shots per game.

Harvey said reacting to Tech's zone defense is the key to victory.

"With that type of matchup, everybody has to be ready to shoot as opposed to a man defense where you can dictate who's going to take the shot," Harvey said. "The problem teams have [with a zone] is that when you hesitate, the open shot is gone."

At the two teams' previous meeting Feb. 12 in Lubbock, Tech crushed the Lady Aggies, 75-46. Thompson torched the Lady Aggie defense with a game-high 30 points. She also held A&M second chance points to a minimum, cleaning the glass by bringing down 10 defensive rebounds.

Boles aided the Lady Red Raiders in obtaining a 13-1 blocked shot advantage, knocking down nine of A&M's shots. Hanebutt rounded out the onslaught, adding 11 points.

Sophomore guard Kerrie Patterson said the Lady Aggies are well aware of Tech's abilities and what they must do to win.

"Tech has a balanced team," Patterson said. "Their players know what they can and can't do. And they do it well. We'll have to execute and play our best game."

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Freshman **Kera Alexander** tries to avoid the trap by a Colorado defender Feb. 8.

Admitting the Lady Aggies will have to play a near perfect game, freshman guard Amy Yates said playing at G. Rollie White will provide A&M with an added advantage.

"Any time you play at home you have an advantage because it's your court," Yates said. "I know we can surprise them if we play as well as we can."

Rollerson leads A&M attack

The Texas A&M Women's Basketball Team looks to close out the 1996-97 season in a winning fashion. This is easier said than done. The Lady Aggies have a difficult task ahead of them.



Jamie Burch

A&M begins its final homestand of the season tonight against Texas Tech University (17-7, 9-5). The Lady Red Raiders look to rebound from an 11 point loss (72-61) to the University of Texas Saturday night. The loss doused the Red Raiders' hopes for a Big 12 South Division Title.

However, the Red Raiders are still in position for a first round bye in the conference tournament. They need to close out the season with two victories to keep from relinquishing the spot to the University of Nebraska (18-6, 8-6).

The Lady Aggies face the University of Texas (19-5, 11-3) Saturday night, in the season finale. The red-hot Longhorns have won five straight games. They trail Kansas University by one game for the best record in the Big 12. A win for the Longhorns tonight against the University of Colorado or against A&M on Saturday would seal at least a Big 12 South Division Title.

Coming On Strong

Senior guard Melissa Rollerson's game is blossoming rapidly even as the season wanes. Rollerson is averaging a team-leading 17.6 points and 8.3 rebounds per game over the last three games. The lone senior's efforts were awarded last week, when she was selected as the Big 12 Player of the Week.

On Feb. 12, Rollerson came off the bench to lead the Lady Aggies to a 72-61 victory over the Oklahoma State University Red Raiders in overtime. She scored 15 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and made 5 three-pointers.

Intermission

The Lady Aggies have enjoyed success when they lead at the half. They are 10-0 in games where they lead at the half. They have led going into the locker room 10 times in 11 games.

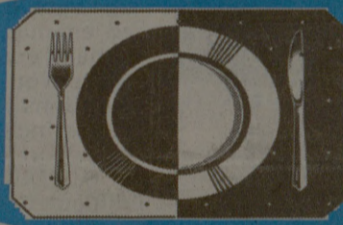
The Lady Aggies, who have been battling a season-long trend of playing 20 instead of 40 minutes, had a dreadful 2-13 when they trailed in the second half play.

Player To Watch

Freshman guard Amy Yates, a date for Big 12 Rookie/Freshman of the Year honors, continues to lead the team in scoring. Prior to Saturday's loss to Texas Tech, Yates ranked second in the Big 12 in scoring with 12.3 points per game. She has scored 123 points in 10 games, averaging 12.3 points per game. She has also made 45 three-pointers (45) than any other freshman in the Big 12.

The freshman phenom's 45 three-pointers rank fifth all-time at A&M. Yates is just 10 shy of the career total (55). At her current pace, Yates will break former standout Lisa Branch's 165 three-pointers record.

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