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# New mom Swoopes to return to basketball

HOUSTON (AP) — With baby in hand, Olympic star Sheryl Swoopes plans to prove she can be a good mother and help the Houston Comets win a WNBA title at the same time.

"I want people to look at me now and say that Sheryl is not only a great athlete, but No. 1 she's a mother," the 6-foot forward said Tuesday during a conference call from her home in Lubbock.

Swoopes, a former All-American at Texas Tech, was assigned to the Comets for the opening WNBA season after leading the U.S. women's basketball team at the

1996 Atlanta Olympics.

She gave birth on June 25 to a son, Jordan Eric Jackson, but says she'd like to be in uniform with the Comets by August.

Swoopes is eager to set an example for other working mothers.

"There are a lot of women out there ... that are working and raising a family and still working moms, but not a lot of people recognize them or know who they are," Swoopes said.

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do, they should do it."

She will have to find time between workouts for diaper changes and feedings. For now, the new mom is breastfeeding.

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said. "With all the appearances I have to do before, they have to understand that I do have a child and I've made it clear that wherever I go, if he's able and my doctors say 'Yeah, it's okay,' he'll be going with me."

If the baby gets sick, mom will

stay put.

"If it reaches the point where something is wrong with him and he can't go, well, I won't be going either," Swoopes said. "Right now that's the plan, that he'll travel with me."

At the beginning, she plans to play about 20 minutes a game. She's been working out the last couple of weeks.

"I'm obviously not in the type of shape I want to be to go back and play, but I'm in good enough shape to go back and be able to contribute to my team," Swoopes said. "Hopefully I'll be able to take them to a championship this season."

Swoopes, who scored a record 47 points in Texas Tech's 1993 NCAA championship victory over Ohio State, led the NCAA in scoring that season at 28.1 points per game and averaged 23 points in the 1993-94 season with Bari, Italy.

She got excited about joining her teammates after flying to Houston for a recent game at The Summit.

"The fans were going crazy during the game, and when they introduced me I got tears in my eyes," Swoopes said. "It made me ready to play just sitting on the sidelines. It made me more anxious to get out there and play with them."



# Former A&M basketball coach saw a lot in tenure

By Travis V. Dabney  
The Battalion

Coaching legends only come around every so often, and those who last 27 years like former A&M Head Basketball Coach Shelby Metcalf are even less common. Metcalf's head coaching duties at Texas A&M University spanned over four decades and he saw everything from the integration of African-American players to the eventual demise of the now-defunct Southwest Conference.

Metcalf has compiled a list of achievements that most coaches would die for.

Metcalf coached his teams to six Southwest Conference crowns, five NCAA tournaments, four NIT postseason tournaments and two Southwest Conference tournament championships between 1963 and 1990. He also has been elected to the Texas Sports Hall of Fame and the East Texas State University Sports Hall of Fame. It would also appear as though induction into the Texas A&M Sports Hall of Fame would be the next logical step in this storied career.

Metcalf spends much of his time these days working on a private lake project in Kurten, Texas.

"This lake is really my passion right now, and this area out here is so beautiful," he said.

Metcalf was born and raised in Tulsa, Okla., and attended East Texas State University before entering the U.S. Air Force. While in the Air Force, he served as the athletic officer of the base he served on in Germany. After Metcalf's return to Texas, he joined A&M as the freshman basketball coach and was later promoted to head coach in 1963, in which the Aggies won their first Southwest Conference Championship in 13 years.

After Metcalf finished his coaching career, he joined the Center for Academic Enhancement at A&M. He spent five years working for the center performing various tasks such as going on speaking engagements and other public relations duties.

"The individuals that I worked with over in the center were great people and it was a real pleasure to work with them," Metcalf said.

Metcalf has many memories of his basketball days at A&M and while the losses were tough, he said the victories made it worthwhile.

"I couldn't sleep the night before a game," Metcalf said. "I couldn't sleep the night after a game and if we

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Metcalf lives in Bryan with his wife Janice who is a school teacher.

"My wife is the world's greatest school teacher," Metcalf said.

Metcalf was known for his undying loyalty and honesty with two separate groups during his coaching days — the media and other coaches. His relationships with both is something he takes pride in.

"The two smartest things I ever did as a coach was remain honest with the media and maintain good relationships with other coaches no matter the circumstances," Metcalf said.

While Metcalf had many successful teams during his tenure at A&M, he had one that fell into the great category.

"The 1980 Sweet Sixteen team was undoubtedly the best team I ever coached," Metcalf said.

The 1980 team finished the season with a 26-8 record and went on to defeat Bradley University and the University of North Carolina in the first and second rounds of the NCAA Tournament. The Aggies fell to eventual national champion Louisville in the next round.

Dean Smith, Head Coach of the North Carolina Tar Heels, praised the Ags after their double overtime loss.

"If they win the national championship I want people to remember that we tied them twice," Smith said.

As Metcalf continues down the road of life he looks back at his days as head coach with great pleasure.

"A&M has been good to me," Metcalf said. "And I got to do what I really loved and that was coaching basketball."



Former A&M Basketball Head Coach **Shelby Metcalf** stands in front of his old stomping ground, G. Rollie White Coliseum, Tuesday afternoon.

# Nebraska, Texas picked to win Big 12

DALLAS (AP) — Texas and Nebraska, who met in last year's first Big 12 championship, were picked by the media to square off again this year's title game.

Longhorns tailback Ricky Williams was picked the offensive player of the year and Cornhuskers defensive lineman-linebacker Matt Wistrom was chosen the defensive player of the year in the preseason poll of reporters.

The poll was released Tuesday in anticipation of the league's head coaches coming to Dallas for their annual two-day gathering with the media.

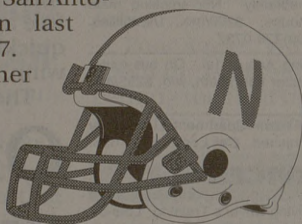
Nebraska had a conference-best seven players on the preseason All-Big 12 squad. Texas had the next most with five.

The predicted order of finish in the North Division was Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas State, Missouri, Kansas and Iowa State.

In the South, the media predicted the finish to be Texas, Texas A&M, Texas Tech, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State and Baylor.

The Big 12 championship game is scheduled for Dec. 6 in San Antonio. Texas won last year's game 37-27.

Nebraska's other all-conference players are offensive lineman Eric Anderson, center Aaron Taylor, running back Ahman Green, defensive lineman Jason Peter, defensive back Ralph Brown and punter Jesse Kosch.



Texas' other picks are quarterback James Brown, place-kicker Phil Dawson, defensive lineman Chris Akins and defensive lineman-linebacker Aaron Humphrey.

The all-conference receivers are Colorado's Phil Savoy and Iowa State's Ed Williams. The tight end is Alonzo Mayes of Oklahoma State and the other linemen are Mike Morris of Missouri, Melvin Thomas of Colorado and Todd Weiner of Kansas State.

Ryan Olson of Colorado was picked on the defensive line and the other linebackers are Dat Nguyen of Texas A&M and Mark Simoneau of Kansas State.

The remaining defensive backs are Ryan Black of Colorado, R.W. McQuarters of Oklahoma State and Tony Blevins of Kansas.

# Irvin, Williams take part in mediation over lawsuit

AUSTIN (AP) — Dallas Cowboys Michael Irvin and Erik Williams were excused from practice Tuesday while they participated in mediation with lawyers from a Dallas-Fort Worth television station.

Irvin's attorney, Royce West, confirmed that the players were involved in mediation with television station KXAS, which the players are suing for defamation of character.

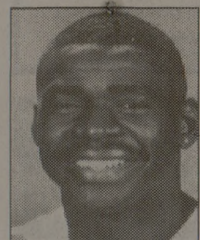
The suit stems from the reporting of rape allegations made against the two by Nina Shahravan, who later recanted.

West said he was not involved in Tuesday's proceedings and could

not provide any details. Peter Ginsberg, another attorney for Irvin, who was involved in the mediation did not wish to comment on the proceedings.

KXAS attorney Chip Babcock did not return a phone call requesting comment.

Cowboys coach Barry Switzer said both players were excused from practice for personal reasons.



Irvin

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