

TEXAS TWO-STEP

Men's team tries to focus on trip to Austin

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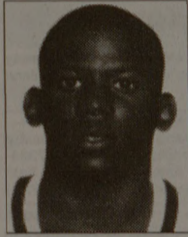
The Texas A&M Men's Basketball Team (6-16, 0-12) will travel to Austin to take on the Texas Longhorns (11-13, 5-7) at 7 p.m. The game will be televised by Fox Sports Southwest.

The Aggies are still searching for their first conference win of the season after a 73-60 road loss at Missouri, while the Longhorns are coming off of a 82-80 upset of Texas Tech in Lubbock. Texas escaped G. Rollie White Coliseum with an 81-80 victory earlier this season and holds the all-time series advantage at 114-77, including nine straight wins.

The Aggies still have only eight players on the team. Although Shanne Jones only had 14 points against Missouri, he still leads the team in scoring at 18 points a game. The Aggies received an unexpected boost off of the bench from freshman swingman Michael Schmidt. Schmidt scored 24 points against the Tigers and was reward-

ed by being placed in the starting lineup against Texas.

The Longhorns are led by the dynamic freshman duo of Chris Mihm and Luke Axtell. Mihm had an 18-point, 17-rebound performance against Texas Tech and Axtell is averaging 14.4 points and is shooting 44.4 percent from three-point range. Kris Clack provides tough defense and also scores 17 points per game.



Houston

The Aggies will use the first game as an indicator of what to do against Texas tonight.

"You have to look back at the game we played here and you have got to learn from it," Assistant Coach Ed Molitor said. "They are a very good team and they are really playing ball right now.

"Mihm is playing awfully well right now. You can't let Axtell get on a roll. He shoots the ball well, especially at home. Clack is just relentless. He just keeps playing."

Despite the close first game, there is concern about how the team will react following the reassignment of Head Coach Tony Barone. Molitor put to rest the fears of the team's possible self-destruction.

"Bottom line is you're competitors, you're in this for a reason. You want to battle, you want to win regardless of the situation. I can guarantee you that our guys are going to play hard," Molitor said. "It's a fun game. It's a difficult situation now, but you get what you can out of these last four season games."

Sophomore guard Steve Houston said the team will have its mind on the game and not on the distractions.

"I think we're going to play well. I think we'll come together. (Barone's reassignment) was really tough for the guys on the team because we still have to worry about winning."

Women look for big victory on home court

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The Texas A&M Women's Basketball Team will take on the Texas Longhorns tonight at 7 p.m. at G. Rollie White Coliseum. A&M lost to Texas on Feb. 11, 79-66. In that game, Texas dominated under the glass, out-rebounding the Aggies 45-27. Texas had a 18 to 6 edge in offensive rebounds which led to multiple opportunities for easy baskets.

Coach Candi Harvey said that Texas' rebounding edge cost the Aggies the game.

"It just killed us and it wasn't just post players that were rebounding, it was guards also," Harvey said.

In the last game, senior post Angela Jackson led the Longhorns with 30 points, many of which came on put-backs of missed shots.

Harvey said the Aggies will double-team Jackson, making A&M's ability to block out the player left alone after the double-team one of the

keys to the game.

"I think you have to double her from somewhere, and when you double her, someone else has to ro-

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— Candi Harvey
Women's Coach

tate and block that person out, and that is what we didn't do a good job of in the last game," Harvey said.

Harvey said controlling Jackson will be one of the game's deciding factors.

"If we can hold Jackson to around 20 points, and do a good job of blocking everyone else out, we have a good shot at winning the

game," Harvey said.

Texas (10-12, 5-7) is coming off a 73-57 victory over Kansas State on Saturday. In that game Jackson led the Longhorns with 19 points and 5 blocks.

The Aggies (6-16, 2-10) are coming off a 90-65 loss to seventh-ranked Texas Tech. A&M had trouble stopping Tech's inside game and matching up with its height. A&M again should have trouble against Jackson's 6-foot-4-inch frame, but the two forwards starting around Jackson will be shorter than their Aggie counterparts.

Harvey said although she is worried about Texas' inside game, A&M gives Texas reason to worry also.

"I think they are probably worried about our guard quickness, which we really didn't show in Austin the last game," Harvey said. "They are worried about that and we are worried about their inside game."

A&M is 0-3 against Texas since Big 12 play began last year.

AGGIE SPORTS BRIEFS

from staff and wire reports

Rupe earns Big 12 pitching honors

Senior Ryan Rupe was named Big 12 Pitcher of the Week for the second straight week for his performance in the weekend Arlington Morning News/UT-Arlington Invitational. Rupe threw a complete game shutout in the opening game of the tournament, striking out six batters. He threw just 96 pitches with no walks in a 7-0 A&M tri-

umph. The Aggies won all three of their tournament games to claim the championship. Rupe was named Pitcher of the Week last week for his five no-hit innings against UT-Pan American in the season opener.

Aggie archers on target at state

Aggies performed well in the Texas State Archery Association Indoor State Championships this weekend. Senior John Blaschke won the male compound bow event and senior Stater Holmes took the male recurve title. A&M women also did well. Junior Jennifer Comedy won the female compound bow championship, beating out freshman teammate Carole Grafe, who took second.

Grimes newest coaching addition

The additions to the A&M football staff continued yesterday, with the announcement that Virginia Tech Assistant Coach J.B. Grimes will be taking over duties as offensive line coach.

"Texas A&M has been one of the top programs in the country for several years and I'm excited about the opportunity to join the coaching staff," Grimes said.

The Hokies have gone 44-16 in Grimes' time at Virginia Tech, making bowl appearances in each of the last five seasons, including the Orange and Sugar Bowls. Grimes coached at Delta State, Missouri, Northeast Louisiana and Arkansas before moving to Virginia Tech in 1993.

The hiring will fill the void when Offensive Coordinator and Offensive Line Coach Steve Marshall left to take

the same position with North Carolina. Steve Kragthorpe, who is the wide receivers coach, will also handle the job of offensive coordinator for A&M.

A&M, Florida St. to play in August

All of the talk about Texas A&M playing a weak non-conference schedule last year won't be heard this fall.

The Aggies will open up the 1998 season in the Meadowlands against perennial national power Florida State on Aug. 31 in the 16th annual Kickoff Classic. The game will be televised nationally by ABC.

"We're honored the Kickoff Classic selected Texas A&M for its 1998 game," Athletic Director Wally Groff said.

A&M will bring back 14 starters

and 51 lettermen from last season's 9-4 Big 12 South Championship squad which was ranked 20th in the final Associated Press poll.

Florida State will bring back 12 starters from a team that was a national championship contender for most of last season before losing to Florida. The Seminoles were ranked third in the last AP poll.

In addition to the Seminoles, the Aggies will play Louisiana Tech, Southern Mississippi, and North Texas before opening Big 12 play.



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Women take on Rice today

BY AL LAZARUS
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The 38th-ranked Texas A&M Women's Tennis Team will play the Rice University Owls today at 1:30 p.m. in Houston.

The Aggies (5-0) are coming off two important victories, a 6-3 defeat of Houston last Wednesday, and a 5-4 win over Louisiana State on Saturday. Those two matches and today's match against Rice have implications come NCAA tournament time, because they are against teams from the Aggies' region.

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Spring Business Career Fair '98!!
February 16th - 19th

Below are the companies attending the Career Fair and the days their booths will be set up: (booths will be in Wehner Bldg., West Campus)

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- Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention
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- The Container Store
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- HEB
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- JDA Software Group
- John Deere Company
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- Sears Tire Group
- Smith and Associates
- Toys 'R' Us
- TTI, Inc.
- Var-Tec Telecom, Inc.
- Wal-Mart
- Walgreens
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Thursday the 19th

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- Albertson's
- Arthur Andersen LLP
- Ashland Chemical Company
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- Blockbuster Entertainment
- Career Center
- Central Intelligence Agency
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- The Summit Group, Inc.
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- United States Gypsum Co.
- USAA
- Veeder-Root
- Walgreens
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