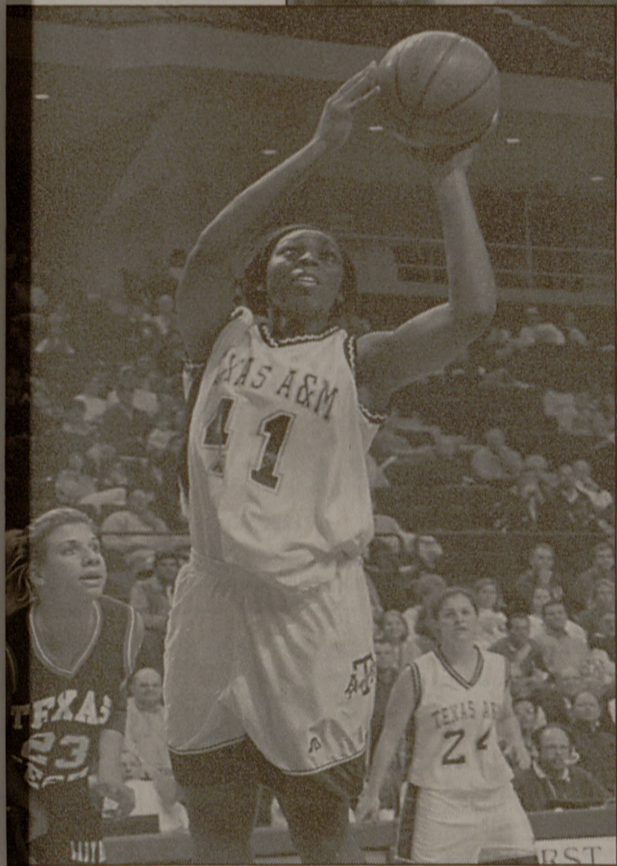
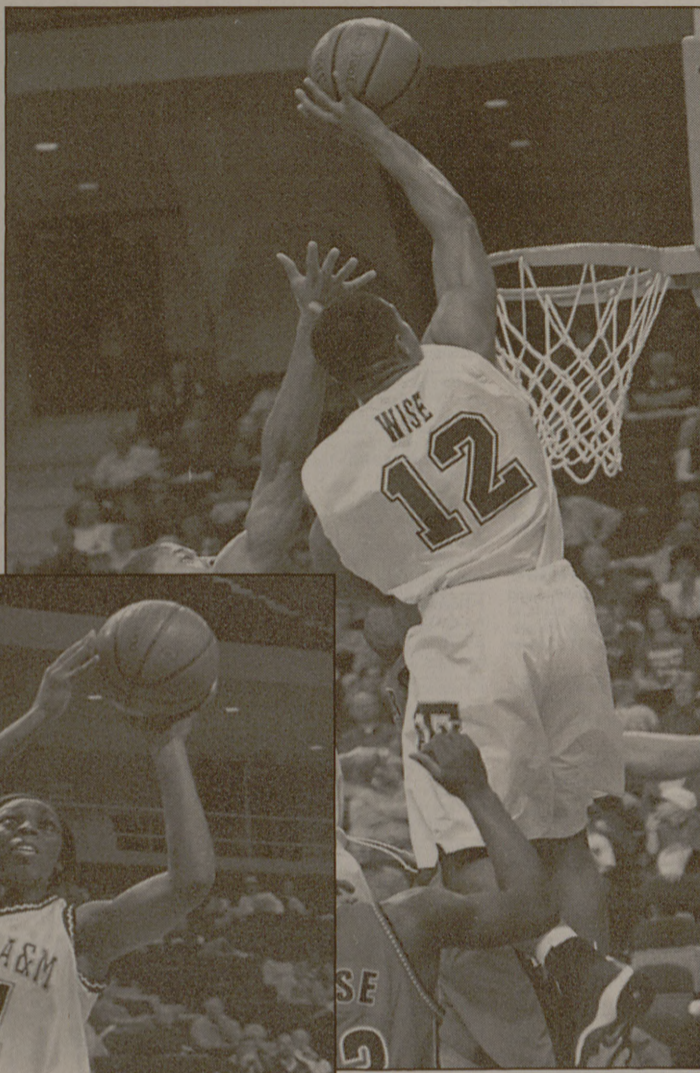


freshman guard **Shelton Wise** goes up for the dunk against the Iowa State Cyclones Jan. 16. The Texas A&M Men's Basketball Team will travel to the Ferrell Center in Waco Saturday to battle the Baylor Bears. The Aggies are looking for their first conference win of the season.



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The A&M Women's Basketball Team will face the Oklahoma State Cowgirls at Reed Arena Saturday at 2 p.m. The Aggies defeated Oklahoma State, 67-51, Jan. 6 to earn their only conference win of the season.

Getting back on track

Aggie women look to repeat history versus OSU

BY TRAVIS HARSCH
The Battalion

Although the Texas A&M Women's Basketball Team has a conference record of 1-4, the Aggies will try to keep a streak of sorts going when they host Oklahoma State University at Reed Arena Saturday at 2 p.m.

The Aggies got their first conference win of the year on the road Jan. 6 against the Cowgirls. With a win Saturday, A&M would double its Big 12 victory total.

Head coach Peggie Gillom said the team will stick with the same game plan that brought the first win.

"We're going to try to do what we did against them the first game," Gillom said. "They've made some changes, and we're going to make some changes, we're playing a few more people, people who have been a little more productive for us. I'm sure they're

going to want to do something different for us, and we'll just have to adjust."

In the teams' first meeting, A&M used a balanced attack to earn a 67-51 win. Five A&M players scored in double digits, including Kim Tarkington and Kerrie Patterson, who had 12 points each, and Prissy Sharpe, who scored 10 points and grabbed nine rebounds.

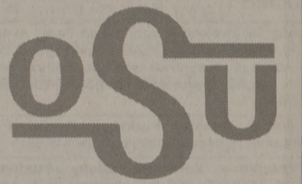
Both teams are coming off road losses. The Aggies went down against Iowa State University, 77-60, Saturday, and the Cowgirls lost their third straight, 75-53, against Texas.

As in the first game, A&M will have to overcome a size disadvantage to win, Gillom said.

"We match up with them well. They have the height advantage, though," Gillom said. "Every team in the Big 12 has a weakness, and our problem is with height. That's why we play a zone defense, but we're pretty good at man-to-man, too."

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Oklahoma St.



Points leader:
Jennifer Crow (17.4)

Rebound leader:
Jennifer Crow (5.7)

Assists leader:
Nikki Harmon (4.6)

A&M men's squad faces Baylor Bears on road

BY SANTOSH VENKATARAMAN
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The Texas A&M Men's Basketball Team takes their quest for its initial Big 12 conference victory to Waco Saturday for a matinee against Baylor University. Tip-off is set for 12:45 p.m.

A&M (7-8, 0-5 conference) has had a week off to prepare for the Bears, who are in a similar position to the Aggies. Baylor is 6-13 overall, winless in the conference at 0-6, and has lost its last six games.

The Bears' most effective player this season has been senior Kish Lewis, who ranks ninth in the conference in scoring at 15 points per game. The 6-foot-7 center also is second in the Big 12 in rebounding with 9.7 rebounds per contest.

Baylor has been hurt by the departure of junior point guard Tevis Stukes, who quit the team Jan. 6. Stukes had been the Big 12's leading scorer, averaging 17.8 points. His starting point guard slot is now held by the combination of

Rodney Smith and walk-on Austin Allen.

Baylor is 5-5 at home in the Ferrell Center and has turned in some strong performances in Waco, including outrebounding conference-leading Kansas in a close loss to the 19th-ranked Jayhawks, 66-62, Jan. 6.

Coach Melvin Watkins, whose Aggies are coming off a 64-43 loss to Iowa State University Jan. 16, said he hopes the time between games will benefit A&M.

Watkins said he has taken a "back to basics" approach in preparing the team for Saturday's game.

"We've had a week off, so we've been able to go back and just work on the fundamentals," Watkins said. "We've made some adjustments that we hope will make us play better than we have the last couple of ball games."

One area the Aggies will look to improve on against the Bears is turnovers. A&M is av-

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Baylor



Points leader:
Kish Lewis (15.0)

Rebound leader:
Kish Lewis (9.7)

Assists leader:
Austin Allen (2.7)



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