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## Huskers outlast Aggs

Rebounding not enough as women fall, 62-54

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Once again, they were this close. With four games and ten days left before the Big 12 Tournament, the Texas A&M Women's Basketball Team came out strong in their penultimate home game of the season, looking to improve their seeding for the tournament and secure their first home conference win.

But a ten-point, first-half deficit proved too much to overcome as the Aggies (7-16, 2-11 Big 12) fell 62-54 to Nebraska (17-9, 6-7 Big 12) on Wednesday after slicing the Nebraska lead to four with under a minute to go.

"It was just one of those things, it wasn't Nebraska, it was just us," A&M coach Peggie Gillom said. "We come back after getting down, you just get worn down, it plays with your mind."

Turnovers again proved to be the Aggies' Achilles' heel, as A&M gave up the ball 25 times for 24 Nebraska points.

The Aggies won the battle of the boards, outrebounding Nebraska 38-35. But the Huskers were able to grab 11 offensive rebounds, leading to a 10-5 second chance point edge.

The Huskers' defensive pressure limited the Aggies scoring and hindered their passing game.

That aggressiveness also got them into early foul trouble, putting A&M on the free-throw line 12 times in the first half, with the Aggies able to convert on only six of those opportunities.

A&M forward Kera Alexander said the Aggies troubles were not with the pressure, but rather with the way the Aggies handled it.

"It wasn't their pressure, it was because we didn't take care of the ball," Alexander said. "It's frustrating because you feel like you're beating yourself."

Alexander said A&M did not take advantage of the opportunities Nebraska's defensive pressure offered.

"We know we could beat their press, and when we hesitated, we didn't cap-

### A&M Men's Game Leaders

Points leader:  
**Kera Alexander (22)**

Rebound leader:  
**Prissy Sharpe (12)**

Assists leader:  
**Kim Tarkington (4)**

## Women head to Austin for Big 12 finale

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

The 24th-ranked Texas A&M Women's Swimming and Diving Team is set to begin competition at the Big 12 Championships in Austin today. The three-day conference meet will be contested at the Jamail Texas Swimming Center in Austin.

Two-time defending 1,650-yard freestyle Big 12 champion Tracy Evans, along with 1998 NCAA qualifier Monica Stoman, freshman Clara Ho and senior Tammy Lee will lead fourth-year head coach Don Wagner's swimmers into battle against the other five competing schools.

Along with A&M, defending University of Nebraska, University of Texas, Iowa State University, University of Kansas and University of Missouri all sponsor swimming and diving programs in the Big 12.

In the diving venue, head coach Kevin Wright will instruct national team diver Danielle Guameri and freshman Meghan Zack.

Recently placing ninth at the Canon XI FINA Diving World Cup in Wellington, New Zealand, Guameri placed second at last year's meet in the platform event before advancing to NCAAs and earning all-American honorable mention for her 14th-place performance.

After the championship in Austin, the Aggie swimmers who qualify for the national championships will travel to Athens, Ga., for the NCAA Division I Women's Swimming and Diving Championship on March 18-20.

The diving squad, however, will travel to compete in the Zone-D Diving Championships on March 12-13 in Fayetteville, Ark., to determine who qualifies for NCAAs.

## Cold shooting does in Aggie men

A&M shoots 18 percent in first half, falls to Colorado Buffaloes, 71-61

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

When traveling to Boulder to take on the University of Colorado Buffaloes, teams know they have to contend with the high altitude.

Last night it was not the altitude that did in the Texas A&M Basketball team, it was their dreadful shooting. The Aggies were as cold as a Rocky Mountain stream in a 71-61 loss to the Buffaloes.

The Aggies shot 5-for-27 from the field in the first half, an 18-percent clip, as the Buffaloes raced out to a 32-16 lead at halftime.

The Aggies mounted a small comeback in the second half, outscoring Colorado 45-39, but it was not enough in the end.

For the game, the Aggies shot 31 percent from the floor and 32 percent from behind the three-point line.

Chris Clayton led the Aggies with 16 points in the game on 5-for-10 shooting from behind the arc. Junior forward Jerald Brown chipped in with a double-double for the Aggies with 11 points and 12 rebounds.

Freshman Joe White was also in double figures despite 1-for-10 shooting from the field. Ten of White's 12 points came from the charity stripe.

Leading the Buffaloes were Kenny Price with 21 points and Jamahl Mosley with 12.

The Aggies return home on Saturday to take on the University of Texas Longhorns at 3 p.m. at Reed Arena.



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Junior guard **Clifton Cook** recorded seven assists in the Aggies' 71-61 loss to the University of Colorado.

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