

Aggies look to continue perfect start against Lady Roadrunners

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The Battalion

The Texas A&M Women's Basketball Team will try to extend its unbeaten streak when it tips off against the University of Texas-San Antonio today at 5 p.m. in Reed Arena.

Compared to last season's final record of 7-20, the Aggies' 3-0 record is quite impressive.

"We're just glad to be 3-0," A&M women's basketball coach Peggy Gillom said.

After losing several close games last year, it appears this year's team has taken the next step and is winning the close ones.

A&M senior forward Kera Alexander said she knows what the difference is this season.

"I think last year we kind of took too many teams for granted," she said. "Starting out 3-0 gives you a little confidence, and it gives you a little respect."

The Aggies are coming off an overtime win in Dallas Tuesday night against a talented Southern Methodist University team.

Gillom said the SMU game was the kind of experience that makes a team better.

"For [A&M] to win the game, it was definitely a big confidence booster," she said. "I think you can only get better from those types of games."

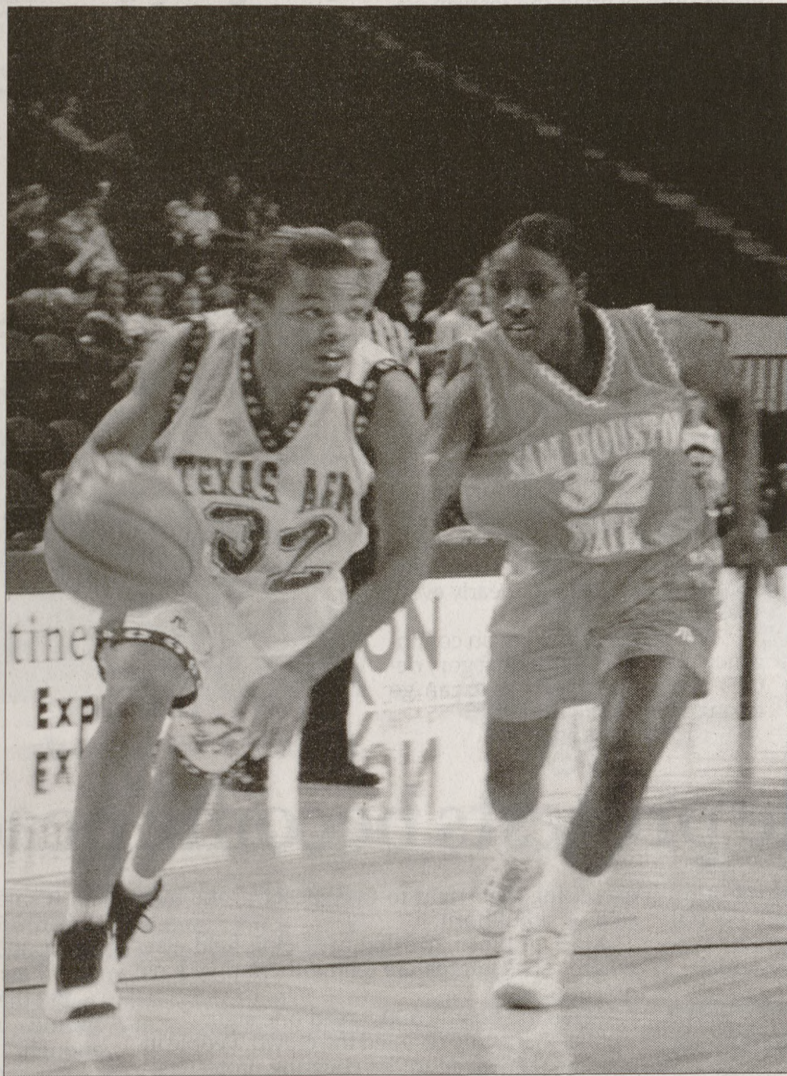
The Aggies will carry the momentum from Tuesday's game to today's game against the Lady Roadrunners.

A&M senior forward Prissy Sharpe said the Aggies are not anticipating an easy game.

"You can't ever underestimate an opponent," she said. "They all have the ability to come out and play and win."

Alexander also said today's game could be challenging.

"I think that any team we play is going to come in and be ready for us, especially the smaller schools," she said. "Especially since we've been doing good, it makes you more of a target. It makes people



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A&M junior forward Jaynetta Saunders drives the ball against a Sam Houston State University Nov. 23 at Reed Arena

want to play their best game against you."

Gillom will use tonight's game as an opportunity to give more attention to the areas of her team that need improving, such as defense.

"I think we have to step it up defensively," she said. "I think we can score offensively. I think we've just got to be a little bit better [of a] defensive team."

Alexander said she is looking forward to tonight's game as a chance to work out some kinks.

"I think the good thing is we'll be able to focus on a couple of things that maybe we didn't do good against SMU or the other teams," Alexander said. "It's good to get a game where you can say 'these are the things we're going to work on.'"

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