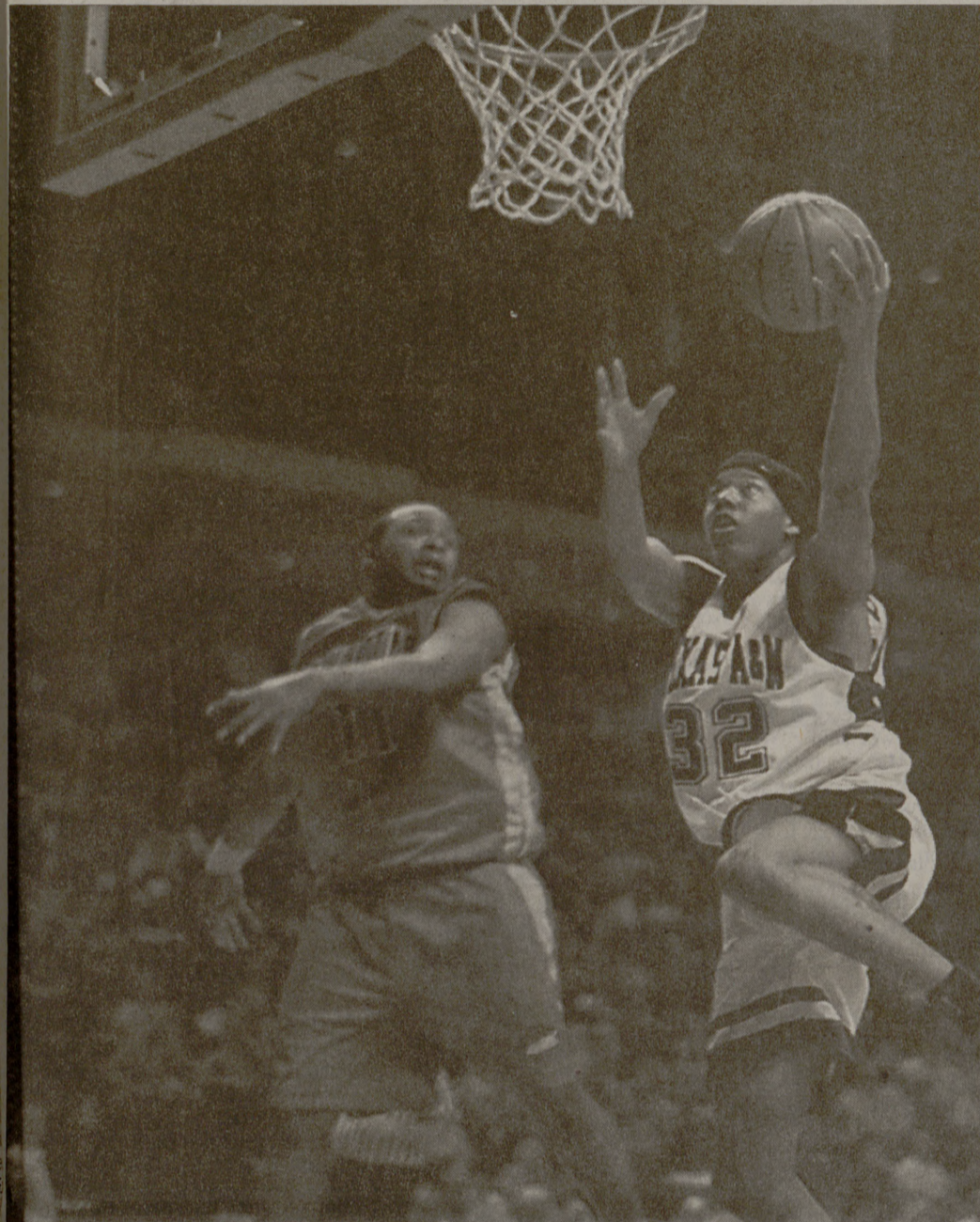


Iowa State blows through Aggies



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A&M sophomore guard Bernard King goes up for a layup as Iowa State guard Jamaal Tinsley attempts to block the shot. The Aggies were defeated by the Cyclones, 72-53, on Sunday.

Cyclones keep Ags winless in Big 12 play with 72-53 victory

By DOUG FUENTES
The Battalion

The Texas A&M men's basketball team and the 17th-ranked Iowa State Cyclones had the unenviable task of having to play a basketball game on Super Bowl Sunday.

Unfortunately for the Aggies, someone forgot to tell them to show up.

A&M played uninspired basketball and saw its losing streak climb to seven games as Iowa State defeated the Aggies, 72-53, Sunday at Reed Arena.

A&M (6-13, 0-7 in Big 12) came into the game with some hope after staying with Oklahoma State for 37 minutes in a 76-64 loss to the Cowboys on Wednesday.

But the Aggies came out flat on their face against the Cyclones.

"We did not play," said A&M head coach Melvin Watkins. "We showed no emotion and that's what's disappointing. When we think we're getting close and doing some good things, we come back home and totally not show up ready to play."

"I don't know if we could have beaten Iowa State, but I know we can play better."

The Cyclones (17-3, 5-2) started out quick, jumping out to a 6-0 lead behind six points from center Martin Rancik.

A&M managed to close the gap, making it an 8-6 game on a layup by junior Andy Leatherman with 16 minutes, 44 seconds left in the half.

Then, the Aggies could not find the basket.

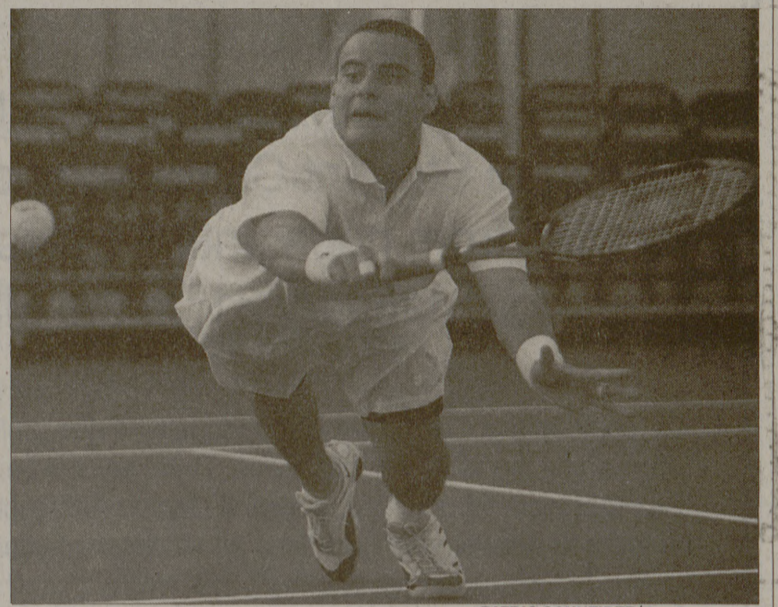
A&M went scoreless for almost seven minutes as the Cyclones went on a 10-0 run to increase their lead to 16-6 with 10:21 in the first half.

Iowa State kept the pressure on as they continued to use the combination of inside play and free-throw shooting to take a 40-26 lead at halftime.

The Cyclones were efficient in the first half, shooting 47.8 percent from the field and making 16-of-18 free-throw attempts.

Meanwhile, the Aggies could not find their rhythm in the first half, shooting only 34.4 percent

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A&M senior Shuon Madden dives for a ball in his match against TAMU-CC's Atonie Qunquis on Saturday at the Varsity Tennis Center.

Aggie netters begin season with victories

By JASON LINCOLN
The Battalion

In just 30 hours, the Texas A&M tennis team kicked off its 2000 season in grand fashion.

The No. 5 Aggies dominated a marathon weekend at the Varsity Tennis Center on Friday and Saturday, notching a 4-0 record in their first home matches of 2001.

In wins over UT-Pan American, Texas Wesleyan, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi and Trinity, the Aggies showed what is in store for the spring season as they look down the road to defending their Big 12 title.

"I thought all in all, the weekend was a test on us both mentally and physically to play 4 matches in less than 36 hours," said A&M coach Tim Cass said. "I knew it would test us and give us a chance to see a lot of our players play."

The Aggies survived a scare from the TAMU-CC Islanders, 4-2, after defeating their first two opponents without losing a set in 7-0 victories.

Then they capped it off with a 6-0 win over the Division III National Champions, Trinity, without losing a single set.

The Aggies did not play doubles on Saturday as weather threatened to postpone the matches.

"We knew Corpus was a good team coming in here," Cass said. "A lot of times in sports we often look at the names of schools and we think it should be associated with their level. But Corpus in the fall beat SMU, who was 15th in the country — the average person doesn't know that."

"They tested us today both mentally and physically, and we needed that. You're going to have tests

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