

## Sooners down Aggies, 93-70

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The Texas A&M women's basketball team fell short of knocking off two straight ranked opponents at home last night as the 10th-ranked Oklahoma Sooners defeated the Aggies, 93-70, at Reed Arena.

The Aggies upset the No. 25 Baylor Bears on Jan. 20, the last time the Aggies were at home.

The loss was the Aggies' sixth straight loss to the Sooners (16-4, 7-1 in Big 12) and the largest home defeat A&M has suffered this season.

In the first half of play, the Aggies looked sluggish, committing 18 turnovers. The Sooners capitalized on the Aggie miscues, tallying 12 points off those turnovers.

With eight minutes left in the half, junior guard Latoya Rose broke a three-minute scoring drought by both teams when she drained a 3-pointer to give the Aggies their first and only lead of the game, 21-20.

The Sooners would slowly regain their lead and looked to take a comfortable nine-point lead into halftime.

With less than two minutes to play in the half, A&M senior forward Jaynetta Saunders, who struggled for most of the first half, looked to find her groove when A&M senior guard Brandy Jones found the streaking Saunders moving down court.

Saunders lazed the ball into the basket and was fouled in the process. Saunders added the free throw to cut the Sooner lead to three points. It would be the closest the Aggies would get to regaining the lead for the remainder of the contest.

At the opening of the second half, the Aggies settled into a three-minute scoring slump while the Sooners increased their lead to 12 points.

OU continued to pull away from the Aggies and ruin A&M's upset hopes.

The Oklahoma squad added to its lead with solid free-throw shooting in the second half of play.

The Sooners went 22-of-26 from the line in the second half, including a 10-of-10 performance by OU's leading scorer, junior guard LaNeishea Caufield.

The Sooners continued to add to their lead later in the half and ended the game with a 23-point lead, their largest of the game.

The Aggies were led in the game by freshman guard Toccara Williams, who had a season-high 20 points.

Saunders had 19 points and eight re-

bounds, but shot only 6-of-22 from the floor.

"I have to give them credit; they played really good defense, but I think I beat myself," Saunders said.

"Jaynetta is a terrific offensive player," said Oklahoma women's basketball coach Sherri Coale. "You can be guarding her perfectly, and she'll jump over you and shoot it anyway."

Caufield led the Sooners with 26 points. The Sooners also had three other players in double digits. Sophomore forward Caton Hill pulled down 12 rebounds for the Sooners and added 21 points to the OU cause.

"This team plays hard," said A&M women's basketball coach Peggie Gillom. "We fouled them like we did the last time."

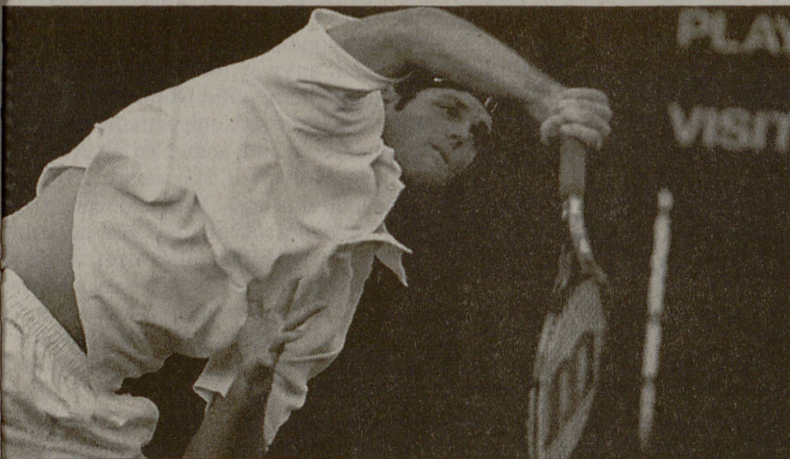
The last time the Aggies took on the Sooners, A&M sent OU players to the line a record 44 times. The Sooners took 35 trips to the free-throw line in Wednesday's game.

"They scored 27 points from the free throw line, and that is entirely too much," Gillom said.

The Aggies (12-6, 2-6) will travel to Lubbock this weekend to take on the Texas Tech Lady Raiders. Tip off is set for 7 p.m. on Saturday.



A&M freshman forward **Janae Derrick** and Oklahoma guard **Stacy Dales** fight for a rebound in the Aggies' 93-70 loss to the Sooners at Reed Arena.



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Five members of the Texas A&M men's and women's tennis team's will compete in the Rolex Indoor Intercollegiate Championships in Dallas.

## Tennis teams set for indoor championships

By TRUE BROWN  
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Texas A&M will be well represented today as five Aggies take the court at the Rolex Indoor Intercollegiate Championships in Dallas.

The tournament, which is the third leg of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) grand slam, will feature one of the strongest fields of the year.

The 32-player men's singles field has eight of the top 10 players in the nation, including No. 1 Genius Chidzikwe from Southern Methodist University and defending NCAA champion Alex Kim from Stanford.

The men's doubles bracket will be highlighted by the top three teams in the nation while the women's draw will feature two of the top three.

For the Aggies, junior Jarin Skube and seniors Cody Hubbell and Shuon Madden will compete.

Madden will be in the singles draw while Hubbell and Skube will team up in the doubles event. The duo qualified after winning the ITA Regionals in October.

Madden, who teamed with senior Dumitru Caradima two years ago to win the doubles draw, will make his third appearance in as many years.

This year will mark the first time he has not been involved in both doubles and singles play. Madden said he plans to use that to his advantage.

"This year, with me just being in singles, I'll only have one thing to concentrate on," Madden said. "It's going to be a tough tournament, but I feel confident with the way I'm playing right now."

Unlike Madden, this will be Hubbell's and Skube's first appearance at the tournament.

"I feel like we don't really have anything to lose," Hubbell said.

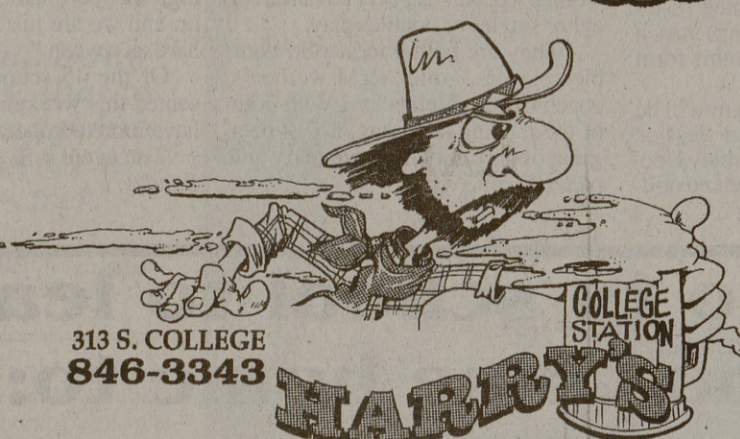
"Even though we have never been there before we have a lot of confidence right now and we are ready to lay it all on the line."

Hubbell and Skube are currently ranked No. 10 in the Wingspanbank.com rankings, the first time they have achieved a national ranking in doubles.

The pair has compiled a 12-3 record so far this season but has not seen action together this spring.

"This is a great treat and honor for them all," said A&M men's tennis

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