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#### **SPORTS**

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#### Men

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that bad defensively," Watkins said. "I don't think we played as hard tonight as we have in past games.

OSU junior guard John Lucas, standing at 5 feet 11 inches tall, had far from a small night on the court, tying his career-high 27 points.

Lucas said it was Oklahoma's shooting and not the Aggie's defensive problems that led to a Cowboy's win.

"We just kept running our plays and hitting our shots," Lucas said. "Good execution of our plays helped us to get those

OSU Head Coach Eddie Sutton said he was just happy to have come away with a win because, despite A&M's losing steak, the Aggies have been playing very well.

"I'd hate to have to come back here and play them again," Sutton said.

Watkins and the Aggies have four days to solve any defensive problems that plagued them Tuesday night. The Aggies will face Baylor University Saturday at 5 p.m. in Waco.

## Softball

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"Winning the Big 12," Gregory said. That's the main goal right now.

Senior pitcher and co-captain Lindsay Wilhelmson added her high hopes for the future.

"We are expecting everything," she

said. "There is no reason why we shouldn't get to the World Series. With energy running high in the Aggies clubhouse, you can expect this

season to play out exactly the way Evans predicted. She said that, unlike the Aggies, highranking Oklahoma and Nebraska lost key

players after last season. "A lot of the teams are doing some rebuilding," Evans said. "I expect big

things from us.' Evans remained positive about the spirit and integrity of her team, despite

what could be seen as a disappointment "I think (last season) was a success," Evans said. "We had disappointing loss-

es, but we never folded up the tent." The Aggies' opener with the UNT, a first-year program, should provide fans with a chance to see some exciting softball and an Aggie victory.

'We played them in the fall," Wilhelmson said. "We hit really well, we played great defense, we aren't expecting anything less than a win."

One thing remains constant amongst the players and coaches alike: the much needed and deserved support

"This year has been huge in every sport. Attendance records have been set, come help us break ours," Gregory said. Evans looks to the student body to

venture into new territory, beyond the larger baseball stadium. "Jump on board! We really need

that energy in the stands. Come out and support your fellow students," she said. "Let's set some records over here across the street. Come out and give us that home field advantage that every-

# Women

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After last week's loss senior point guard Toccara Williams said getting the initial win is important but can be given too much thought.

"We just have to quit visualizing it all the time," Williams said.

Blair altered his line up last week to start sophomore forward Tamea Scales in place of senior post Lynn

After the game he said Scales will continue to start but he regretted not putting Classen in earlier.

He said he is not sure of the line up for tomorrow's game or whether A&M will stick with a full press that resulted in only nine turnovers against OSU.

"Those are game-day decisions," Blair said. Williams is within nine steals of

setting the Big 12 record of 418 career steals.

"Sometimes I would rather her get zero steals and just have her play great help defense," Blair said. "Most guards do great jobs of reading the floor on offense. She does a great job of reading the floor on defense too.'

Blair said he is impressed by Aggie's devotion to both men's and women's teams despite having yet to see a Big 12 victory this season.

'Sometimes you have to remain positive knowing that this was a building year," Blair said. "We are building confidence building a fan base. Rebuilding, I just don't like the term.'

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