

HOUSTON ANGELS

VS

CHICAGO HUSTLE

First Women's Pro Basketball Game in Houston
Astroarena

December 22, 1978

The 1978-79 Angels



Souvenir of a historic moment in Houston sports



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An Open Letter to Houston Sports Fans:

Years from now, those of you here tonight will look back on this first women's pro basketball game and recognize its historical significance. For women's athletics will have become a part of our daily sports menu.

The tone was set years ago by immortal athletes like Babe Didrikson Zaharius and Helen Wills, carried forward by current greats such as Billie Jean King and Nancy Lopez.

We are on the mere threshold of a whole new era in American sport. Women are taking their place along side the male athlete, and are becoming a significant part of the "world of sports" that is so much a part of our way of life.

But women's sports will not grow because of federal regulations, protest marches, or super market boycotts. Women's sports will grow because women are uniquely superb athletes and offer the American public a refreshing and wholesome new addition to its accepted standards.

These young players who will compete tonight should never be compared to the NBA stars or the college greats of today. They offer you a new sport – basketball in its purest form – but a new sport in the sense that the pace and the technique will be totally defined as their own. I believe the Angels are destined to become the melting pot for the Oiler, Astro, Hurricane, and Rocket fans in Houston – the common denominator – the rally point – a team we all can share and enjoy. Our Angels are going to fly and Houston is going to be proud to claim them.



Hugh Sweeney
President

The WBL 1978

Eastern Division

New York Stars
New Jersey Gems
Dayton Rockettes
Houston Angels

Mid West Division

Chicago Hustle
Milwaukee Does
Minnesota Fillies
Iowa Cornets

The Cover: 1978-79 Angels - Front row: L to R, Bobbie Brockhage, Patty Bubrig, Belinda Jones, Karen Aulenbacher.

Second row: Cynthia Washington, Sylvia Anderson, Gail Dobson, Dollie Mosley, Glenda Holleyman.

Back Row: Head Coach Don Knodel, Pat Johnson, Jessie Kenlaw, Belinda Candler, Paula Mayo, Vicky Chapman, Assistant Coach Greg Williams.

THE HOUSTON ANGELS

No.	Player	Pos.	Height	College
33	Patty Bubrig	G	5-8	Nicholls State
24	Belinda Candler	C	5-11	U. of Nevada, Las Vegas
22	Vicky Chapman	F	5-11	McNeese State
45	Pat Johnson	F	5-11	Stephen F. Austin
23	Belinda Jones	G	5-7	Louisiana Tech
11	Karen Aulenbacher	G	5-8	Baylor
25	Gail Dobson	F	5-9	Tennessee
20	Glenda Holleyman	G	5-10	Mississippi College
40	Jessie Kenlaw	F	5-10	Savannah State College
14	Dollie Mosley	F	5-9	Savannah State College
15	Cynthia Washington	G	5-7	Grambling
10	Paula Mayo	C	5-11	Grambling

Head Coach: Don Knodel
 Assistant: Greg Williams
 Trainers: Allen Aggert, Steve Brown

THE CHICAGO HUSTLE

No.	Player	Pos.	Height	College
21	Sue Digitale	F/G	5-11	Cal. State, Sacramento
44	Tesa Duckworth	F/G	6-0	Mississippi College
15	Rifa Easterling	G	5-6	Mississippi College
10	Janey Fincher	F/G	5-7	U. of Nevada, Las Vegas
30	Janice Fuller	C	5-11	U. of Nevada, Las Vegas
31	Liz Galloway	F	5-8	U. of Nevada, Las Vegas
22	Sunday Jones	C/F	5-11	UCLA
4	Karen Logan	G	5-9	Pepperdine
8	Mary Jo Peppler	C/F	6-0	Sul Ross State
23	Sandy Rainey	F	5-10	
25	Debbie Rossow	C/F	5-10	U. of Nevada, Las Vegas
14	Toni Stachon	F	5-10	Illinois, Chicago Circle

Head Coach: Doug Bruno
 Assistant: Karen Logan
 Trainers: Dick Hoover, Kim Davis

HOUSTON ANGELS 1978-1979 HOME GAME SCHEDULE

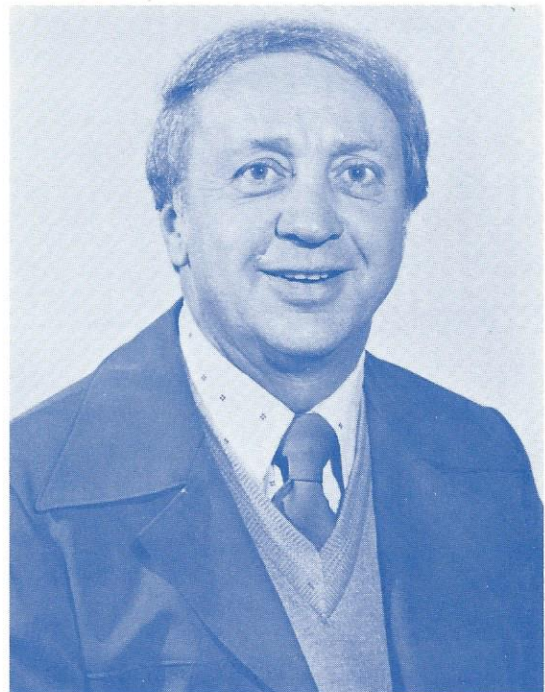
Fri.	Dec. 22	Chicago
Tues.	Dec. 26	Milwaukee
Thur.	Dec. 28	Minnesota
Thur.	Jan. 4	New Jersey
Thur.	Jan. 11	New York
Tues.	Jan. 23	Iowa
Fri.	Jan. 26	Dayton
Sun.	Jan. 28	New York
Mon.	Feb. 5	Milwaukee
Wed.	Feb. 14	Dayton
Sun.	Mar. 11	Chicago
Tues.	Mar. 13	Iowa
Thur.	Mar. 15	New Jersey
Sun.	Mar. 18	New York
Sun.	Mar. 25	Dayton
Tues.	Mar. 27	New Jersey
Tues.	Apr. 3	Minnesota

All games in the Astroarena except January 11, and February 14, scheduled for the Summit.

TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets on sale at all Top Ticket Locations, the Summit ticket office (Summit games only) Astrodome advance ticket office, and the Angels ticket office, 6400 Westpark, Suite 470. To order by telephone, call **781-5085**. Reservations via Master Charge and Visa.

Ticket Prices: \$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00.



**Head Coach:
Don Knodel**

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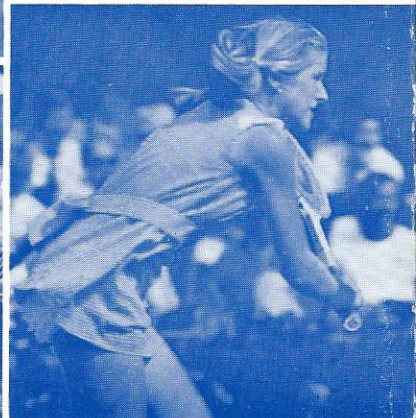
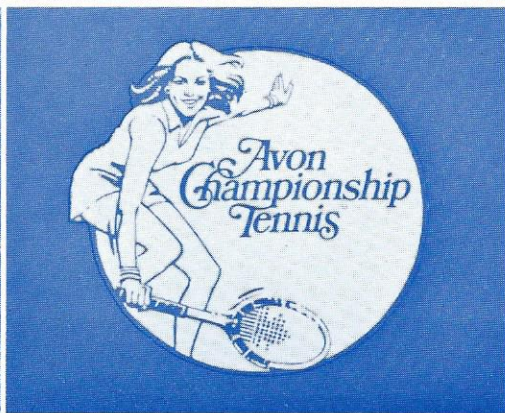
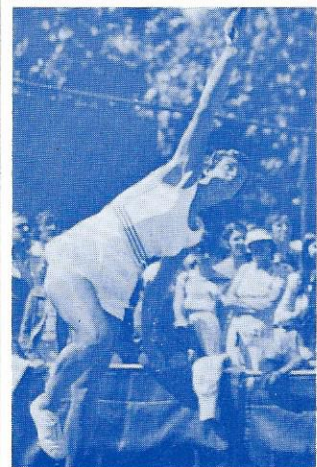
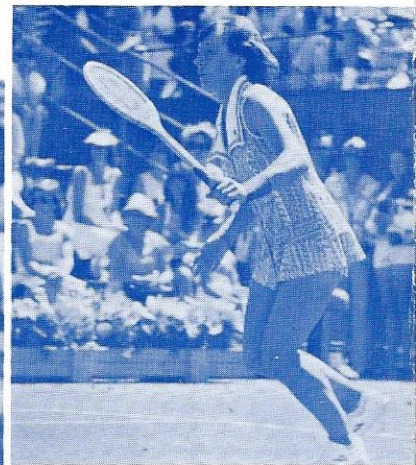
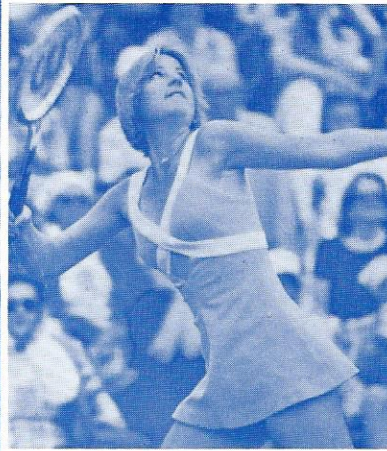
Lollie Lowe

January 15-22
Astroarena and The Summit

Tickets Available at
All Top Ticket Locations,
The Summit Box Office,
The Astrodome
Advance Ticket Office
and the Tournament Office,
6400 Westpark, Suite 470

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