

# Freewheelers test UH in grudge battle

It's dangerous to face a snarling cougar any time. Especially when the big cat's in its lair:

The UTA Freewheelers go cat-tracking tonight when they face the University of Houston Rolling Cougars at 8 in Jeppesen Stadium.

A rivalry developed between the two teams last fall when a Houston player apparently clipped a UTA player's wheels, knocking him out of his chair.

"It's going to be a rough game," commented Coach Jim Hayes. "This game is a collegiate championship as far as we're concerned."

The Rolling Cougars have three professional wheelchair basketball players on the squad. Hayes noted that

players on handicap teams are supposed to be undergraduates or in administrative positions at their school, but, he said, the three Houston pros are not enrolled.

Another UTA problem is bench strength. There's not much.

"And we need to keep their pros taking the outside shots," Hayes said. "If our guys play up to their capabilities, we'll win."

The Freewheelers lost a valuable player in G.W. Turner when he broke his hip in a game against the professional Dallas Raiders last month. Turner will assist Hayes with coaching duties for the Houston game.