



HE SCORES—Bob Gattis scores A&M's first bucket in last night's Rice game. Coming in the first two minutes, the goal tied the score 2-2. Rice players are Joe Durrenberger (25), Fred Woods (23), Monte Robicheaux (24) and David Cotterill (29).

Rice Plucks Ags 67-52 in Finale, Tucker Leads 71-63 Defeat of Fish

Slimes Rally In Final Minutes

An aroused Fish cage team outscraped the powerful Rice Owlets in the first half, but finally succumbed 63-71 to the bombarding of Temple Tucker last night in White coliseum.

The Owlets' 6-11 center pumped in 31 points, high for the night, and together with Tinker Wilson controlled the backboards.

Tucker's tip-in with 7:20 left put the Owlets in front for the first time in the final half. Tucker sat out more than five minutes of the second half with four fouls.

The hustling Aggie freshmen hit 15 of 17 free throws, and 11 of 22 field goal tries to lead at half 37-34.

Fast stepping Bryan Sutherland dropped in 17 points, 11 of them in the second half, to lead A&M point makers. He fouled out with 5:27 left in the game.

Guard J. C. Smith had his best night of the season before fouling out in the second half. He netted 14 points, his high for the season.

The Fish finished with a 7-5 season record.

RICE SLIMES (71)		FG	FT	PF	TP
Tucker, c	31	11	4	31	31
Bell, s	3	5	3	11	11
Wilson, f	3	2	3	8	8
Hill, f	3	2	5	8	8
Jordan, f	0	2	0	2	2
White, f	0	3	1	5	5
Baggett, f	0	3	1	5	5
Prater, f	0	3	4	6	6
TOTALS	33	25	22	71	71

Owls Control Boards, Hit Free Throws

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A&M's top three scorers got only 16 points between them, and Rice dominated the backboards and the free throw line to coast to a 67-52 victory here last night in the Southwest conference and season cage finale for both teams.

Terry Telligman, 6-4 forward playing his last college game, 6-6 junior Joe Durrenberger and 6-3 soph Fred Woods swept off 45 rebounds, and the Owls plunked in 31 of 50 free throws to anchor the Cadets deep in the SWC cellar.

A&M finishes with a 1-11 conference record and a 4-20 season mark. The Cadets' only league win was a 62-59 upset of Arkansas here. Last night the Hogs beat TCU 110-89 to give SMU the title. The Mustangs defeated Texas 93-80.

Lon Morris Plays Houston

Defending champion Lon Morris opens the Texas Junior College State basketball tournament today in White coliseum, meeting South Texas of Houston at 2:15 p.m.

The Bearcats are the second-highest scoring junior college team in the nation with a near 100 points-per-game average. Guard James (Rooster) Emerson is a JC all-American. Last year, Lon Morris showed off Bob Burrows, now starting center for Kentucky.

The first and second place teams in the four Texas zones are featured here. Tickets are 50 cents for students, \$1 for adults per session.

Howard County, winner of its regional national meet last week and possessor of a 28-3 record, plays Decatur Baptist college at 4 p.m. At 7, San Antonio plays Texarkana, followed by Allen Academy-Odessa at 8:45. Allen center Wayne Lemons has scored 699 points in 29 games, tops in the state.

MURAL HIGHLIGHTS

A anti-aircraft artillery blanked transportation corps won over squadron 6 3-0 yesterday in upperclassmen intramural handball.

In freshmen volleyball, squadron 20 beat C field artillery, 2-1; squadron 19 won over B field artillery, 2-1; squadron 18 shut out A field artillery, 2-0; A anti-aircraft artillery beat squadron 22, 2-0; C anti-aircraft artillery downed white band, 2-0; and Hart hall won over Milner hall, 2-0.

B infantry sank A transportation corps, 3-0, Monday in upperclassmen intramural handball.

In upperclassmen ping-pong, A

squadron 4, 4-1; squadron 18 beat D field artillery, 3-2; squadron 5 edged C armor, 3-2; squadron 17 downed C field artillery, 4-1; squadron 6 beat A engineers, 3-2; and A ordnance took care of squadron 19, 4-1.

D infantry won the upperclassmen football championship Friday, beating maroon band, 19-0.

Ronnie Beagle, Navy's All America end, caught 19 passes for 243 yards and three touchdowns in 1954.



Aggie Nine Opens Against Bearcats

Righthander Jerry Nelson takes the mound here today against the Sam Houston State Bearcats in the opening game of the Aggies' 1955 baseball season.

Game time is 3 p.m. at Kyle field. Nelson won last year's opener with Sam Houston 5-0 on a two-hit performance. Nelson was a unanimous all-Southwest conference choice in 1953.

Tex Vanzura will probably relieve Nelson after six or seven innings.

Coach Beau Bell still is undecided on several positions, but today's infield will probably have John Hoyle at first base, Joe Borning, second base; Dick Bleckner, shortstop and Joe Schero at third.

In the outfield Les Byrd, John Stockton, Clyde Stinson, Billy Ross or Terry Bushnell could get the call.

The catcher's position will be ably filled by all-Southwest conference Jimmy Williams.



AGGIE STARTER—Righthander Jerry Nelson is due to start today in A&M's baseball opener with Sam Houston State. Nelson won three and lost six last season but had a 2.7 earned run average. Game time today is 3 p.m.

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RICE (67)		FG	FT	PF	TP
Woods, f	9	4	4	14	14
Durrenberger, f	4	11	3	19	19
Telligman, c	4	3	4	11	11
Robicheaux, f	2	2	2	6	6
Cotterill, f	3	6	0	12	12
Fields, c	0	2	0	2	2
Brashear, f	0	0	1	0	0
Arhos, f	0	0	2	0	0
Nicholas, f	0	3	2	3	3
Fahmeier, f	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	18	31	15	67	67

AGGIES (52)

FG	FT	PF	TP	
Brophy, f	4	9	3	5
Mehaffey, c	1	3	5	5
Fortenberry, f	1	1	4	3
Harrod, f	4	5	1	3
Gattis, f	3	3	2	9
Henry, f	2	0	4	6
Smith, f	1	4	4	6
Phipps, f	1	0	3	2
Love, f	0	0	1	0
TOTALS	18	16	27	52

Half: 36-21 Rice. FTM—Rice: Woods, Durrenberger 6, Telligman 2, Robicheaux 2, Cotterill 4, Arhos 3, Nicholas. A&M: Mehaffey, Fortenberry 3, Harrod 3, Henry 2, Smith. Officials: Watson and Williamson.

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CHICAGO—White Sox uniform with the number four on back is coming out of retirement. It was last worn in 1949 by Luke Appling. Now it will be worn by new manager Marty Marion.

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