

A&M Enters Final Lap Of Conference Derby

A&M cagers enter the rugged grind of the final lap in the hectic Southwest Confer-

ence basketball derby Saturday night, after a week of trying to catch their breath.

The layoff finds the Aggies resting in the fourth slot in SWC standings at the half-way mark, and looking forward to even better things in the second half. A&M has a 3-3 record against conference opponents and a 6-12 overall record this season.

Coach Ken Loeffler's Cadets are only one game back of the third place Rice Owls, who stand 4-2 in SWC action. During the mid-term holidays the Aggies didn't fare too well, losing two straight.

The powerful Oklahoma City Chiefs bounced the Ags, 76-56, at Oklahoma City Jan. 30 and five days later A&M lost by a lopsided 74-105 score to the strong Houston Cougars at Houston.

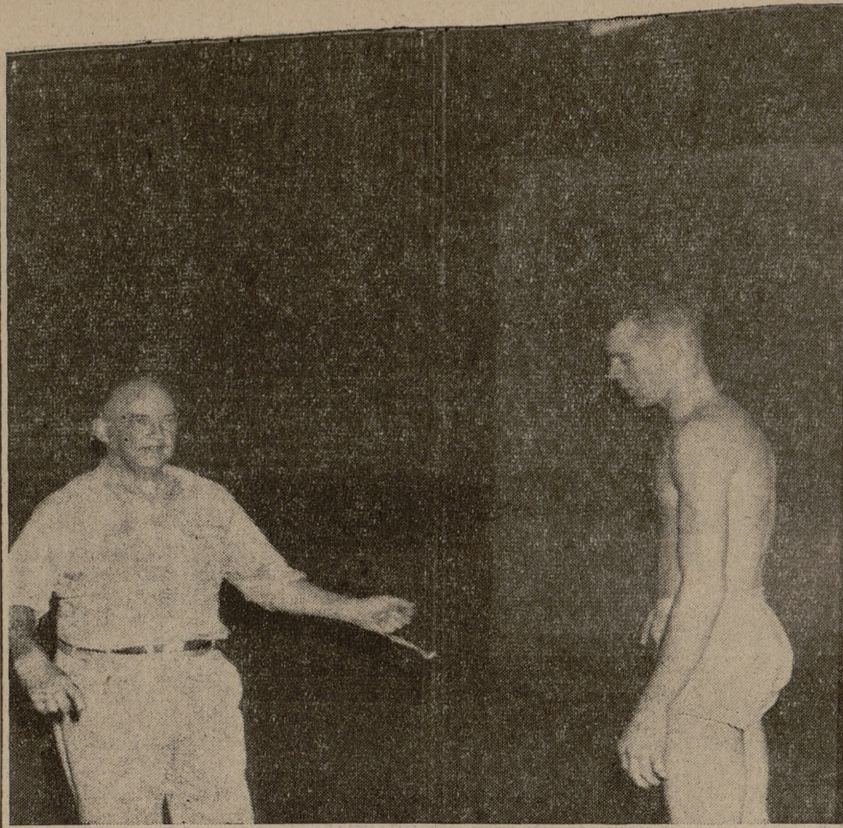
Saturday night A&M journeys to Waco to battle Baylor's Bears, currently locked in a three-way tie for fifth position in the SWC derby with Texas and TCU. All three have won one and dropped five in conference contests.

SMU, undefeated in loop games, and one of the top 20 teams in the nation seeks its 11th straight victory of the season tonight and its 22nd consecutive triumph on its home court. The Mustangs play host to an old rival—the University of Texas. Baylor and second place Arkansas clash at Fayetteville in another game tonight.

Bill Brophy, 6-3 Aggie marksman, dunked 33 points in A&M's loss to Houston to set the individual high mark for single game scoring on the team this season. His point making efforts during the holidays pushed him into the 8th spot among SWC season scorers.

Brophy's 228 points over the season is also tops on the Aggie quintet, with sophomore Ken Hutto only four points behind with 224. Hutto has the best per-game average to date with 14.9.

George Mehaffey remains first among Cadet sharpshooters in SWC scoring with 101 points, although he dropped from third to a seventh place tie with Arkansas' Manuel Whitley among conference leaders. Hutto is eighth in SWC scoring, having bucketed 95 points.



THE LONG AND SHORT OF IT—Coach Ken Loeffler, who is officially listed at 5-10, steps in front of A&M's George Mehaffey, tallest man on the starting quintet at 6-4, to explain a thing or two in a practice session. A&M, now fourth in SWC standings, resumes play against Baylor at Waco Saturday night.

Swim Marks Fall As Ags Cop Meets

Marching through the South like Sherman's march through Georgia, A&M's unbeaten swimmers swept past four Southern opponents last week, breaking 11 pool and meet records and ending one teams' 24-meet win streak.

Coach Art Adamson's Aggies smashed the University of Florida, 48-36, last Monday, pinned the first defeat on Florida State in 24 meets, 49½-34½, Wednesday, crushed Emory University, 57-27, Thursday, and ended the tour with a 53-31 mauling of Georgia Tech on Friday.

Paced by Tetsuo Okamoto, who copped seven first places, the Aggie splashers ran roughshod over their four hosts, sweeping 29 firsts to but 11 for the Southern teams. Norman Ufer, Dick Weick and Gayle Klippe combined to set a

pool record of 2:59.4 in the medley relay against Florida and cut two full seconds off that time to set another pool record against Florida State. Dick Hunkler replaced Weick against Emory and the three teamed up to rewrite the books a third time with a 2:58.3 clocking.

Okamoto zipped to four firsts, including a 2:16.5 meet record against Florida, in the 220-yard freestyle and took three number one positions in the 440-yard freestyle.

Weick replaced three records as he raced to four firsts in the 200-yard individual medley with a 2:23 meet record against Florida, a 2:21.2 pool record against Emory and a third against Georgia Tech with 2:26.4.

Team	W	L	Pct.	Pts.	Op.
So. Methodist	16	2	.888	1402	1153
Rice	15	3	.833	1499	1196
Texas	8	9	.471	1242	1261
Arkansas	7	9	.438	1107	1059
Texas A&M	6	12	.333	1239	1400
Baylor	4	13	.235	1078	1190
Texas Christian	3	15	.167	1131	1273

Player	Team	Pts.
Dick O'Neal	TCU	144
Ray Downs	Texas	133
Louis Estes	Baylor	130
Temple Tucker	Rice	126
Larry Showalter	SMU	103
Joe Durrenberger	Rice	102
George Mehaffey	A&M	101
Manuel Whitley	Arkansas	101
Ken Hutto	A&M	85
Norman Hooten	Texas	87

Player	Team	Pts.
Dick O'Neal	TCU	428
Temple Tucker	Rice	418
Ray Downs	Texas	412
Jim Krebs	SMU	316
Louis Estes	Baylor	282
Manuel Whitley	Arkansas	273
Joe Durrenberger	Rice	255
Bill Brophy	A&M	228
Norman Hooten	Texas	221
Larry Showalter	SMU	220

Team	Score
Texas 85, West Texas State 79	
Oklahoma City University 76, A&M 56	
SMU 92, Baylor 72	
Texas 80, Baylor 73	
Arkansas 74, TCU 72	
Rice 70, Lamar Tech 48	
SMU 58, Arkansas 53	
Houston 105, A&M 74	

Date	Game
Tuesday	Baylor vs. Arkansas at Fayetteville, SMU vs. Texas at Dallas.
Wednesday	TCU vs. Rice at Fort Worth.
Saturday	A&M vs. Baylor at Waco.
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Ponies Streak To SWC Lead With 6-0 Mark

With half the Southwest Conference basketball season in the record books SMU's high-flying Mustangs are off and running toward their second consecutive league title.

Undefeated with a 6-0 record, in SWC action, the Ponies downed the dangerous Arkansas Razorbacks in Fayetteville, 58-53, last Saturday to drop the Porkers into second place.

Team	W	L	Pct.	Pts.	Op.
So. Methodist	6	0	1.000	505	385
Arkansas	5	1	.833	464	397
Rice	4	2	.667	453	428
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