

Aggies Seeking Second Win Tonight Against Sam Houston in Huntsville

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OU Champion Again As Aggies Finish Fifth

NEW YORK, Dec. 4 &—Displaced only twice during the season, the Oklahoma Sooners finished on top in the final Associated Press poll to be rated the No. 1 college football team for the second straight year.

The high-geared Oklahoma winners of 40 consecutive games, also were rated the No. 1 team in 1950, so their third such designation retires the Rev. J. Hugh O'Donnell, C. S. C., Memorial Trophy, placed in competition by Notre Dame in honor of the former president of that institution.

The Sooners piled up a total of 1,715 points in the vote of the 187 sports writers and broadcasters participating in the final poll. Unbeaten Tennessee was a good second with 1,618 points, with the Rose Bowl-bound Iowa Hawkeyes third with 1,270 points, based on

the system of 10 points for first, 9 for second, and on down to one point for a 10th-place ranking.

Georgia Tech took fourth place with 1,211 points, and the Texas Aggies, Miami, Michigan, Syracuse, Michigan State and Oregon State in that order made up the remainder of the top 10.

The top 10 with first-place votes in parentheses:

1. Oklahoma 140 - 1,715
 2. Tennessee 48 - 1,618
 3. Iowa 15 - 1,270
 4. Georgia Tech 4 - 1,211
 5. Texas A&M - 1,070
 6. Miami 12 - 867
 7. Michigan 1 - 699
 8. Syracuse - 406
 9. Michigan State - 309
 10. Oregon State 3 - 229
- Second 10:
11. Baylor 1 - 198
 12. Minnesota - 183
 13. Pittsburgh - 175
 14. Texas Christian - 118
 15. Ohio State - 60
 16. Navy - 57
 17. George Washington - 51
 18. Southern California - 33
 19. Clemson - 28
 20. Colorado - 25

Ag Five Loses to Centenary, Down St. Mary's, 69-60

By BARRY HART
Battalion Sports Editor

A&M's hardwood quintet journeyed to Huntsville to battle the Sam Houston Bearkats looking for their second win in the young basketball season tonight at 8 p.m.

Coach Ken Loeffler's Aggie five opened their home season with a 69-60 victory over St. Mary's of San Antonio after dropping the first start to Centenary, 67-59 in Shreveport last Saturday.

The Aggie Fish of Coach Lee Frasier lost a close one to the Allen Academy Ramblers, 60-58, in their season opener Monday.

With four players hitting in double figures, the Cadets blew an 11-point lead, went behind once, and came back to drop the Rattlers with an eight-point spurt midway

in the second half.

Sophomore Jack Schwake paced the night's scorers with 18 points followed by George (Spider) Mehaffey's 16 while Ken Hutto and Neil Swisher dropped in 10 each. Little Willie Abate took high-point honors for the St. Mary's crew with 16.

The Rattlers broke the ice with a field goal after 23 seconds of play but A&M's Stu Heller tied it up 12 seconds later. Mehaffey and Swisher moved the score to 8-6 when Schwake, Mehaffey and Hutto moved A&M out in front by 14-7 with 14:28 left in the first half. The Aggies pulled to their largest lead of the night with 12:54 remaining at 20-9, but Abate and Carl Wanke got hot and moved the St. Mary's team to within four

at 25-21.

Mehaffey, Schwake and Swisher pulled A&M back into an eight-point lead, but Abate and Wanke pushed through 10 between them to make the intermission score read Aggie 35, St. Mary's 33.

A jump shot by John Kloza and a pair of free throws by Darrell Pool gave the Rattlers their second lead of the game 37-36, but it was short-lived as Schwake dropped in two gratis-throws and a jump shot to regain the lead for A&M.

The closest St. Mary's came was at 44-43 with 14:35 remaining to play, but Jim McNichol and Schwake pulled the Aggies out in front to stay with their largest margin of the second half coming with 19 seconds left at 69-58. Abate's jump shot closed the night's scoring with six seconds remaining.

After leading 31-29 at the half, the Fish lost control of the backboards upon the departure of 6-6 Dave Corson and 6-8 Wayne Lawrence and lost, 60-58. Lawrence paced the first-game scorers with 24 points

BOX SCORE		Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Aggies		4	2	3	10
Hutto, g		1	0	0	2
Harrod, g		1	0	0	2
Mehaffey, f		6	4	4	16
Schwake, f		4	10	3	18
Swisher, g		3	4	0	10
Heller, c		2	0	4	4
McNichol, c		3	3	0	9
TOTALS		23	23	17	69
Rattlers		4	1	1	6
Kahl, g		0	0	1	0
Abate, g		5	8	1	16
Francher, f		0	0	1	0
Garza, f		2	0	1	4
Wanke, f		3	4	2	10
Costello, g		2	0	1	4
Kloza, f		3	2	4	8
O'Brien, f		1	3	1	5
Pool, c		4	3	3	11
Rivers, c		1	0	1	2
TOTALS		21	18	18	60

Officials: Johnson and Preston. Free throws missed: Hutto, Schwake 6, Harrod, McNichol 3, Garza, Wanke 4, O'Brien 3, Pool 3. Halftime score: A&M 35, St. Mary's 33.

SPORTS PLANT

By BARRY HART

I was the unfortunate witness to one of the worst exhibitions I have seen in my five years on this campus.

Monday night the Aggies opened their 1956-57 basketball season with a 69-60 victory over St. Mary's of San Antonio in White Coliseum. With the majority of Aggies still on the road after the Thanksgiving holidays, there was a sparse crowd of perhaps 500 with possibly 200 A&M students on hand.

I would guess that the St. Mary's team had 50 supporters in the stands, but they sounded like 500. Never in my memory has a visiting crowd out-yelled the Aggies here in Aggieland, but it happened Monday night. None of the A&M yell leaders were present, but that shouldn't have made any difference. The St. Mary's fans came out with a number of organized yells that completely shut out the meagre Aggie clapping.

It was as if the Aggies were visiting another average cookie-pusher school and were out-yelling, typically, the home fans. To me it seemed as if the A&M followers and students were ashamed of their team—ashamed to make any noise to let their boys know they were behind them in their winning effort. Football is over and it looks like the spirit is too.

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Tigers Edge Montgomery As Buzzer Sounds, 47-46

Bobby Potts dropped a one-handed jump shot as the buzzer sounded to give the Consolidated Tigers a narrow 47-46, victory over Montgomery in Tiger Gym last night.

In the "B" game, the CHS five lost a close, 27-25, decision to the Bears second team in a sudden-death overtime.

Behind by six points at the start of the final period, the Tigers got hot and moved to within a point when Potts dropped through his clutch shot to give the CHS bunch

their first victory of the 1956-57 cage season. They lost their opener, 74-34, to Richards a week ago.

Potts took high point honors for the Tigers with 19, but Robert Coatney had 21 for the Bears to top all scorers. Don Avera had 14 for CHS as did Dick Martin for Montgomery.

The lead changed hands continually during the game with the Tigers' biggest margin coming at halftime at 20-17.

The Tiger "B" team took their opener, 31-30, against Richards.

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