

Aggies Lose to TCU in Overtime Despite Play Of Sophomores, 62-59

Regulation Game Tied at 55-55

By BARRY HART

Despite the valiant efforts of sophomores Neil Swisher, Jim McNichol and Ernie Turner, A&M lost a 62-59 overtime battle to the TCU Horned Frogs last night in White Coliseum.

Neil Swisher, without a doubt the finest sophomore cager in the Southwest Conference, meshed a pair of free throws in the pressure-packed silence of 4,000 partisan fans with 11 seconds remaining in the regulation game to tie the score, 55-55, and send the game in a five-minute overtime period.

The Aggies had moved the ball in Coach Ken Loeffler's give-and-go for 1:20 before Swisher made his drive toward the basket to the screams of "Shoot, shoot." TCU's Ronnie Stevenson blocked the Victoria ace's path and fouled Swisher. A&M took time out, then Neil dropped his gratis shots.

A&M was never ahead in the overtime period, coming within one point twice, at 55-56 and 59-60, but Dick O'Neal and Co. were a little too much for the fired-up Aggies. Last night's action was the second consecutive overtime game in the coliseum. A week ago the Cadets dropped Texas, 69-67.

George Mehaffey, playing with a heavily taped ankle injured in the Arkansas game, fouled out with 5:03 left in the first half, and therein lay the Aggie downfall. Mehaffey managed only five points before leaving the game and his scoring and rebounding would have been the difference in the second half.

Swisher paced A&M's scorers with 15, followed by Ken Hutto's 14. Turner, who left with 5:05

of the regulation time remaining, meshed 10 and played a terrific game in Mehaffey's absence.

McNichol, the Philadelphia sophomore, saw only 15 minutes of action, but his five points and five rebounds in the closing minutes kept A&M in the game.

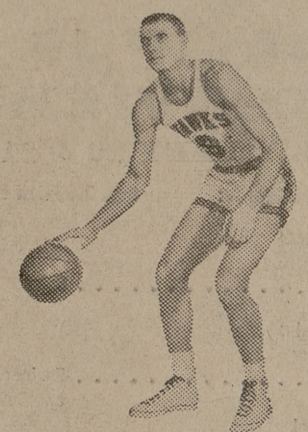
TCU (62)		Agg. (59)		Totals	
Player	Points	Player	Points	Player	Points
Stevenson, f.	5-10	Hutto, g.	4-11	Totals	20-61
Kirchner, f.	0-3	Harrod, g.	4-15	Reb.	22-37
O'Neal, c.	9-28	Connally, f.	0-3	Pf.	36
O'Bannon, g.	1-4	Swisher, f.	6-9	Tp.	13
King, g.	3-5	Turner, f.	3-7		62
Nippert, f.	1-7	McNichol, f.	2-5		
Davis, f.	0-0	Team Rebound	2-5		
Brunson, f.	1-3				
Team Rebound	0-0				

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TCU Wogs Down Aggie Fish, 71-64

By JIM CARRELL

For the second game in a row excessive fouling cost the Texas A&M Fish two starters and perhaps a victory as they lost 71 to 64 to the TCU Wogs last night in White Coliseum.

The Fish led only once, that when Dick Anderson opened scoring after 33 seconds, but did manage to tie up on seven occasions to keep it close and the outcome in doubt.

As has been the case in every Fish game this year Wayne Lawrence led Fish scorers with 26 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, maintaining his 26-point average for the season.

Tommy Meacham, the Wog's 6-5 forward from Ft. Worth, led scorers for the night with 28 points.

TCU Frosh (71)		Agg. Fish (64)		Totals	
Player	Points	Player	Points	Player	Points
Curtis, f.	1-8	Lawrence, f.	11-26	Totals	23-72
Davis, f.	1-3	Corson, f.	1-9	Reb.	25-39
Roberson, f.	0-8	J. Anderson, f.	4-11	Pf.	59
Jenkins, f.	1-3	D. Anderson, f.	2-6	Tp.	15
Meacham, f.	10-19	Meyers, f.	5-9		71
Turner, f.	6-16	Wallace, f.	3-11		
Benham, f.	0-2	Frels, f.	0-0		
Tyler, f.	4-13	Edge, f.	0-0		
Team Rebound	2-2	Team Rebound	4-4		



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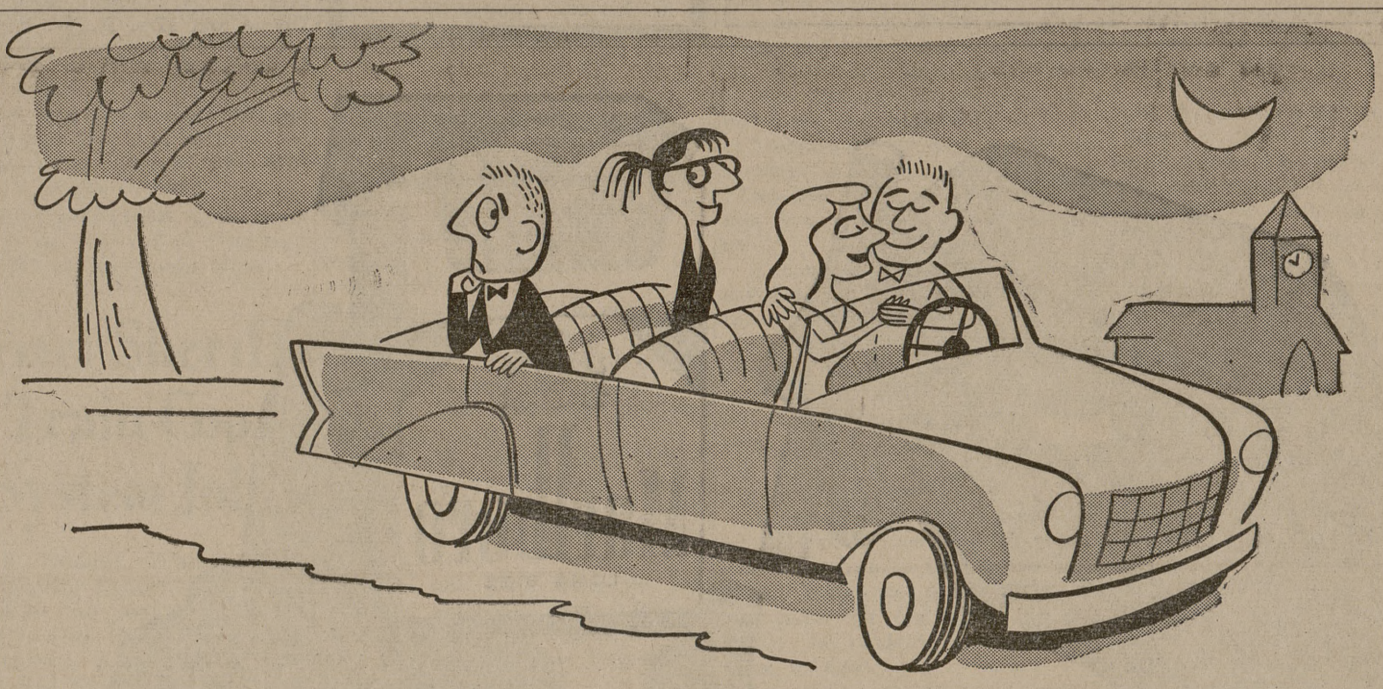
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