

# Ags Again Rip UT, 71-61

## Swisher Sets All-Time Aggie Scoring Mark

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AUSTIN—The Aggies had to come from behind last night in Gregory Gymnasium to defeat a determined Texas Longhorn five 71-61 in conference play.

Texas tied the score six times and led at the half, 32-30, before the sharpshooting Aggies, led by Wilmer Cox and Neil Swisher, overtook the fast running Steers and won.  
Swisher set a new all-time

A&M scoring record last night when he tallied 21 points to bring his 3-year total up to 964, 11 more than that set by Buddy Davis in 1949-51.  
The Aggies jumped off to a quick seven point lead with seven minutes gone in the game but the Steers' lanky Wayne Clark, a 6-11 center, scored a quick six points and senior Jay Arnette dumped 14 to pull the Longhorns back into the race.

Aggies made 63 per cent of their shots from the floor while Texas shot a pretty good 41.1.  
Cox tied Swisher for scoring honors among the Aggies with 21 points, hitting 59 per cent of his shots. Archie Carroll was next in A&M's scoring with 13.

The win left the Aggies with a 15-7 season record and a 6-6 mark in SWC. Texas is in the cellar in SWC games with a 1-11 mark and a 3-19 season record.  
A&M's next game will be Saturday night when they face the Rice Owls in Houston.

## McNichol the Yankee Paces Cadet Defense

By BILL HICKLIN  
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Jim McNichol, affectionately called "Big Red" by his teammates, has become noted among Southwest Conference circles this year for his defensive prowess.  
The hefty 6-5 Philadelphia redhead has spent virtually all his moments on the hardwoods dogging the trail of the opposition's touted stars—and doing an exceptional job.

far below his average—as the Ags pounded TCU 61-45 for the tourney crown.  
Other circuit foes such as Rice and Tom Robitaille, Texas and Albert Almanza and Texas Tech and Leon Hill have found McNichol quite an obstruction in their usual scoring scheme.  
McNichol comes to A&M from Philadelphia where he was an outstanding performer for his high school outfit, West Catholic. There Jim won varsity numerals two years as West Catholic rolled to the Catholic city championship and to the finals of the city play-off which barred no Quaker City clubs.

As a result, McNichol has not been consistent among the top point makers for the Ags this year, although he often contributes more than his share. However, the enemy who is unfortunate enough to draw McNichol for a playmate is usually in for a skimpy evening.

Attending Aggie land on scholarship, McNichol, who will receive a degree in history this spring, hopes to find work in Texas either as a teacher or as a coach.

Against conference champion Texas Christian, McNichol was given the task of halting the Frogs' ace, H. E. Kirchner. In one meeting—the finals of the Southwest Conference pre-season basketball tournament—the rangy pivot man restricted the Toad's scoring leader to only 13 points—

"I don't intend to go back to Philadelphia," said the redhead, "but I have made some contacts. It's all really undecided."

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McNichol also has hope that the Farmers may still be invited to the National Invitation Tournament in New York this spring. "After the Arkansas game, our chances appear pretty slim. But if we can do well in these final three games perhaps we'll be invited," commented McNichol.

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Arnette was nothing short of tremendous for Texas, hitting on 10 of 19 shots from the floor and scoring 12 of 12 free throws for a 32-point total for the night, a season high for the Steers.

Texas went ahead the last two minutes of the half on a jump shot by Jerry Smith and a tip-in by Clark. They hit 48.1 per cent of their shots that half while A&M sank 36.1.

The lead changed hands twice the second half before Wilmer Cox could break the deadlock and move the Farmers ahead for good.

Texas was behind only one point, 59-60, with four minutes remaining in the game but didn't make another point until Arnette sank two free tosses with one-half second remaining.

In that final half of play the

## Fish Lose Second Tilt To Yearlings, 90 - 76

AUSTIN—The Aggie Fish went down in defeat the second time this year at the hands of the Texas Shorthorns last night, 90-76.

The Yearlings jumped off to a quick 6-point lead in the first two minutes of the game and were never headed as they stretched their season record to a 10-1 mark. The Aggie frosh now stand 8-3 for the year.

Texas hit a red hot 59.5 per cent of their shots the first half while the Cadets couldn't buy a shot from the floor and hit a cold 25.6.

Behind 52-33, A&M came back onto the floor after the half and went to work as if they intended to make up the 19-point deficit. They managed to close the gap to

seven points, 53-60, with a little more than 10 minutes remaining but the Shorthorns again waxed hot and increased their lead to 21 points before moving the second team in for a little shooting practice.

The Steers' Bill Brown was high point man for the night with 29 points. A&M's Gary White was runnerup with 24 followed by Don Riggan and Carroll Broussard with 18.

The Farmers came on strong in the final minute of play, scoring 10 points while the Steer second unit was sinking four. Two of the Cadets' points came after the final buzzer had sounded, made when Pat Clancy stepped to the free throw line and sank two charity tosses.

The Aggies' final game of the season will come Saturday night when they face the Rice Owls in Houston. Rice was the team that dealt the Shorthorns their lone loss of the season. A&M defeated them earlier by a score of 64-51.

Dr. James Feurig, Michigan State's football team physician, played professionally with the Green Bay Packers when he was 18 and just out of high school.

## Cadets Start Baseball Play In Official Manner Tonight

Cadets have been anxiously peering at the sky and judging the wind today in hopes that February weather will let them get a premature baseball season under way tonight.

If the weather permits, the third annual Corps Baseball Program kicks off the 1959 season with a doubleheader on Travis Park in Bryan at 7:30. It will do so in fitting fashion.

Col. Charles E. Gregory, professor of air science, will toss out the first ball to officially begin league play at 7:30. Two Air Force ROTC squads, the 2nd Group and Consolidated Band, are scheduled to oppose each other in the opener.

In the 9:15 nightcap, the 3rd Battalion, 1st Regiment will take on the 5th Battalion, 2nd Regi-

ment in the first Army league game.

The program this year promises to be better than in the past two years, with each league enlarged to eight teams over the 6-team status in former years. The two leagues will play one round of seven games each, after which a playoff will decide the Corps champions.

Civilian students will be participating in the program for the first time this year. One Civilian team will be entered in each league, with Puryear, Law, Mitchell and Bizzell sponsoring a squad in the Army league, while the Hart, Walton, Leggett and Dorm 16 congregation will play with the Air Force.

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