

Ags Face Tough Competition This Week Against TU, SMU

The rafters in G. Rollie White Coliseum on the Texas A&M campus should get their sternest test in six years this week when the unbeaten Aggie cagers take on two of the top teams in the South-west Conference.

Bob Rogers' Aggies entertain Southern Methodist Tuesday night and the Texas Longhorns Friday night in two games that may go a long way in determining the SWC champion.

The Aggie freshmen play preliminaries in both games. The Fish, with a 3-2 record, meet Kilgore Junior College at 6 p. m. Tuesday prior to the varsity clash with SMU and then host the Texas Longhorns Friday—also at 6 o'clock.

Completed in March of 1954 too late for that cage season, the White Coliseum never has been filled to 8,500 capacity in six basketball seasons. Largest crowds

have been 6,000 plus affairs—one each with Texas, Rice and Baylor.

But when Doc Hayes and his smooth Mustangs come into College Station Tuesday for a rematch of last month's conference tournament finals a jammed house should witness the proceedings. A&M nipped the Ponies, 58-55 Dec. 30 to repeat as tourney champs in Houston.

Thus far this season the Aggies are 10 and zero—their finest in 40 years and won the first two league tests against Baylor and TCU. SMU was edged two points by Texas in Austin, then won over Texas Tech in Dallas Saturday.

The Aggies and Mustangs have had some rip-roaring affairs since Rogers left East Texas in June, 1957 to try his hand at big-time basketball.

There was the famous goal-tending incident two years ago

when A&M won 43-42 on a last-second ruling by the official. That was Rogers' first year at A&M and the upset ended SMU's 44-game home winning streak. A&M won both league games that season.

Last year the Aggies edged SMU in Dallas by two points on Wayne Lawrence's looping jump shot from the corner with three seconds remaining but the Mustangs won in Aggieland in the final game of the season last March. That game marked the end of a brilliant but short-lived career of Bobby James, SMU's great junior all-conference player who died in a tragic fire at his Ruston, La., home four nights later.

In the finals of the pre-season SWC meet at Houston week before last, both teams blew nine-point leads—A&M in the first half and SMU in the second period. SMU led the Aggies 51-42 with 9:16 remaining, then saw the Cadets out-

score them to the gun, 16 to 4. Carroll Broussard and Wayne Lawrence led the Aggies with 45 points between them. It was a cool sophomore, Broussard, tourney's most valuable player, who stepped to the free throw line with 47 seconds remaining to tie the score, then hit a 25-foot jump shot with 13 seconds to give the Aggies their victory.

After 10 games the Aggies are one of four unbeaten teams in the nation. Broussard is the top scorer for A&M with an 18.2 average. Lawrence is next with an 11.4 mark and is tops in rebounds with 85. A&M has an offensive average of 72.9 points per game to 53.2 for the opposition.

SWC CAGE CHART

SEASON STANDINGS					
Team	W	L	Pct	Pts	Op
Texas A&M	10	0	1.000	729	532
Texas	8	3	.727	873	736
SMU	8	4	.667	829	750
Arkansas	7	4	.636	763	722
Texas Tech	4	8	.333	779	829
Rice	3	9	.250	786	875
TCU	3	9	.250	798	849

CONFERENCE STANDINGS					
Team	W	L	Pct	Pts	Op
Texas A&M	2	0	1.000	133	163
Texas	3	2	.727	837	736
Arkansas	2	0	1.000	164	143
Texas Tech	1	1	.500	115	108
SMU	1	1	.500	105	102
Baylor	0	2	.000	134	158
TCU	0	2	.000	112	139
Rice	0	2	.000	114	123

LEADING SCORERS (SEASON)			
Player, School	G	F	Tp
Jay Arnette, Texas	76	77	229
David Craig, Rice	68	82	218
Steve Strange, SMU	80	53	213
Carroll Dawson, Baylor	71	59	201
Carroll Broussard, A&M	67	48	182
Gene Arrington, Tex Tech	72	35	179
Ronnie Garner, Arkansas	69	40	178
Bobby Tyler, TCU	63	40	165
Clyde Rhoden, Arkansas	59	65	165
Brenton Hughes, Texas	48	59	146

A&M Downs TCU, 65-52 Saturday

TCU's fired-up Horned Frogs threw a scare into the nationally prominent Aggie basketball team Saturday night in Fort Worth, but the Farmers, ranked 10th in the nation, rallied in the final period to down the stubborn Aggies, 65-52.

The hustling Christians led the heavily favored Cadets, 34-32, at the end of the first half, and at one time during that time period had upped their lead to a nine point margin, before the A&M guns, led by Sophomore Carroll Broussard and Junior Don Stanley, could pull the Ags out of the hole and close the gap.

Broussard Tops Scoring
Broussard, the top scorer on the A&M bounce-ball team, finished the game with 21 points, to take high scoring honors and keep his 18 point plus per game scoring average. Stanley had his second big night of the new year, scoring 14 and raised his average to an 8.4 point per game output.

The big difference in the first half was rebounding, with the inspired Frogs picking off 25 rebounds from the boards to a meager 17 for the Cadets. Both teams were close in shooting averages, A&M hitting 43.3 per cent of their shots from the floor while TCU was sinking 42.4 per cent of their efforts.

A&M finished the game with a 43.1 average, while their defensive

play in the final half held TCU to a 36.1 percentage. TCU kept their rebound edge, 45-41.

The victory was the Aggies' first in a decade in Fort Worth against TCU. Their last win there was in 1950.

Wogs Down Frosh
TCU's Wogs had earlier attempted to give their varsity big brothers a lesson in winning, taking the first game of the night from the A&M Fish, 53-47.

The Aggie Frosh were playing without the services of their speedy guard, Charles Minor, out with a leg injury, and with tall Jerry Windham playing only part of the game because of a recent bout with the flu.

Lager High Scorer
Willie Lager was the high scorer for the Fish, hitting for 14 points, trailed by teammate Jimmy Cobb's 12. Lewis Qualls scored nine.

Alton Adams of TCU led the shooters for the freshman contest, scoring 18 points.

The loss gave the Fish a 3-2 record for the season, losing only to tough Kilgore Junior College in Kilgore. The Frosh play Kilgore again tonight as a preliminary in which the varsity tackles the SMU Mustangs.



Speaking of Size . . .

The smallest player on the A&M team, 5-11 Charlie Minor, doesn't have much in common with 7-0 Lewis Qualls, except they both play a top brand of basketball for the A&M Fish. Minor is second in Frosh scoring with a 14.7 point per game average, while Qualls is the leading rebounder with 48 to his credit. Qualls is third in scoring with a 11.8 point per game average.

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