

Red Hot Farmers-Cool Owls, 61-43; Take Over Undisputed First in SWC

Bob Rogers and his crew cut five, the hottest basketball combo in the jazzy Southwest Conference, cooled the Rice Owls last night in Houston, 61-43, to pull into undisputed first place in the Southwest Conference race.

With Wayne Lawrence and Don

Stanley calling the tune, the Cadets trailed the Owls only in the opening minutes of the game, and at one point in the second period boasted a 22 point lead.

Lawrence, Stanley and brother Pat were the only Aggs scoring in the double figures, with Lawrence hitting for 13, Pat for 10 and Don for 11. Butch Craig was high point man for Rice with 19 points, 16 of them in the first period.

The Farmers moved away from a 34-26 halftime lead to a quick 17 point margin halfway through the second half before Rice could ever muster a field goal, and scored 14 points to four for the Owls before the Houstonians could begin a rally.

Junior Elliott Craig was the sparkplug for the Cadets in the second period, coming in on relief

and scoring eight points before the final buzzer, hitting for six in the final three minutes.

The win gave the Aggs undisputed first place in the league with a 4-1 SWC record, trailed by SMU and Arkansas with 3-1 marks. The Farmers are 12-1 for the season and ranked 10th in the nation according to Associated Press.

Defense was the big answer the Aggies came up with in the final frame, limiting Rice to only 17 points, eight of them coming from the floor. The rest were free tosses, with Butch Craig scoring two in the final eight seconds.

A&M's outstanding sophomore, Carroll Broussard, had another one of his off nights after racking up 29 points against Texas last Friday, being held to eight points by

the persistent Owls.

All Southwest Conference teams will be idle for the remainder of the semester, with A&M the first to jump back into action Feb. 1-2 with two games against inter-sectional foes of California, Santa

Clara and San Francisco. A&M will open SWC play again Feb. 6 against Texas Tech in College Station.

The win was the Aggies' first against Rice in Southwest Conference play since 1952.

A&M	FG	FT	TP	Rice	FG	FT	TP
Broussard	4	0	8	Craig	5	9	19
Lawrence	4	5	13	Maroney	1	0	2
Annette	0	2	7	Fox	0	1	2
D. Stanley	2	7	11	Davis	0	2	2
P. Stanley	4	2	10	McQueary	1	0	2
Cox	0	0	0	Mills	0	0	0
Chapman	2	1	6	Smith	4	6	14
Smith	1	1	3	Burris	0	1	1
Craig	3	2	8	Park	0	0	0
Corson	0	0	0	Gordan	0	0	0
Keller	0	0	0	Sullivan	1	0	2
Total	20	21	61	Total	12	19	43

SPORT SLANTS

By BOB WEEKLEY

If you ever happen to take a trip down Port Arthur way with the intention of seeing A&M's sophomore basketball sensation, Carroll Broussard, you'd do well to carry his address along with you in your pocket.

For the name of Broussard in that community is about as common as Smith is in New York, or the Irish name of Younkerwitz as Notre Dame.

The Monicker is so common down there on the border of Louisiana, that Broussards occupy a full five columns in the phone book, and by just casually scanning the names, it seems they are all blessed with the same first initials.

All this could be very good news for basketball Coach Bob Rogers, who might be persuaded to sign another Broussard or two if they could present the same credentials as Carroll. As a matter of fact, Rogers might do well to investigate William C. Broussard, a sophomore from Beaumont. With a name like that he's bound to have some potential.

The Associated Press basketball pool made a liar out of me yesterday, and it was one time I didn't mind having the tag placed on my name.

Last week, after SMU had downed the Aggs and knocked them from the undefeated ranks in America, I had predicted that the Farmers would be knocked down deep into the top 20 in the national standings, probably 18th or 19th.

And lo and behold, the ratings came out yesterday and there were the Aggies, 10th in the nation, right behind Utah State.

The Aggies victory over Rice last night sent the Aggies into the undisputed lead for first place, since Baylor pulled the noose tight around Texas Monday night and sent them into a tie for fourth with Texas Tech and Rice.

A&M now leads the pack with a 4-1 Southwest Conference record, and an 12-1 season mark. Southern Methodist and Arkansas, both idle this week, are tied for second with 3-1 marks.

The Farmers will hold this lead until February, since all league teams are idle, until then.

February 1 the Aggs pack their suitcases and journey out to the West Coast where they will put their national rankings on the line against San Francisco and Santa Clara, both of California.

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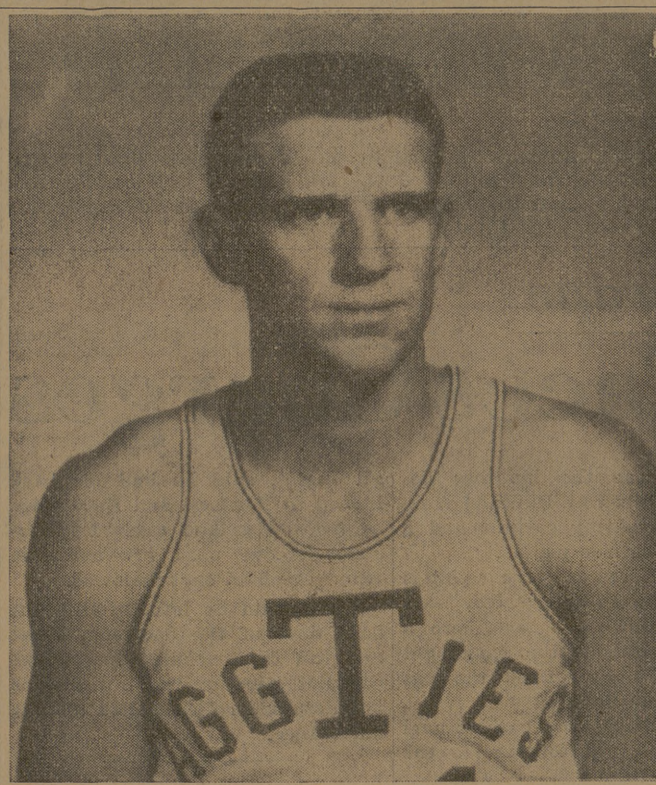
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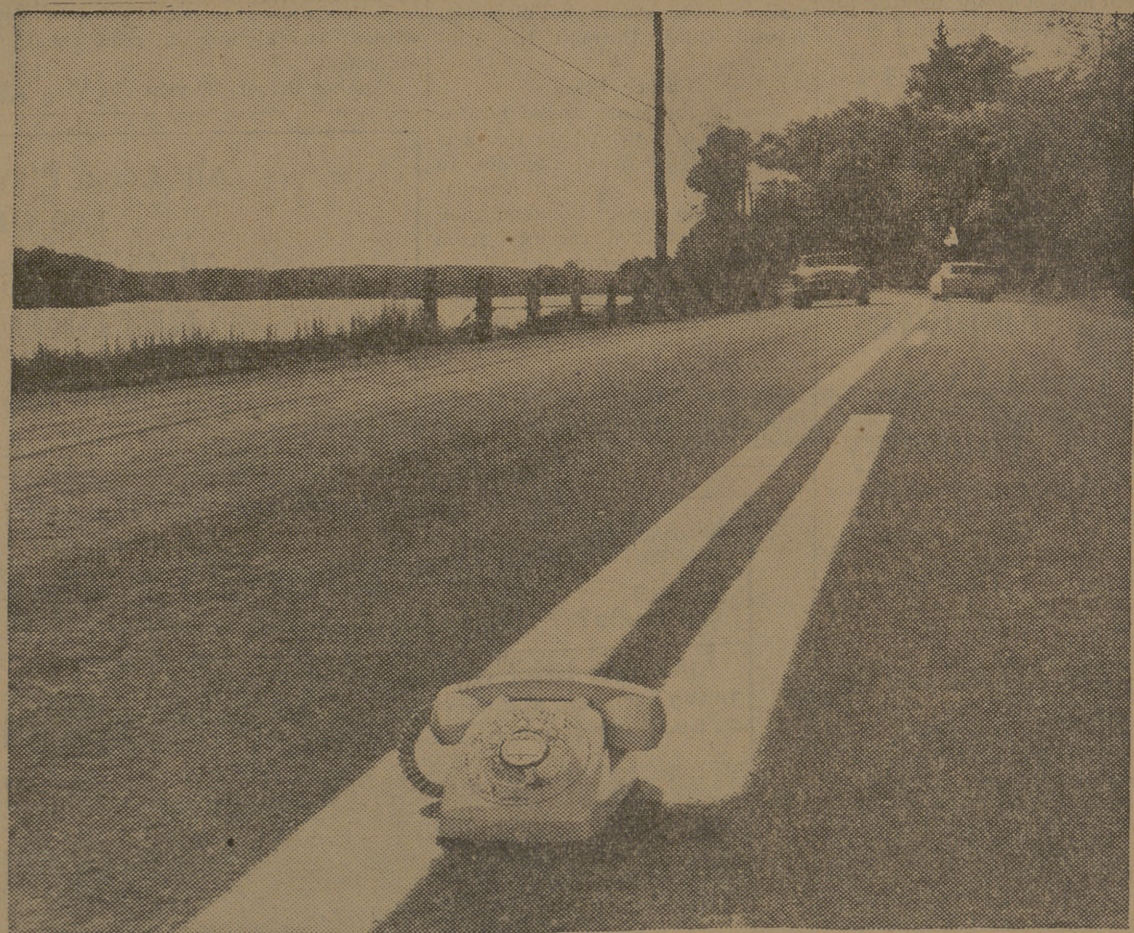
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