



Signing Autographs

Carroll Broussard, A&M's brilliant senior forward, signs autographs for jubilant youngsters after the game against TCU last Saturday night.

Rice Dims Ags' Hopes, 63-62

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It was a great day for the United States, the Bryan Broncos and the Rice Owls — but it was a gloomy night for the Aggie cagers as they lost a heartbreaker to the Owls in Houston, 63-62.

Astronaut Lt. John Glenn was sent into orbit and brought down to earth safely. The Bryan Broncos won a bi-district basketball game over the McAllen Bulldogs, 49-45. But with A&M it was a different story. After the loss to Rice, the Cadet's hopes of the Southwest Conference flag is considerably dimmed, especially since SMU and Texas Tech won their respective games last night.

The Ponies and the Red Raiders remained tied for the SWC lead and the Aggies dropped down to the second position with a 7-4

record. SMU and Tech each have an 8-3 mark.

Windham Hits 17

Ag center Jerry Windham continued his fine play that he has displayed in the past three games as he was the top scorer for the game with 17 points. Only five of these points came in the second half. Windham also led the Aggies in rebounds with 11. Rice's 6-10 sophomore center, Kendall Rhine was top rebounder of the game as he grabbed 13 off the boards.

Benny Johnson and Tommy Smith closely followed Windham in the scoring column with 16 and 15 points, respectively.

A&M's top scorer, Carroll Broussard, was held to his season low of seven points. Broussard was closely guarded by Larry Phillips and Ollie Shipley throughout most of the contest. Since Broussard was two-timed, Johnson and Smith

were open for shots that they quickly capitalized on.

Ags Lead in Percentages

In the field goal shooting department, the Aggies led with a 45.6 percentage as they hit on 26 out of 57 attempts. Rice made good on 27 out of 62 shots for a 43.5 average.

The Owls edged the Cadets in rebounds, 39-37.

A&M started out strong in the first half with Smith, Benny Johnson and Windham leading the way. At the intermission the Aggies enjoyed a 35-30 lead and Smith had hit on 5 out of 6 field goal attempts.

It was the beginning of the second half that Rice quickly closed the gap on the Aggies and went ahead. Behind the "red-hot" shooting of Herb Steinkamp and Jim Fox, who was top scorer for Rice with 15 points, the Owls

hit on the first 7 out of 8 field goal attempts in the second half.

Rice controlled the game until with 3:03 left, the Ags tied it

up on a jump shot by Don Drake. Then nine seconds later he banged in a tip-in and they were on to win.

A&M gets back into action Friday night in G. Rollie White Coliseum when the Arkansas Razorbacks come to Aggieland. The game time is 8 p.m.

Varsity Swimmers 1st In Meet With Texas

A&M's varsity swimming team swiped six first places from the Texas Longhorns Saturday to win the dual swimming meet held in P. L. Downs Natatorium.

The Baker brothers, Bob and Bill turned in the key performances that gave the Ags 54 points over Texas' 41.

The Texas freshmen won over the Aggie Fish swimmers in the other half of the double-header, 60 to 26.

Varsity:

400-yard medley relay: 1—A&M

(Bob Baker, Oscar Cordon, Jim CoVan, David Kass). 2 — Texas. Time 4:12.8.

220-yard freestyles: 1 — Jay Smith, Texas. 2 — Tom Kennerly, A&M. 3 — Keg Watts, A&M. Time 2:15.6.

50-yard freestyles: 1 — Bob Baker, A&M. 2 — John McKinney, A&M. 3 — Tom Werlin, Texas. Time 0:23.3.

266 1/2-yard individual medley: 1 — Bill Baker, A&M. 2 — Carroll Henderson, Texas. 3 — Jerry Dastmond, Texas. Time 3:12.6.

Diving: 1 — Gordon Beavers, Texas. 2 — Earl Beaty, Texas. 3 — Charles Teas, A&M.

200-butterfly: 1 — Jerry Desmond, Texas. 2 — Richard Worthington, Texas. 3 — Jim CoVan, A&M. Time 2:39.1.

100-yard freestyle: 1 — Bill Baker, A&M. 2 — John McKinney, A&M. 3 — Jay Smith, Texas. Time 0:52.4.

200-yard backstroke: 1 — Bill Crenshaw, A&M. 2 — Ronny Miller, A&M. 3 — Bob Hatcher, Texas. Time 2:25.6.

440-yard freestyles: 1 — Jay Smith, Texas. 2 — Scott Bookwith, A&M. 3 — Keg Watts, A&M. Time 5:09.5.

200-yard breaststroke: 1 — Richard Worthington, Texas. 2 — Carroll Henderson, Texas. 3 — Oscar Cordon, A&M. Time 2:29.4.

400-yard freestyle relay: 1 — A&M (Bob Baker, David Kass, Tom Kennerly, Bill Baker). 2 — Texas. Time 3:33.2. New Pool Record — Old Record of 3:34.6 set by Texas, March 10, 1961.

Fish Blast Owlets In 77-51 Rout

Winning by five more points than they did here two weeks ago, the Fish cagers showed the Rice Owlets that playing at home isn't always all it's cracked up to be. In keeping with their late-in-the-season spurt of triumphs, the Aggie freshman routed the Rice frosh, 77-51, last night in Houston.

With 77 points, Coach Shelby Metcalf's Fish made their best offensive showing of the season. They had scored 76 in their second game, a win over Kilgore Junior College, and 75 against the Texas Yearlings last week.

Game high-point man was Fish forward Jay Baker, who had 16 counters. Baker has been making motions at outstanding play in the last few games and has been the second high season scorer for the Fish.

Bill Tiner dropped 14 points for the Owlets and was second highman in the game.

David Glover, Tim Timmerman and Tommy Bantle each had 13 points for the Fish as they led comfortably for most of the contest.

The Fish hit 28 of 62 for a

45.3 shooting percentage, slightly more than their season percentage of 39.4. The Owlets were able to connect with only 15 of 49 for 30.6 per cent.

Bantle collected 9 missed shots to help the Fish keep their season-long rebounding totals high. They came away from the boards with 53 to the Owlets' 42. Usually aggressive Bill Siegmund of the Rice frosh was held to 8 rebounds.

The Fish have now won five and lost six, most of the wins coming late in the season. In the last two weeks they trounced the Owlets 70-59, dropped a heartbreaker to the Shorthorns, 80-75, and edged the TCU Wogs last weekend, 57-56.

After a long layover, the Fish will end the season against the Baylor Cubs here on March 6.

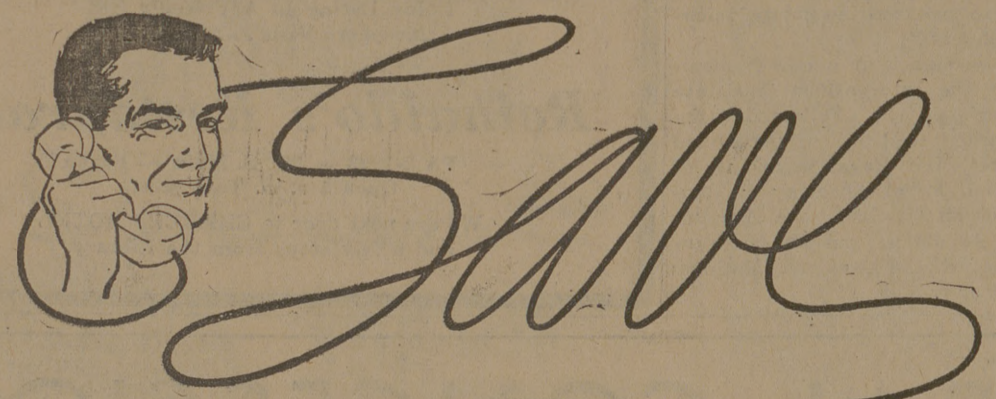
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