

IN DALLAS, 71-68

# Cold Spell, SMU Beat Ags After Torrid First Period

A cold spell that made the last couple of days at Aggieland look like summer hit Bob Rogers' cagers in Dallas Saturday night and permitted SMU to take a 71-68 victory.

The Cadets hit only two field goals in the second half after a torrid first half that ended with a 46-36 A&M lead.

THE LOSS to the Mustangs, coupled with Texas' 78-58 win over

Texas Tech, dropped the Aggies into second place in the conference with a 3-1 record. Their season slate stands at 10 wins and three defeats.

Bennie Lenox had 17 points and Paul Timmins had 13 to account for the Cadets' halftime bulge. Lenox finished with 21 to lead all scorers and Timmins fouled out with 16 points.

Dave Siegmund and Gene Elmore led the Mustangs with 18 points each. SMU outrebounded the Aggies for the first time this season, grabbing off 44 to the Cadets' 38.

A&M held onto its halftime lead for most of the second half despite the frigid shooting. Free throws accounted for 18 of the Farmers' points in the second half.

SMU WENT ahead 64-63 with five minutes remaining in the game and a jump by Elmore 30 seconds later made the difference.

Following a break for final exams, the Aggies test the hotshot Houston Cougars Jan. 30 in a non-conference clash. The Cadets edged the Cougars 69-67 at G. Rolie White Coliseum earlier in the season.

## Aggie Rifle Team Loses To Arlington

The A&M Rifle Team was defeated by the Arlington State College team in a match fired to determine the Southwest Rifle Association championship. The team scores: Arlington State, 1,444 points out of a possible 1,500; A&M, 1,423 points.

The match, fired Friday night on an indoor range at Fort Hood, was a play-off, since the Aggies and Arlington State each suffered one defeat during regular competition. The association basically parallels the Southwest Conference.

High scorer for the Aggies was Benny L. Riddle, a freshman from Fort Worth.

## Roberts Leads Ag Thinclads In Houston Indoor Showing

Led by shot-putting ace Danny Roberts, members of the Aggie track team made a good showing in Friday night's Houston indoor track and field competition.

Roberts lobbed the steel ball 55-5 1/2 to cop a first in his event, and Louis Poland and John Collins took second in the pole vault and high jump, respectively.

FRED BERMAN, one-time great man with the shot, was the judge in his specialty event. He had praise for both Roberts and University of Houston's Bob Merlo, who threw 53-3 for second place.

"Getting the distances they did," said Berman, "without a toe board is fantastic. I believe Roberts would have gone out to 60 feet if there had been a toe board."

Later he emphasized, "I believe Roberts can do 60 feet. He has that speed."

Poland's second place was behind Texas' formidable Steve Guynes. Both men went to 14 feet and the event was graded on fewest misses. A&M's Gil McDaniel took fourth in the pole vault with 13-6.

Collins and McMurry College's Jack Russell high jumped 6-4. The places were awarded on the number of misses here as well. Ag Don Deaver took third with a 6-2 effort.

CONDITIONS in the Sam Houston Coliseum were, to say the least, a bit unusual for the competitors. In addition to the absence of a toe board for the shot putters, the vaulters had to make takeoffs on a new plywood runway, hurdlers and dashmen had to skim over a metal drain cover and runners traveled on concrete lined with yellow tape.

Former conference sprint star Ralph Alspaugh from Texas commented on conditions "... of course, it's hard on the legs, but it's as fair for one as it is the other."

## Star Halfback Signs At A&M

Assistant Football Coach Joel Wahlberg signed All-Houston halfback Lloyd Curington to a pre-enrollment application last weekend.

The fleet 18-year-old is due to be graduated from Stephen F. Austin High School Jan. 24. Curington was a consensus All-District 9-AAAA his senior year and was named to the third team All-State backfield.

Noted for his broken-field running and pass catching, Curington could prove to be a big feature in Aggie offenses of the near future.

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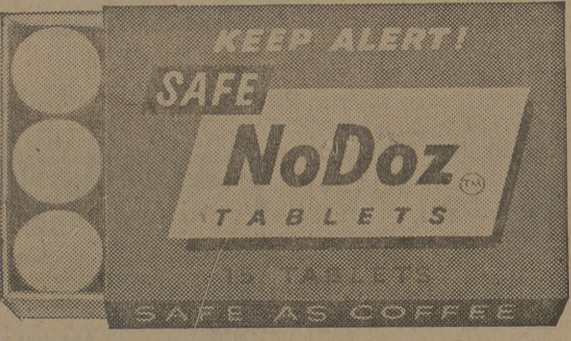
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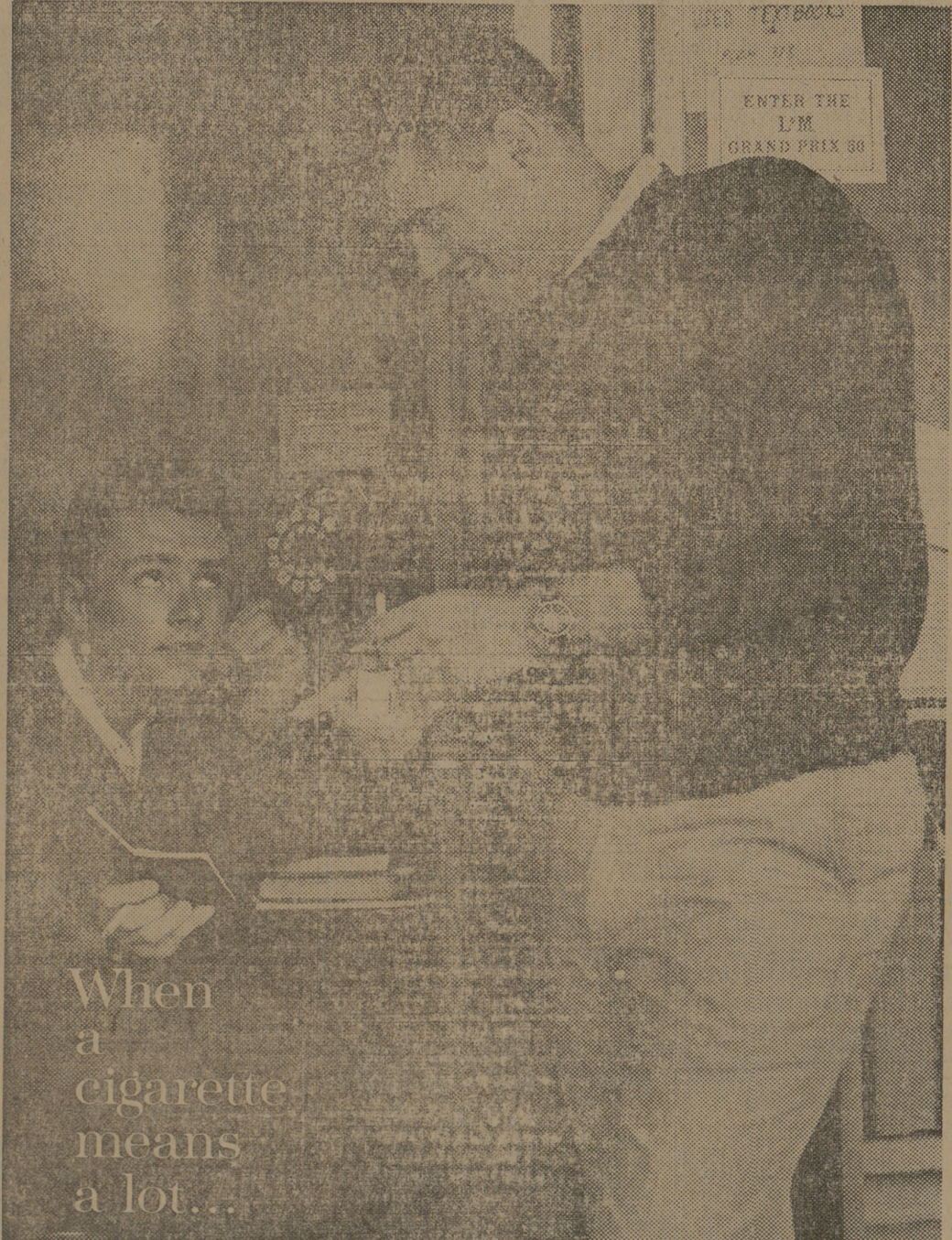
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