

High Scores, High Hopes For Cagers

Holiday Spree Raises Hopes

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A&M's kiddie cagers gave Old Man '63 a record breaking departure and greeted the diaper-clad New Year with a bang in basketball action over the Christmas Holidays.

Shelby Metcalf's young crew played five games during the break and won three in a surprisingly strong showing. Their two losses came at the hands of a pair of the country's top-ranked teams—Oklahoma City and Wichita.

Oklahoma City topped the Cadets 80-70 in the opening game of the Houston Classic with all-America candidate Bennie Lenox pacing the Aggies with 24 points. The second game in Houston had the Aggies on top of Mississippi State, 58-54.

Christmas Eve found the Cadets on a train heading for Oklahoma City and a date in the All-College Tournament.

A&M took the measure of Washington in the opener 61-53. Top-seeded Wichita knocked the Aggies into the loser bracket with a 70-56 win to set the stage for A&M's record-shattering game with once-beaten Wyoming.

When the smoke cleared, Lenox had scored 53 points, A&M had won 99-87 and clinched third place in the tournament.

The 99 points broke the school record of 96 set last season against Texas Tech and matched this season at the expense of Sam Houston State. The teams also set a 2-team tournament mark of 186 points set just the night before in Oklahoma City's 104 to 84 win over Wyoming.

Lenox's fantastic total came on 19 field goals and 15 of 17 free throws and broke the tournament mark of 50 set by Frank Selvy of Furman in 1953. The point total and number of field goals gained the Lynx another school record and improved on one he already held.

The old mark for most field goals in a game was held by Carroll Broussard with 17. Lenox broke his own record of 43 points in a game scored against Texas last year.

The Aggie captain now holds seven school records with the other six within his reach. The great Broussard held all thirteen records when he graduated in 1962 but has since seen his marks gradually wither under the prodigious production of Lenox.

A&M opened conference play Saturday night in Dallas with a 75-61 victory over the SMU Mustangs. The Ponies were 10 point favorites but couldn't contend with the Aggie height and torrid shooting of Lenox who paced the Cadets with 27 points.



ALL-AMERICAN?
Bennie Lenox shatters records.

Aggies Eye SWC Win Against Horned Frogs

By MARVIN SCHULTZ
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After winning their first conference tilt against SMU, the Aggie basketball team sets its sights on the TCU squad in tonight's SWC cage battle in G. Rollie White.

The visiting Frogs bring a 4-6 record into the game with their only conference loss coming at the hands of the Rice Owls, 82-73. The Aggies will bring a 6-4 card into the game and will be highlighted by the All-America candidate Bennie Lenox.

Probable starters in the TCU lineup will be Pat Peebles and Gary Turner at forward slots, David Hull and Bobby McKinley at guards while the center spot will go to Archie Clayton.

Turner, the 6-6 forward from Ft. Worth leads the Frog attack with 165 points for an average of 16.5 points a game. McKinley follows with a 14 point average with his total output of 140 points. The rebounding honor goes also to Turner who has gotten 102 rebounds for an average of 10.2 per game.

TCU has scored 635 points in their 10 outings of the year while the opponents have garnered 747. TCU and the Aggies have both met two common foes in Oklahoma City and the University of Houston. Oklahoma City hammered out

impressive victories over the Frogs, 96-70 and 67-52 while the Aggies were ousted by the same team, 80-70 in the Houston Classic.

Houston was downed by TCU by a 65-59 count while the Aggies opened the season by defeating the Cougars, 61-58. TCU's highest scoring total of 73 points for one game came against conference rival Rice in their first battle in the race for the title.

The Aggies starting lineup will

Porter's Fish Seek Victory

Seeking its first basketball victory of the season, the Aggie Fish prepare for the invasion of the TCU Wogs from Fort Worth in tonight's first game of a double header of cage action starting at 5:45.

Coach Archie Porter's crew wasn't treated so gently in the last month of '63, going down to defeat in their first three games. They lost twice to highly regarded Lon Morris and bowed to Henderson County Junior College in the other encounter.

The Wog attack will center around Wayne Kreis who is currently leading the team with 21.3 points a game. Rodney Chitsey and Rich Sauer will man the forward posts while Garvin Isaacs will join Kreis at guard duty. Stan Farr will be at the center post.

Curley Lenox leads the Fish charge and will be joined by J. C. Smith, Larry Kirk, Reggie Gilbreath and Tommy Casey.

Intramurals

Company C-3, Squadron 10 of the Veterinary Students lead the separate classes as the intramural program goes into the last week of activity before the end of the semester.

C-3 leads the Class A competition. Squadron 7 is five points behind in second place. Company 17 is in third place. In fourth is Company G-2. Company I-3 is in fifth.

Squadron 16 and Company 10 are tied for second place behind Squadron 17 in fourth place. In fifth is Company B-3.

In Class C the Vets lead with place Puryear Hall by 10 points.

Bowling will be the only competition to carry over into the spring semester. League play in Class B volleyball ends Friday, January 13. Class A football finishes will be completed January 12.

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Bruins Conquer Top Berth

By The Associated Press

Three major college basketball teams remained unbeaten after last Saturday's games but only UCLA made believers of the experts who rank the teams.

The Bruins from Westwood, Calif., swept into first place in The Associated Press weekly poll of sports writers and broadcasters Monday while Kentucky dropped to second after suffering its first defeat.

DESPITE THE defeats of such teams as Kentucky, Vanderbilt, Cincinnati and Duke, the same ten teams remained on the list of leaders but in a somewhat different order.

UCLA, second a week ago, moved to the top, receiving 31 first place votes out of 41 cast by AP panel members. The Bruins ran their season record to 11 straight victories by beating Washington

State twice, 88-83 and 121-77. Kentucky received only two first place votes.

KENTUCKY RAN its victory string to 10 before being upset by Georgia Tech Saturday 76-67.

Oregon State and Cincinnati split a pair of weekend games after each had won one earlier.

The top ten with first place votes in parentheses, season records through Saturday, Jan. 5 and

points on a 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis:

	W	L	Pts.
1. UCLA (31)	11	0	391
2. Kentucky (2)	10	1	322
3. Loyola (1)	10	1	308
4. Michigan (2)	10	1	264
5. Davidson (3)	10	0	238
6. Oregon State (2)	11	2	160
7. Vanderbilt	10	1	124
8. Cincinnati	8	3	104
9. Villanova	9	1	84
10. Duke	8	3	79

Louisville To Be Home Of A's Pending Approval Of Owners

BOSTON (AP)—American League President Joe Cronin said Monday night a meeting with Kansas City officials must precede discussion of possible movement of the Athletics franchise to Louisville.

Kansas City owner Charles O. Finley announced signing of a two-year contract to play in Louisville starting next season, subject to approval of league owners.

"Earlier today, as you know, we called a meeting of the board of directors in New York for Jan. 16 to discuss the franchise problems

with Kansas City officials and Finley," Cronin said.

"I don't believe I can say anything about the Louisville contract.

"All parties concerned have been invited to the discussion of Kansas City.

"Whatever I offer is only a personal opinion. I don't speak for the owners.

"But I doubt if the American League owners would like to make a checkerboard out of an American League franchise."

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