

# Aggies Worry Texas' Bradley

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Only two Southwest Conference cage games have gone by the boards, off the boards or under the boards and already one team has undergone the ignominy of upsets-ville. Title-favorite Texas journeyed to Fayetteville, Ark., Tuesday night with a 7-3 record tucked securely under one arm and a "We'll Be No. 1" feather stuck in their Stetsons. Longhorn Coach Harold Bradley had beaten the Razorbacks seven times in eight meetings since coming to Texas.

The Porkers had managed to win three of their nine games and had lost their opening league tilt to Texas Tech. Despite past experience against the Hogs, just to be on the safe side Bradley warned that Arkansas could be tough in the shadow of the Ozarks.

And so they were. The vaunted Texas attack was held to 53 points while the sophomore-laden Razorbacks tacked up a game-winning total of 58.

"We had a very bad night," Bradley confided to the Batt by long-distance walkie-talkie Wednesday night.

The subject changed quickly to the upcoming game between the Aggies and Steers in Austin. "We haven't any definite plans on how to handle the Aggies as yet," Bradley said. "We'll start working on that Thursday."

Bradley said the Steers have been hobbled by injuries thus far in the young season, the most serious being a broken hand for senior guard and sparkplug Jimmy Puryear. Puryear will be remembered by Aggies for his hot shooting and play-making that gave Texas an 83-73 win over the Cadets in G. Rollie White last season — the first win for the 'Horns' at Aggieland since 1955.

But Puryear's cast is gone and he'll be in the starting lineup Saturday. When asked if Puryear will be assigned the task of guarding A&M's all-American hope Bennie Lenox, Bradley said, "I don't know yet. We'll probably try several boys on Lenox. He's a problem to any team."

The game will be televised regionally by 11 stations. Bradley felt that the cameras will have little effect on the players. "The traditional rivalry of the game always has the players at their peak and I don't see how TV could add anything to it," Bradley said. "However, the television should improve the crowd behavior," he added. Bradley was obviously referring to last year's Austin riot which prompted the infamous "Abolish A&M" editorial in the UT student newspaper.

Bradley expressed hope that a like incident would be missing from Saturday's post-game festivities. The freshmen teams of the two schools probably agree with Bradley's sentiments since they play following the varsity tilt. Bloody basketballs are hard to handle.

Bradley was asked if any extra precautions had been taken for this year's battle . . . er . . . game. Having just returned from Arkansas, he hadn't heard of any though he said a committee was working on the problem.

Bradley was asked how the SWC race looked to him and what the chances of the Longhorns were, "It's too early to tell yet," he said. "After a couple more weeks it will be easier to say. The Aggies have a real good chance. There are really about five teams that could figure in it."

The Aggies will be out to cut that figure down by one Saturday by handing Texas its second conference loss.



## FROM THE Sidelines

By JIM BUTLER

Aggie spirit is a wonderful, description-defying thing. But like any other strong force, it can sometimes be distorted, used for destroying the respect given Aggies throughout the state and nation instead of boosting the image of Aggieland.

Few Aggies will forget the show of misdirected spirit that followed the A&M-UT basketball game in Austin last year. Hopefully the millions of people who read about the post-game brawl in newspapers across the nation will forget. But they won't if a repeat performance is given Saturday.

The bulletin board in the Memorial Student Center gave a first-hand illustration of how news can spread throughout the country and an incident such as that blown into the national spotlight. The publicity was not good for either school, but it is not up to us to worry about what people think of Texas. It is up to us to make them think only the highest of Aggieland.

Saturday provides a fine opportunity for many Aggies to take a one-day break before getting down to work on final exams. A&M's cagers are playing great ball but will need the support of every Aggie that can make it to Austin.

It will be MEN, hopefully a great number of men, who leave Gregory Gym peacefully Saturday afternoon. Aggies, show your spirit during the game, not after it!

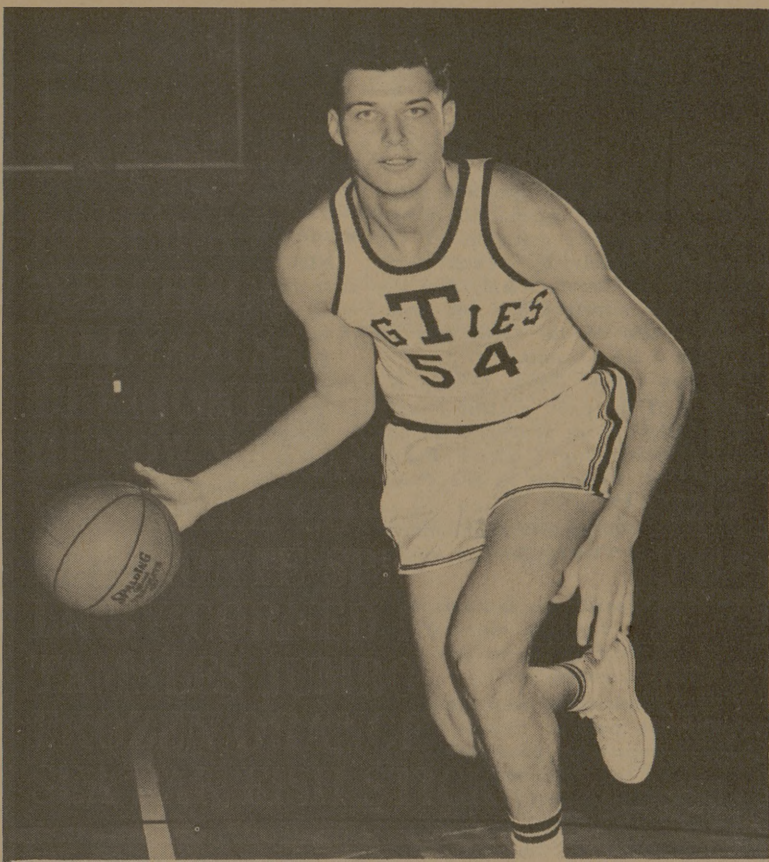
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Sophomore Skyscraper

Tim Timmerman, 6-7 center-forward, adds height and depth to the Aggie bench and will be ready to see his first varsity action against the Texas Longhorns in Austin Saturday. Timmerman hit 15 points in A&M's 92-64 win over TCU Tuesday night.

# American League President Orders Finley To Refrain

By WILLIAM J. CONWAY  
CHICAGO (AP)—President Joe Cronin of the American League and owner Charles O. Finley of the Kansas City Athletics traded telegraphed punches Wednesday—but Finley didn't back away from his plan to move the A's to Louisville.

Cronin started the exchange with a telegram directing Finley to refrain from making any further arrangements for transferring the club.

FINLEY REPLIED with a hotly worded message, criticizing the release of Cronin's telegrams as "unfair and unethical" and suggesting Cronin refrain from further public statements until he could receive "the true and complete facts . . . for the first time."

The Associated Press asked Finley if his response meant he was standing firm.

"I always have, and I always will," he replied.

FINLEY HAS signed a two-year contract to shift the A's franchise to Louisville.

His decision followed a battle with the Kansas City City Council over terms for a new lease on renting the Municipal Stadium in Kansas City.

FINLEY STATED he was confident owners of the other clubs in the league would approve his move.

Cronin, from league headquarters in Boston, dispatched a telegram to Finley Wednesday.

"In noting published reports and in view of the purposes of the American League meetings scheduled to be held in New York on Jan. 16," Cronin's message said, "I consider your current activities unfair to the loyal baseball fans in Kansas City and feel they could result in disillusionment for the baseball public in Louisville, Ky."

"I, THEREFORE, as president of the American League, direct you to refrain from any further arrangements and await the determination of the American League concerning this matter."

Finley, a Chicago-based insurance man, fired a fast rejoinder from his office.

"MY DEAR Mr. Cronin," it read. "I consider your releasing to the press this morning very unfair and unethical."

"As an owner in the American League, I will expect any future communication from you to be private and not released for publication without my personal approval."

"IN THE MEANTIME, I suggest that you, as president of the American League, refrain from any further public statements until you, for the first time, had an opportunity to be presented with the true and complete facts."

The American League said it will have no comment on Finley's wire.

FINLEY HAS not received permission from other club owners to switch the franchise of the A's from Kansas City to Louisville.

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