

Lenox Leads Rhine In Points

Looking into the Aggie individual basketball scoring records one might think that a personal battle is being waged by senior scoring genius Bennie Lenox and Carroll Broussard, the scoring giant who holds seven records and shares one with his follower from the Gulf Coast area.

Challenging Broussard's records in some categories and breaking other ones, the versatile sharp shooting ace from Clear Creek continues on a pace which most observers consider as all-America caliber.

THIS YEAR through two conference games, the masterful Lenox has amassed 54 points for the conference lead over last year's

foe Kendall Rhine of Rice University. Altogether, Lenox has compiled 241 points for an average of 21.9 points a game.

Last year Lenox was the talk of the conference as he set five new school records and tied for another one with Broussard. For these achievements Lenox was tabbed "Player of the Year" in the Southwest Conference which he so worthily deserved.

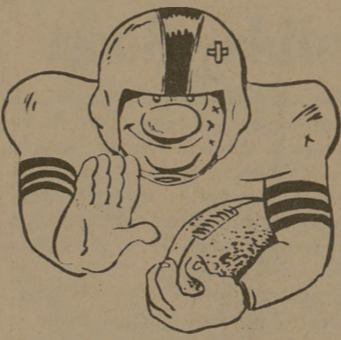
LENOX AND RHINE of Rice battled for the conference's leading scorer last year in one of the most interesting duels in recent memory. In the end, Lenox held the upper hand with a staggering 568 points in 24 cage tilts for an average of 23.7 a game. Rhine finished with 537 points and a 23.3 average to show you the closeness of the two cagers' efforts.

In a losing cause against the Longhorns of Texas, Lenox was just as sharp as ever by racking up a total of 43 points for another school record. This record was set in the Coliseum at Austin better known as Gregory Gym.

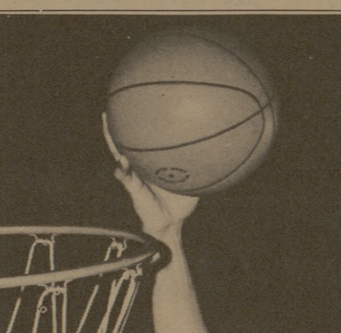
LENOX SCORED 352 points in conference warfare last year to add to his increasing list of records. On free throws Lenox made 190 with a conference record for Aggie players of 136.

Broussard and Lenox share the season record for most field goals with 189 to their credit.

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BIG MAN ON BOARDS
John Beasley leads Aggie rebounders with 106.

SEEK 3RD SWC WIN

Ags Visit Longhorns

BY JIM BUTLER
Battalion Sports Editor
Saturday's game between the Aggies and the University of Texas will be a night not like any other night nor a game like any other game. It never has been and never will be.

It can't be mainly because the two hottest rivals in the country meet in the afternoon for the first time with the extra added attraction of television cameras carrying the contest throughout the state.

OPTIMISTICALLY, the main attraction will be a top-notch basketball game that could boost the Aggies into the driver's seat of the Southwest Conference chariot.

A&M will go into the game with a 2-0 conference record and tied with Rice for the two-lead. The Longhorns are still very much in the race though sporting a few broken spokes and a 1-1 slate.

TEXAS WAS picked as pre-season favorite to successfully defend its SWC title, won last year with a 13-1 record. But a loss last Tuesday to lowly Arkansas shifted the emphasis to the Owls and Aggies.

UT Coach Harold Bradley will start an experienced lineup of two seniors and three juniors against the young, enthusiastic Cadets.

Jimmy Puryear, 6-1, and Tommy Nelms, 6-0, will open at the guard slots for the Steers while Mike Joe Fisher, 6-7, will be the center. Larry Franks, 6-6, and John Paul Fultz, 6-8, will be the forwards.

TEXAS HAS A well-balanced attack with emphasis, of course, on defense. No Steers are among the SWC top ten in scoring.

Aggie Coach Shelby Metcalf will probably counter with the same quintet that started against TCU Thursday. The only change may be at a guard slot where sophomore Dick Stringfellow may replace junior Paul Timmins as Bennie Lenox's backcourt mate.

FORWARDS WILL be Bill Robinette, 6-7, and Bill Gasway, 6-6, while 6-8 soph John Beasley will be the post man.

In 11 games, the Aggies improved beyond the expectations of most observers. Beasley's Stringfellow have played extremely well for their first season on varsity. Senior Robinette and junior college transfer Gasway provided the backboard strength that was supposed to be lacking after all A&M's height graduated last year.

AND OF THE fifth man at the starting unit, little can be said that hasn't already been said many times before. Lenox will take a 27-point conference scoring average into Saturday's game as a memory of the 43 points he scored against Texas last year in a new school record. It didn't last long though as the Lynx took 53 against Wyoming this year.

Observers at the All-Cole tournament in Oklahoma City who had seen both A&M and Texas play rated the Cadets as about 10 points better. Since the home team is generally conceded a 10-point advantage, this gives another indication of just how close the game will be.

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