

Ags Edge Closer With Owl Win

BY MARVIN SCHULTZ
 All the hooting down Houston way was about this year's Rice basketball aggregation but Saturday night a gallant band of fired-up Aggies quelled the confident Rice echoes as they downed the Owls, 74-70 for their fourth straight conference victory.

Staged before the largest Rice basketball crowd in history, the Aggies edged their way closer to a championship as they were

spearheaded by the sparkling shooting of sophomore John Beasley who scored 22 points and tied Rice's wonder Kendall Rhine for scoring honors.

The victory boosted the Aggie lead to a full game over Texas Tech, Arkansas, and Southern Methodist who are currently waging a battle for second place. Each team has won three while bowing in one contest. Meanwhile Rice fell to two losses combined

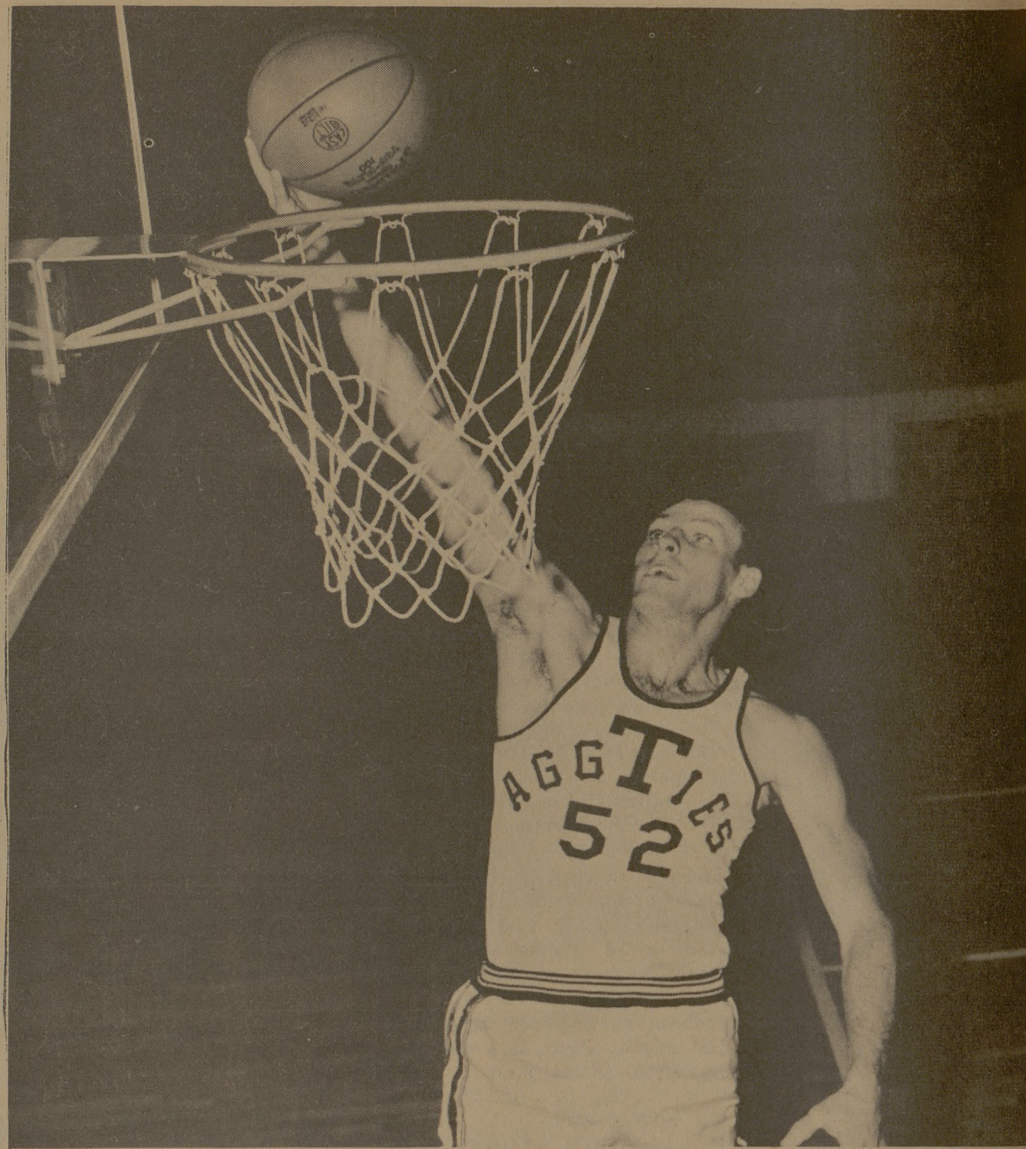
with their two victories.

The Owls jumped into the driver's seat in the opening moments of the game building up as much as a 10-2 lead before the Aggies gained momentum and eventually passed up the host team with a 17-16 edge. The lead then changed hands twice with the Aggies out in front at halftime, 33-32.

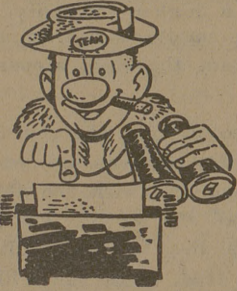
The Aggies dominated second half action though Rice kept within striking distance right to the

end. The lead changed sides on 10 occasions with the Metcalf crew on the long end seven of those times. The last Rice lead was 62-61 when Paul Timmins put the Aggies ahead to stay with a fine jump shot.

Bill Robinette scored 15 points while the Aggie ace Bennie Lenox finished with 12 keeping him the undisputed leading scorer in conference action with 83 total points.



AGGIE BACKBOARD STRENGTH
 Bill Gasway aids potent A&M defense.



FROM THE
Sidelines
 By JIM BUTLER

Sitting with my back to a murky Gulf of Mexico, watching the white facade of the Texas Maritime Academy and listening to a group of dignitaries dedicate this newest addition to the A&M System, I thought sports were as far away as the snows of Amarillo. But wherever there are Aggies gathered, sports are as sure as Harold Stassen.

Saturday afternoon, President Earl Rudder stepped up to the podium and faster than you can say "gag rule" the subject had turned to football in general and the Turkey Day game in particular.

"During halftime of the Thanksgiving Day game," Rudder told the 400 listeners, "a member of Texas' Board of Regents commented that the playing field was so bad that he didn't think they would win. We thought the officiating was so bad that we KNEW we wouldn't win.

"Next year we're going to let the University of Texas fix up the football field and we're going to hire the officials." Rudder drew the biggest hand of the day for that remark.

Helping Hand

Cage coach Shelby Metcalf received a little help from one of the staunchest and most charming of Aggie fans during halftime of the Rice-A&M game Saturday night. The Cadets had entered the dressing room with a 33-32 lead and Bennie Lenox had been held scoreless. Fifteen minutes later they came out to stifle the Owls with Lenox hitting 12 points. Metcalf stopped outside the A&M dressing room after the game and spoke to a smiling Aggie fan. "Thank you for talking to Bennie during halftime," Metcalf said, taking her hand. "I think it straightened him out and helped him find himself the second half."

Mrs. Lenox, Bennie's mother, nodded and smiled.

More Metcalf-isms

Metcalf calls his multiple defense an Ida Bell defense. "I used to know a girl named Ida Bell," Shelby explained. "She switched from man to man."

Expecting a possible recruit to visit the Aggie bench in Houston last Tuesday night, Metcalf warned the squad, "I don't know what this boy looks like, so if you see anybody you have to look up to, shake his hand and invite him to A&M."

Randy Tosses Shot For Indoor Record

Randy Matson, A&M's freshman weight sensation, tossed the shot 60-3/4, the best ever in a Texas indoor meet, and SMU's Billy Foster equalled the world's indoor 60-yard dash mark with a time of 6.0 seconds in the Lubbock Indoor Track and Field Meet Monday night.

Matson was slated to face Parry O'Brien, the Olympic shotput veteran, but a snow storm detained him.

Foster's time tied the record set by Herb Carper in 1960 and equalled by five others since then, including Bob Hayes of Florida A&M twice this year.

Jerry (Pinky) Anderson, also of A&M, was nudged out of a gold medal in the 500-yard run by Earl Young, the Olympian from Abilene Christian.

Young came from last on the back stretch of the final lap to nose out Anderson by a half-step. The winning time was 61 seconds.

Charity Golf Meet Slated In Marlin

The Seventh Annual Heart Fund Golf Tournament, held at the Marlin Country Club in Marlin, will get underway Feb. 21-23.

Tourney regulations call for 18 holes-blind bogey play, said a tourney spokesman.

Contestants may complete their tour of the links on either Friday, Saturday or Sunday during the meet, the official stated.

A medalist prize will be given to the tourney's top golfer while awards for each flight will also be made.

The entrance fee for the annual charity match is set at \$3.50.

Billiards Tourney Deadline Coming

A billiards tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday to determine A&M's representative in the Association of College Unions regional tournament in Austin.

The tournament will be a round robin set-up with each player meeting every other player. The winner will be the player with the best record.

Competition will be held in two divisions—billiards and caroms—with the winner of each going to Austin.

Deadline for entries is 10 p.m. Wednesday. Entry fee is \$2.50 and applications can be picked up at the desk in the Bowling and Games area of the MSC. Entrants must have a 1.00 GRP last semester.

HICKMAN GARRETT
 AUTHORIZED
 VOLKSWAGEN
 DEALER
 CARS—TRUCKS—PARTS—SERVICE
 MONEY SAVING MACHINES
 403 N. MAIN TA 2-0146

20% DISCOUNT
 Off Our Regular Prices
TO: A&M STUDENTS—STAFF—EMPLOYEES

The Finest In . . .
 * Laundering
 * Cleaning

To Obtain Discount You Must Present This Card With Your Clothing and/or Linens.

...SAVE...
 If You Do Not Have a Card Either Of Our 3 Locations Will Issue One on Demand.

SAVE 20%
 THE NEW...

College Hills
 LAUNDRY—CLEANING—LINEN RENTALS

Main Plant 902 Foster, East North Gate Waldrop Building South Gate 326 Jersey St

COLLEGE HILLS LAUNDRY & CLEANERS 902 FOSTER - EAST

This card entitles the bearer to a 20% discount off our regular prices for services rendered on a CASH AND CARRY basis.

EXPIRES ON OR BEFORE AT DONOR'S OPTION

SIGNATURE _____ AUTHORIZED BY _____

ADD Pleasure
 ADD PHONES

Southwestern States Telephone

1963 - 1964
 TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
DIRECTORY
 of
 Offices - Staff - Students

Price \$1.00
Now On SALE
 At The Student Publications Office
 YMCA Bldg.