

Tough Texas Western Miners Next Task For Aggie Cagers

With Monday's NCAA regional playoff game between the Aggies and Texas Western only a weekend away, the most popular question on the A&M campus is "How good is Texas Western?"

If statistics are any indication, the answer is "Tremendous." The Miners from El Paso have finished the season with a 23-2 record. In the latest poll, TW is ranked 10th in the nation while the Cadets rank 20th.

Texas Western holds wins over fifth ranked Wichita, 75-74 in Wichita, and 15th ranked Arizona State. Arizona State beat TW 68-66 in Tempe.

The Miners after 24 games were the nation's second best defensive unit, allowing a meager 1,314 points for a 54.6 average. They also rank third in rebounds and fifth in fewest personal fouls committed.

Jim (Bad News) Barnes is their

number one man. The 6-8 center from Stillwater, Okla., made third team all-American while standing seventh in the country in scoring with a 30.5 average. He is

Sympathy Shown To Poor Teasips

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Ten seconds after the ball game was over, Aggie basketballers were waiting their way through pint-sized autograph hunters into the dressing room to calm themselves after beating the Texas Longhorns 65-63 in another wild, hectic performance.

Bill Atkinson walked into the

room and started to shower, but he remembered something, jumped up, and yelled, "I've got a free throw. We've got time for one more point. Let's go get it."

And the excited sophomore charged on the court to collect the courtesy throw he earned in the last second of the game. The free throws were talked about, especially the ones in the last 10 seconds — the ones that could have made a Texas win. Norman smiled at the thought of a Longhorn, Jim Bob Smith, missing the shots. "I thought sure they had it," he said, "but Jim Bob missed those two one-and-one throws."

John Beasley felt confident of an Aggie win. "The game was alright," the 6-8 center said. "I thought that little guy (Smith is 6-2) would choke."

Bennie Lenox expressed some sympathy, "We won the game, but I sure felt sorry for that boy who missed those free throws."

Aggie Golfers Vie In Border Tourney

The A&M golf team, Southwest Conference champions, are touring the links at the Border Olympics Golf Tournament this weekend in Laredo.

Leading the Aggies, tourney runners-up last spring, are veterans Mike Higgins and Ralph Johnston, and sophomore David Holcumb of Mission.

Jim Brown of the Cleveland Browns has won the National Football League rushing title six times in seven years.

and Harry Flournoy, 6-5 sophomore, at forwards; Barnes at center; and Orsten Artis, 6-0 soph, and Steve Tredennick, 6-0 junior, at guards.

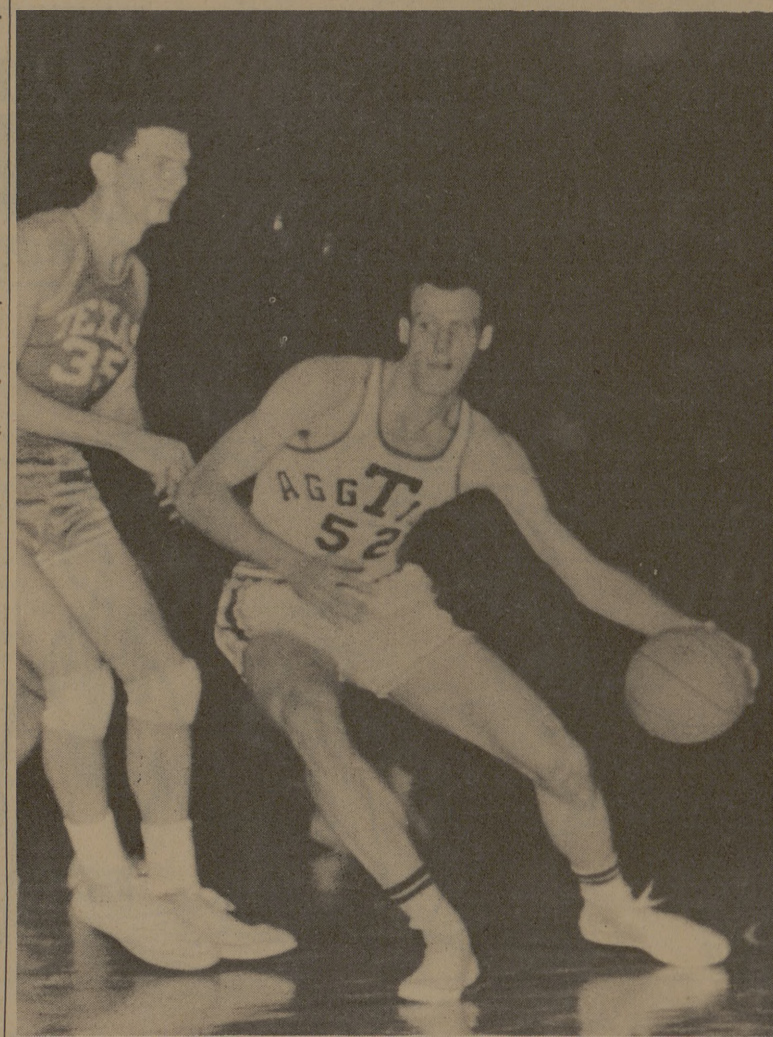
Coach Shelby Metcalf will start his usual lineup of Paul Timmins, 5-11 junior, and Bennie Lenox, 6-2 senior, at guards; John Beasley, 6-8 soph, at center, and Bill Robinette, 6-7 senior, and Bill Gasway, 6-6 junior, at forwards.

The A&M-Texas Western game will follow the Creighton-Oklahoma City contest Monday night with the two winners going to Wichita for the regional tournament.

Soccer Team Moves To State Playoffs

The A&M soccer team defeated the Necaxa of San Antonio, Sunday in Houston for the state quarter-finals championship.

Boosting an 8-2-1 record, the Aggie team will meet the Sagensburd Soccer Club Sunday in Houston at the Houston Cup Soccer Tournament, and will play Randolph AFB March 15 in San Antonio for the state semi-finals.



Aggie Ball Control
A&M's Bill Gasway, 6-6, junior forward, controls the ball in the A&M-Texas game Thursday night in G. Rollie White Coliseum. Longhorn John Fultz (35) is the defender.

Texas Yearlings Down Fish; Lenox Heads Point Barrage

Increasing in momentum as the game progressed the Texas Yearlings turned back the Aggie Fish, 83-65 in the opener of a two game slate Thursday night in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Hitting in double figures for the Yearlings were Bo Rothchild, Jack Nash, Bill Overall, and Minton White. The quartet accounted for 69 of the 83 points. Rothchild and Nash each dumped in 20 points while Overall and White finished with 15 and 14 respectively.

Curley Lenox once again led the Fish charge and was the top scorer of the game with 24 points. Richard Prugh followed Lenox with 10 points.

Mike Gammon made a 10-ft. jump shot to start the game's scoring which put the Yearlings in a lead they were never to relinquish. The squad from Austin built up leads of 21, 23, and 25 points before the Fish dwindled that lead to the final 18 points.

Bo Rothchild, the 6-3 shooting ace from Austin, broke the individual freshman scoring record for

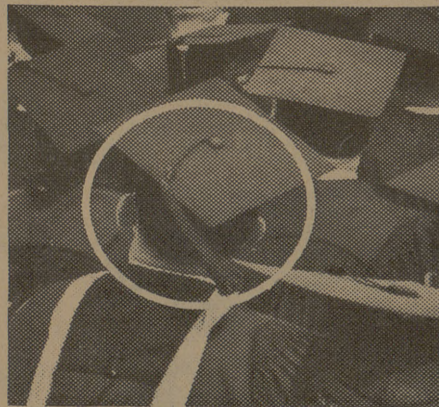
a season. His 20 point performance against the Fish gave him 269 total points, topping Albert Al-manza's 262 set in 1958.

Tennis Squad Heads South; Tankers Here

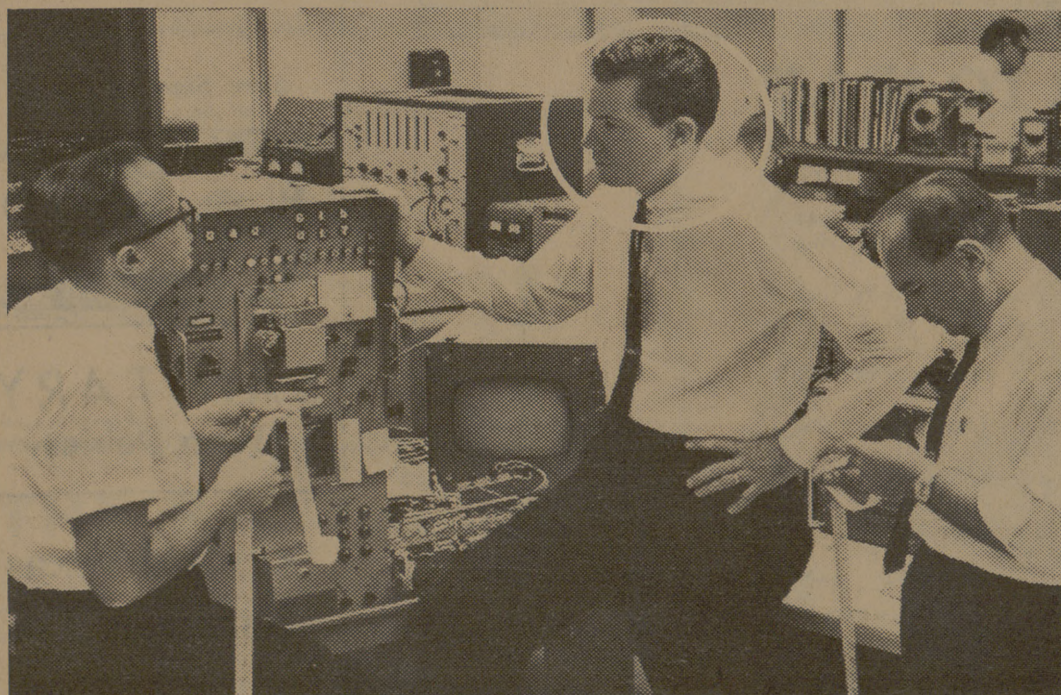
Coach Omar Smith's tennis squad and Art Adamson's swimming team both participate in weekend activities starting today.

P. L. Downs Natatorium is the sight for the swimming action starting tonight at 7:30. Eastern New Mexico is the opponent for the group. Meanwhile, the tennis team hits the highway with stops at Corpus Christi today and San Antonio tomorrow.

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Lutherans Visit Ags In Baseball

Looking for their second year of the young baseball season, the Aggies play host to the Lutheran Bulldogs in an afternoon tilt beginning at 3:00.

Coach Buzzy Keller has nominated righthander Edmund Kuempel for mound duty against the Aggies. Kuempel, a 6-3 senior posted a 4-3 mark for the squad in 1963. His probable pitching opponent will be John Crain. Catching Kuempel's offerings is Wayne Taylor, a sophomore from Aldine.

Other starters for the Bulldogs will be Charles Koch at first, Newton Grimes at second, Elmer Hermansen at shortstop and Herb Krause at the hot corner. Manning the outfield posts will be Kenny Voges, Billy Russell, and James Bohls from left to right.

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