

# Aggies Pound Arlington State, Journey To Huntsville Tonight

By LANI PRESSWOOD Sports Editor

The Aggie basketballers racked up their highest home point total ever Saturday night as they rocked Arlington State, 97-80.

The Cadets will carry a 2-1 record into their duel with Sam Houston State Tuesday night in Huntsville. The Bearcats are 4-2 for the year.

A&M led all the way against the Rebels. Ken Norman sank a jump shot from the left corner after 22 seconds had expired to give the Ags a lead which they never relinquished.

John Beasley popped in 11 straight points to give the Maroons a 15-7 advantage early in the game. The biggest Aggie lead of the first half was 14 points. The halftime score was 47-35.

The scrappy Rebels refused to let the favored Aggies blow them off the court. A&M was only able to extend the margin five more points after intermission.

The widest Aggie lead was 91-69 with 3:41 left in the game. It came after a 12-foot jumper by guard Dickie Stringfellow.

## Ag Swordsmen Carve Out Win

The A&M Fencing Club dominated an intercollegiate fencing tournament held at the YWCA gymnasium in Waco Saturday capturing five of the nine places awarded in three weapons.

Randy Juge and Wyatt Anderson brought home each a first place trophy. Juge took first place fencing epee and Anderson first place fencing foil.

Jose Bitar and Hogue Lewis each received a medal for their performance. Bitar placed second in the foil and Lewis third in the sabre. Anderson also received a third place medal fencing epee.

There were 51 entries in the tournament from eight different schools, 31 in foil and 10 each in epee and sabre.

Schools represented were A&M; North Texas; Texas University; Baylor; Rice; St. Thomas, Houston; St. Edwards, Austin; and Hill Junior College, Hillsboro.

The contest was witnessed by 4,000 spectators, a disappointing turnout. They saw the Cadets press the Rebels into 15 floor mistakes the first half. ASC began to fast break more the second half and it proved more effective than their controlled first half offense.

Beasley was the scoring gun for the Cadets again. He garnered 27 points, all but five coming in the first half. He was followed by Ken Norman with 20 points.

Norman played what might have been his best offensive game in an Aggie uniform. He hit several beautiful hook shots which were real crowd-pleasers.

Paul Timmins had 15 points and turned in another excellent floor performance. Dickie Stringfellow

played his best game of the year, racking up 12 points. Bill Gasway was the Ag rebounding leader with ten.

For the third straight game, the Aggies hit over 50 per cent of their shots from the field. Also for the third time they were outscored by the opposing team. ASC held the board advantage, 52-42.

The big gun for the Rebs was Bruce Tibbets, who sank 28 points and hauled in 12 rebounds. ASC has possibly the best team in their history but has been playing a murderous schedule.

The crowd Saturday night was howling for 100, but the final score fell three points shy. Rugged forward John Reynolds continued to

be a favorite of the studentbody with his aggressive play.

The Sam Houston game could be a difficult one for the Cadets. This is the big contest on the Sam Houston schedule and they are sure to be up for it.

The Bearcats are coached by Archie Porter, who was an assistant coach at A&M last season under Coach Shelby Metcalf. Porter directed Sam Houston to four wins in their first five starts. They were defeated by Midwestern in their last outing.

Tonight's game will be broadcast over KORA beginning at 8 p.m.

The line-ups:

Sam Houston State:  
Center: Gary Cornelison, 6'6".  
Forwards: Travis Lehman, 6'3", and Jay Baker, 6'4".  
Guards: Robert Thompson, 5'10", and Jerry Stewart, 6'0".

Texas A&M:  
Center: John Beasley, 6'9".  
Forwards: Bill Gasway, 6'6", Ken Norman, 6'6".  
Guards: Paul Timmins, 5'11", Dickie Stringfellow, 6'4".

## SPORTS CLIPS

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Louisiana State's basketballers got back on the winning track Monday night with an 83-75 victory over previously undefeated Texas.

The Longhorns used a 13-6 free throw advantage in the first half for a slim 43-42 intermission lead, but the Bengals surged back from the front early in the second stanza behind the rebounding and scoring of Tommy Thigpen and Harry Heroman.

Arizona fought off several Texas Tech surges and handed the Raiders a 77-75 basketball defeat Monday night.

The Wildcats led 89-35 at halftime and managed to stay just a jump ahead throughout the second half.

The A&M Fish dropped their first cage match Monday night to

the seasoned Lon Morris Junior College Bearcats 94-63. The Fish are coached by Jim Culpepper. Their next encounter is slated for Thursday night here against San Jacinto Junior College.

The St. Louis Cardinals' 28-19 National Football League victory over the Cleveland Browns Sunday put the Eastern Conference title on the line this weekend.

Texas Tech returns to the football field Tuesday to start preparing for the Sun Bowl game at El Paso Dec. 26.

The Texas Longhorns report back Tuesday to begin practice for their Orange Bowl game with Alabama on Jan. 1.

## Water Polo Squad Racks Up Triumphs

The Aggie Water Polo team won three meets last week, reported Coach Art Adamson.

A&M defeated the University of Oklahoma B team 19-9 while the A team won 15-8. The Aggie watermen continued their winning ways as they rolled over Waltrip of Houston 10-3.

Tom Holder and Bob Baker were the leading scorers for A&M. Holder had 12 goals and Baker tossed in 10.

A&M is one of the few Universities in the nation that fields a water polo team.

## Cadet Judo Club Members Compete In Waco Tournery

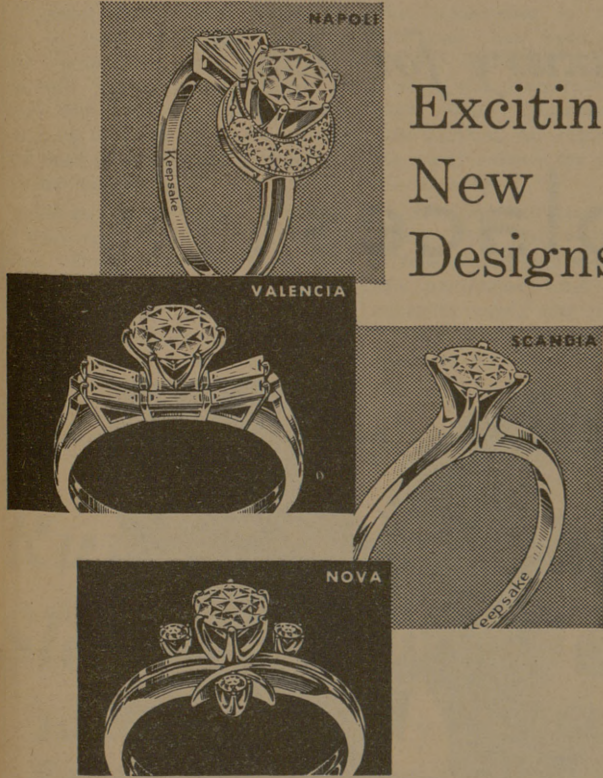
In preparation for the upcoming State Judo Championships, the A&M Judo Team traveled to James Connolly AFB at Waco Saturday for the State Novice Invitational Tournament.

The tournament was designed to give inexperienced members of

judo clubs throughout Texas a chance to compete among themselves. Black Belts served only as advisors and referees for the tournament and did not compete.

Sixty-five white and brown belt Judokas competed in the spirited tournament which saw A&M's Steve Chupik winning second in the 130-pound division, Richard Crosby winning second in the 160-pound division, and Major F. F. Drake, USAF, Club Advisor, winning third in the 180-pound division.

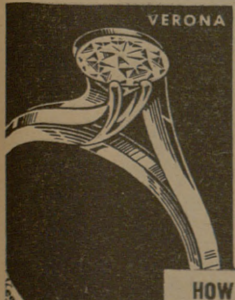
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## Sidelines

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It's a fast-moving world and you have to learn to expect anything. The announcement of a new head football coach at Aggeland caught me as surprised as everyone else.

In fact, I've since talked with many people close to the athletic scene here and almost to a man they were admittedly caught flatfooted.

After the initial shock wears off, you begin to think about the new coach and the equipment he brings to this job. Gene Stallings is a winner. He played on winners at A&M and he coached winners at Alabama.

He is approaching this new assignment with confidence. In his formal statement he used the word "challenge." Stallings has faced challenges before and has met them head-on.

One of them was right here at A&M. He was one of the now-famous group taken to Junction by Bear Bryant during Bryant's first summer here.

The large majority of those players walked out before the summer was over. Those that survived the training camp became the nucleus of the finest Aggie teams since pre-World War II days.

Stallings was one of those that stuck it out. Others were guys like John Crow, Charlie Krueger and Jack Pardee. Only 29, the former all-conference end brings to A&M new hope. After three losing years under Hank Foldberg, enthusiasm for next fall was at a low ebb.

A new coach, a new staff, and a new method always create fresh excitement and optimism. Stallings and his staff will take over their new jobs Monday and will hit the recruiting trail shortly. Championships are won during the recruiting season and Stallings will be out in earnest to restock the cupboard.

The Athletic Council is to be commended for handling the turnover smoothly and swiftly. The move was not accompanied by the chaos, mistiming, and general bungling which have marked previous coaching changes.

I'm glad that the Council decided to retain Foldberg as athletic director. The overall athletic program has flourished under his leadership. He has always impressed me as having the best interests of the school at heart.

In his three years, the Lettermen's Lounge was constructed, the A&M Athletic Hall of Fame was begun, and the level of scholarship among the athletes was upgraded.

But he couldn't produce a football winner and that is what you must do to remain in the coaching ranks at a major college.

With Foldberg as overseer, and the young and enthusiastic Stallings as football coach, the A&M athletic picture now stands on its most promising threshold in years.

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