

Baylor Shocks A&M, 80-77

Darrell Hardy Key Bear Performer In Upset

By LANI PRESSWOOD Sports Editor

The Baylor Bears proved they were for real Tuesday night as they pulled out an 80-77 cliff-hanger from A&M which stunned a crowd of 6,000 in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Darrell Hardy hit a pair of free shots with 16 seconds left in the game to give the Bears a 78-75 lead and their first win over the Aggies in five years.

Paul Timmins drove in for an uncontested layup seconds later but Hardy's clutch charity tosses had put the contest out of reach.

Baylor board strength made the difference in one of the tightest cage duels in White Coliseum history. The last 18 minutes of play saw neither team gain more than a four-point lead.

The verdict snapped A&M's 16-game home winning streak as well as a ten-year home string over Baylor.

The Baptists grabbed the lead early and hung on to it until midway of the second half. Their margin crested at ten points, 28-18, with 10:32 left in the first round.

EDDIE DOMINGUEZ sparked a brief rally which cut the edge to five but Baylor called time and regained their composure. The clubs battled on even terms the rest of the half with the Bears carrying a 46-40 lead into the dressing room.

A porous Cadet defense and lethargic board work helped keep A&M in the hole. The Bears hit 54.8 per cent of their shots in building their halftime edge.

The Ags came out for the final stanza with a spurt which cut the lead to two at 46-44. Baylor held on to a delicate edge until Ken Norman connected on a three-point play to tie the score at 56 all with 12:01 left.

At 10:57 Pa Timmins hit a 12-foot jumper to give A&M the lead for the first time since the opening minute, 60-59. They held it until 6:33 when Hardy's field goal deadlocked the score, 66-66.

Both teams cooled off, and at 2:23 the score was knotted again at 72-72. Tension began to mount as Bill Gasway was charged with fouling Spencer Carlson. The 6-6 substitute sank both free throws.

John Beasley cashed in a three-pointer at 1:18 and the Cadets held a slim 75-74 lead. Baylor called a time out and A&M's hopes looked brighter.

THE BEARS came out in a de-

liberate offense, waiting for the good shot. Hardy found it, drove past Bill Gasway with 41 seconds left and banked in a layup.

Shelby Metcalf called time with 36 seconds left. His charges then worked the ball to Beasley who missed a jumper from the left side. Three green-clad Bruins converged on the rebound.

Hardy was fouled by Norman, he sank his pressurized free shots, and Baylor had won their Southwest Conference opener.

The defending champion Aggies now face an uphill fight in their bid to capture the crown a second straight year.

Against the Bears A&M seldom resembled the polished outfit that blazed through 14 conference games with only one blemish last season.

THE TEAMWORK which characterized that club was not in evidence. Neither was the hustle and fire which provided the victory margin in so many games. But the laggard defense and disappointing board work was the ultimate deciding factor.

The Bears, the surprise team of the league, played a hustling ball game and were rewarded for their efforts. They are also a much improved club from the Bear squads of recent years.

Several Aggies had moments of individual brilliance. Timmins several times faked his man into comic lunges and then proceeded to hit his pet jump shot. Dominguez looked sharp and poised during his brief stint.

Norman continued to play impressive ball, particularly on offense. He connected on 6 of 11 shots and totaled 19 points. His sweeping hook shot is eye-catching and practically indefensible.

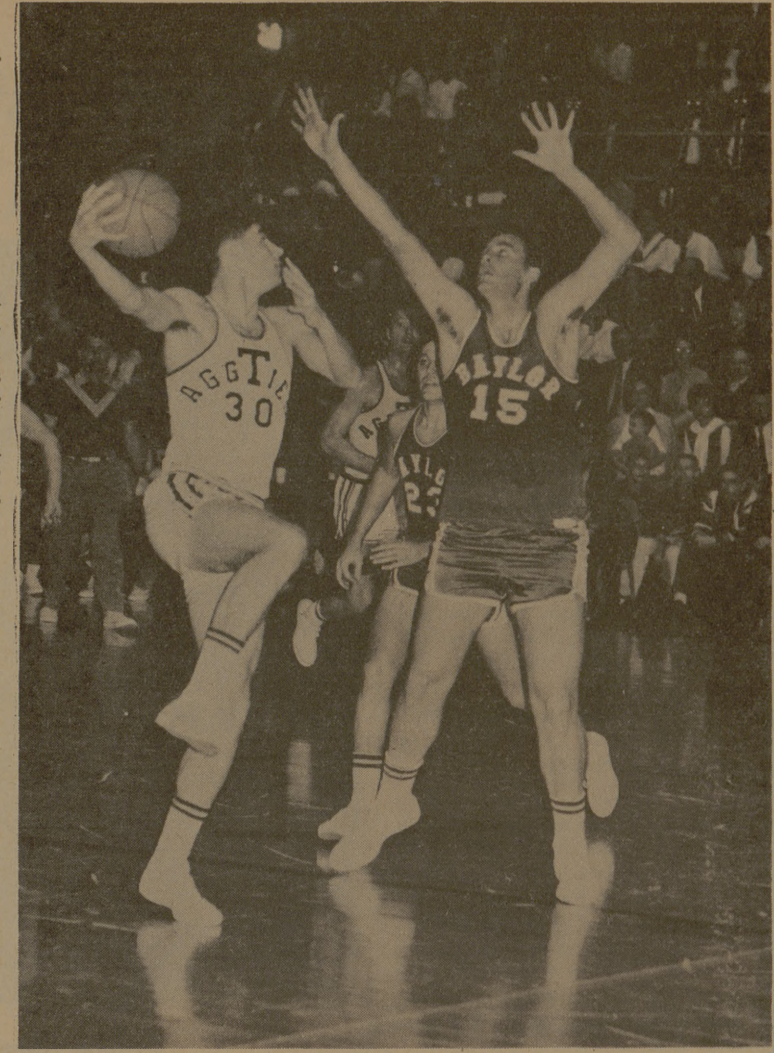
Beasley and Timmins shared game high-point honors with 20 apiece. Beasley was the night's leading rebounder with 10.

BAYLOR'S SCORING was well balanced as usual. Hardy and Spencer Carlson each earned 16, to rank behind Ed Horne's 17. Tommy Hatfield chipped in 14.

A&M shot 43.3 per cent for the game, compared to Baylor's 46.7. The Bears outrebounded the Aggies, 41-34. The Aggies didn't collect a single offensive rebound the last seven minutes of play.

Foul trouble hurt the Cadets. Dickie Stringfellow, Norman and Gasway all left via the fifth foul route. Beasley was saddled with four fouls. A&M was tremendous from the foul line, meshing 25 of 26 chances.

Looming on the horizon now is a contest with the SMU Mustangs in Dallas Saturday night. They defeated Rice, 64-62, in their only conference game to date.



KEN NORMAN TRIES HOOK ... Spencer Carlson defends for Baylor.

Fish Drop SWC Opener To Turner-Sparked Cubs

By BOB SPIVEY Asst. Sports Editor

The A&M Freshmen dropped their Southwest Conference basketball opener to the Baylor Cubs last night, 83-68.

The Fish enjoyed a 49-46 halftime lead but after the start of the second half were never in the game.

The freshmen roundballers hit 22 of 42 shots the first half for a 52.4 per cent average and dropped to only eight baskets in 34 tries for a 23.5 per cent average the second half. The Fish were able to make only 19 points after intermission.

The Fish defense was outstanding the first half as they held Cub scoring ace Jim Turner to only 17 points. He had been averaging 55 points a game entering the contest.

High man for the Fish was 6-3 guard Jimmie Lenox with 16

points. Kent Andrews forced the Cub guard to his left repeatedly to keep him from sinking his patented 25-foot jump shot. Turner was deadly moving to his right but was far less accurate shooting from the left.

Turner came back the second half to hit 15 more points for the Cubs. Charles Wilson, the Cub fullback that did so much damage in the Fish-Cub football game, tossed in 17 points for the young Bears.

Turner will be ineligible for freshman basketball after mid-semester since he graduated from high school at mid-term.

Bear Head Coach Bill Menefee will have a problem deciding whether to red-shirt him or move him up to the varsity five.

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points. Kent Andrews followed on his heels with 13.

Rugged Fish forward Max Mainord fouled out with 10 minutes left in the game. With Mainord out the Fish seemed unable to settle down and work the ball as they had earlier in the game.

The contest ended in a scuffle at midcourt. The ball squirted loose from Cub forward Pete Creasy, Fish Terry Trippet tied the ball up and Kent Andrews moved in on the play.

Tempers flared, fists flew and both benches emptied before the referees and coaches could halt the melee. As a result of the skirmish a technical foul was called on Kent Andrews.

The Fish will meet the TCU Freshmen here January 12 at 5:45 p.m.

Shelby Metcalf Selected Texas Coach Of Year

DALLAS (AP)—Shelby Metcalf, who led A&M to the Southwest Conference basketball championship in his first year as the senior college coach, was named Texas Coach of Year.

Metcalf, one of the few ball mentors ever to attain honor, beat out J. T. King of Texas Tech's football.

He got 46 first place votes from the Texas Sports Writers Association while King managed the latter coached a team rated Southwest Conference second to a 6-3-1 record.

Third was Darrell Royal, Texas, the 1963 national coach of the year who had another season climaxed by victory Alabama in the Orange Royal got 24 first place votes.

Alfred (Red) Barr, Southwestern Conference champion at Southern Methodist was fourth with eight first votes.

Dave Williams, whose golf team was NCAA champion for the seventh time in nine years, was next.

Emmett Brunson of Rice, of the Southwest Conference champion and developer of the pole vault champion Hansen, rounded out the receiving support from the association.

Arkansas, SMU, Texas Tech Win In SWC Opener

By The Associated Press

Arkansas, SMU and Texas Tech were victorious in the night of SWC play.

Texas Tech pulled off a victory Tuesday night in a robust second half rally to down the University of Arkansas in a Southwest Conference basketball game.

An eight-point spurge by Carroll Hooser pulled the Methodist ahead of Rice for all with 9:32 left in the game and carried the Ponies to victory in a Southwest Conference basketball opener Tuesday night.

Arkansas mounted a 12-point halftime lead and was never seriously threatened in the second by TCU as the Razorbacks the Frogs for the 11th time, 88-70, Tuesday night in Southwest Conference opener.

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