

Aggies Trounce Tigers 79-70

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Age and experience prevailed in G. Rollie White Thursday night as the Aggies opened their 1965-66 basketball season with a victory over the Trinity Tigers 79-70.

Led by the scoring of All-America candidate John Beasley and the rebounding of Randy Matson, the Cadets played a steady-paced game with four men in the double-figures scoring column.

Beasley led scoring as expected with 32, while Matson and Dick Stringfellow pumped in 15 points each. Eddie Dominguez completed the quartet with 11.

Aggie rebounding and free-throwing were both hot, with Matson gathering in 18 rebounds and Beasley 13 of the team's 57, while Big John went 12 for 13 on the line. Dominguez was three for three and Matson one for one in free throws.

Leading the Tigers in scoring was Danny Knust, one of four freshmen starting for Trinity. He hit 10 of 18 from the floor and three of four free throws for 23 points. Roy Gomez, the only starting sophomore, hit 18 points, while Larry Jeffreis made 17 points and led the San Antonio team in rebounds with eight.

Aggie Head Coach Shelby Metcalf was pleased with the overall performance of his team, and had praise for the Trinity five.

"I thought we played well, and I was surprised at the talent Trinity displayed. We have to play them two more years, and when those freshmen get some more experience, they'll really be good," he said.

He was also happy with Matson's performance.

"Randy exceeded my expectations, and he really starts driving when the adrenalin starts flowing. He never drives like that in practice, but likes to get after those boys in different colored jerseys than ours."

The Tigers led the game six times and had it tied six in the opening minutes of the contest, but the Aggies' weight and experience finally took its toll and they went ahead for the last time with 7:35 left in the first half.

The Aggies opened with a full court press, and continued it for most of the game, though it did not appear to bother the Tigers very much. They exhibited a sensational type of fast-breaking basketball, while the Aggies seemed to depend more on their

height advantage under the boards with an occasional fast break.

After leading for as much as six points and having it cut to two on a number of occasions, the Cadets ended the first half leading 40-36.

When the second half opened, the Aggies opened their lead to six, eight and then nine points on shots by Stringfellow and Beasley. The difference varied from seven to nine points until Trinity took a time out with 15:32 left in the half and the Ags led 53-42.

Matson and Beasley pumped in layups and Stringfellow hit a 20-foot jump to protect the Cadet lead, but after the Farmers took a time out with 11:43 left, their margin fell to seven points.

Dominguez and Beasley then hit free shots to give A&M its greatest lead with 9:10 to go, 68-54. Metcalf tried to instigate a stall from the bench, but before he called a time out with 4:39 remaining in the game, the Ag lead had been cut in half.

The remainder of the game was an even-steven affair, with Beasley stuffing the basket for the last two points with 22 seconds still on the clock.

Beasley and Stringfellow have been named co-captains of this, Metcalf's third Aggie basketball team. He won the SWC his first year and finished fourth last year with a 7-7 record.

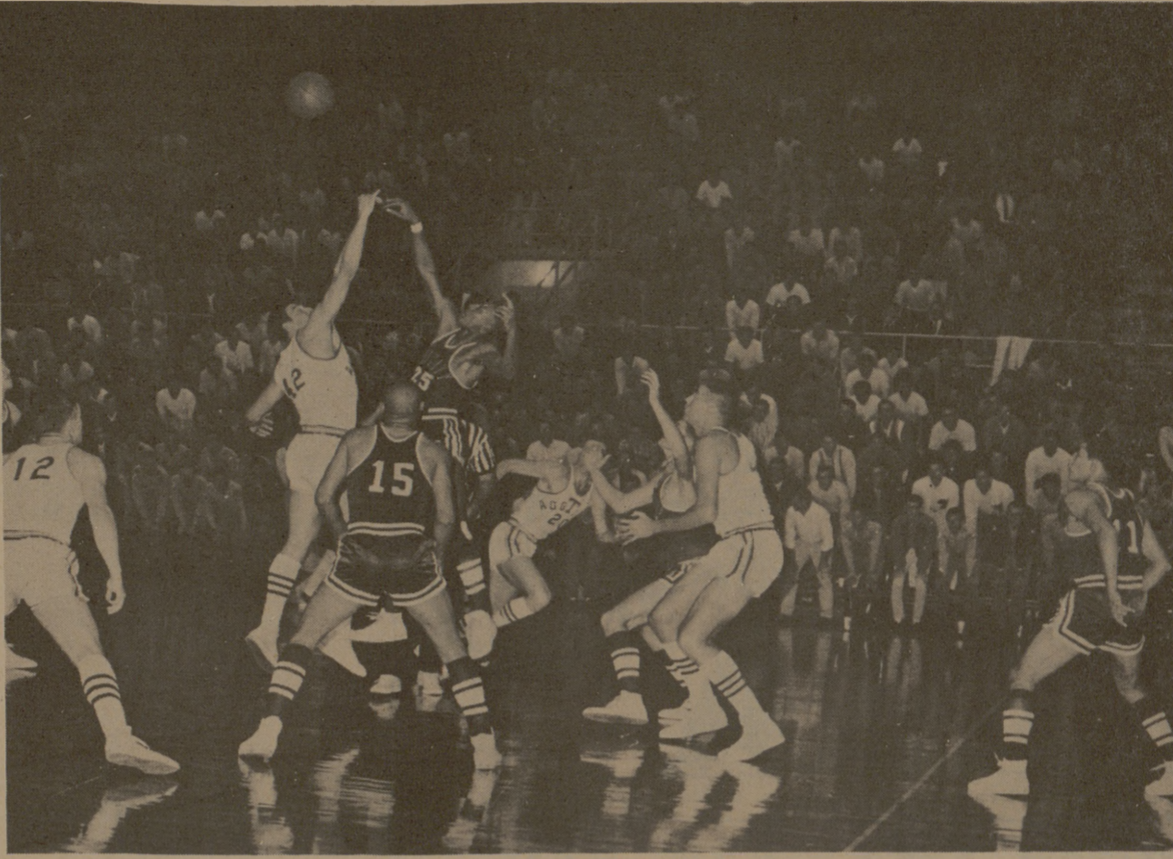
Beasley, the 6-9 center-forward, is a serious All-America candidate with seven school and three Southwest Conference records under his belt from last year as well as a share of the SWC's "Player of the Year" award.

Continuing their home stand for the next three games, the Aggies meet Southwest Texas Monday night, Houston the 9th and Memphis State the 13th.

"Southwest Texas is picked to win the Lone Star Conference," said Metcalf, "and I'm sure we'll have our hands full containing them."

"I will say this, we are going to work hard getting ready for them. I know they are bringing up a good ball club. They have two boys that were in the SWC, Bill Overall from Texas and Curley Lenox from A&M."

The Houston Oilers have signed five or their six No. 1 draft choices since they were formed in 1960.



TIPOFF TO VICTORY
Randy Matson (42) and Larry Jeffreis (25) points, but couldn't contain the Aggies as of Trinity leap on the opening tipoff of A&M chalked up its first victory of the Thursday night's game in G. Rollie White season 79-70. The Tigers took the tip and the first two

AP Names All-Americans

NEW YORK (AP) — Heisman Trophy winner Mike Garrett of Southern California and Texas Tech's Donny Anderson, a repeater, are the halfbacks on the 1965 Associated Press All-America football team named Wednesday.

Rounding out the offensive backfield are Steve Juday, the man who sparked Michigan State to No. 1 ranking, and battering Illinois fullback Jim Grabowski, first draft pick in the American League.

Notre Dame's Nick Rassa, Johnny Roland of Missouri and George Webster of Michigan State are the defensive backs selected on the 23-man squad which takes into account the two-platoon game.

The 23rd man is Charley Gogolak, the Hungarian-born, soccer-style placekicker from Princeton.

Pat Killorin, 1964 All-America offensive center from Syracuse,

was bumped to a second team berth by once-beaten Alabama's Paul Crane.

For the second successive year Tommy Nobis of Texas was named at offensive guard.

Nobis, picked in pro first rounds by Atlanta and Houston, is joined at guard by a future choice of '64, Notre Dame's versatile Dick Arrington.

Glen Ray Hines of unbeaten, untied Arkansas and Purdue's Karl Singer, Boston Patriots' first round draftee, are at offen-

sive tackle while the incredible Howard Twilley of Tulsa and Florida's Charles Casey operate from the ends.

On defense the linebackers are Oklahoma's Carl McAdams, Tennessee's Frank Emanuel and Dwight Kelley of Ohio State. Aaron L. Brown of Minnesota and Ed Weisacosky of Miami of Florida are the ends, Nebraska's Walt Barnes and Arkansas' Lloyd Phillips the tackles and George Patton of Georgia the middle guard.

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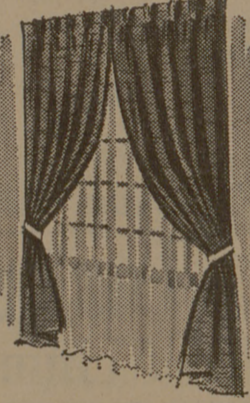
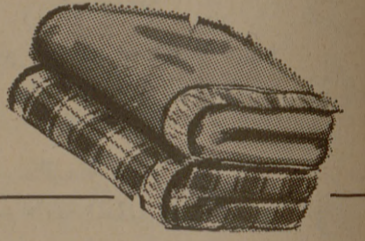
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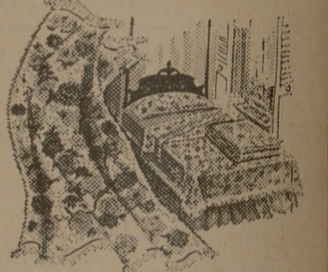
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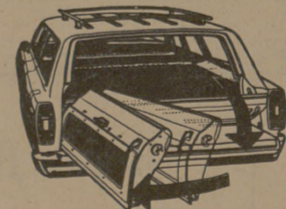
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