

Meet Ponies Tonight

Aggies Seek To Stay Atop

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DALLAS — For all practical purposes, the Southwest Conference race could be determined tonight, or it could be thrown into chaos.

SMU will host the Texas Aggies at 8 p.m. in Moody Coliseum in what is con-

sidered the most crucial game for both teams. An overflow crowd of over 9,000 is anticipated for the game which has been sold out since Saturday. Radio KORA will broadcast the game starting at 7:55 p.m.

The Mustangs, currently holding the league's longest winning streak at six, are one game behind the league-leading Aggies. SMU won three of its games, in the winning streak, by a total of four points.

COACH DOC HAYES' Ponies started their streak with a one-point victory over the Arkansas Razorbacks in Fayetteville, and continued the win cycle with another one-point margin over the same Razorbacks here Saturday. Baylor was victimized by the Ponies last week by two points.

Playing the first round of conference action like a steamroller, the Aggies took a commanding three-game bulge over the rest of the league after winning the seven first-round contests. But, A&M caught the University of Texas and the Texas Tech Red Raiders during one of their hottest nights and were dealt consecutive defeats and the Aggies' conference lead dwindled to one game.

Then, the Cadets, who agreed they "played their best game of the year in G. Rollie White Coliseum," bounced TCU out of contention with a 96-91 victory Saturday night as John Beasley scored 40 points.

THE AGGIES WIN over TCU, combined with SMU's one-point victory over the Razorback, set the stage for tonight's meeting.

An A&M victory could practically sew up the conference title, but an SMU win would throw the conference into a tie and put the Red Raiders, pre-season favorites, back in contention only one game behind the two. The Aggies meet Rice, Baylor and Arkansas after tonight, while SMU must play Texas, TCU and Texas Tech.

"No doubt, SMU has the toughest schedule left," Aggie Coach Shelby Metcalf said, "but that's all right by me."

The Aggies will have to meet the likes of Carroll Hooser, John Ramsey, Bob Begert, Denny Holman and Charles Beasley.

SMU's BASKETBALL GUIDE has this to say about the starting quintet:

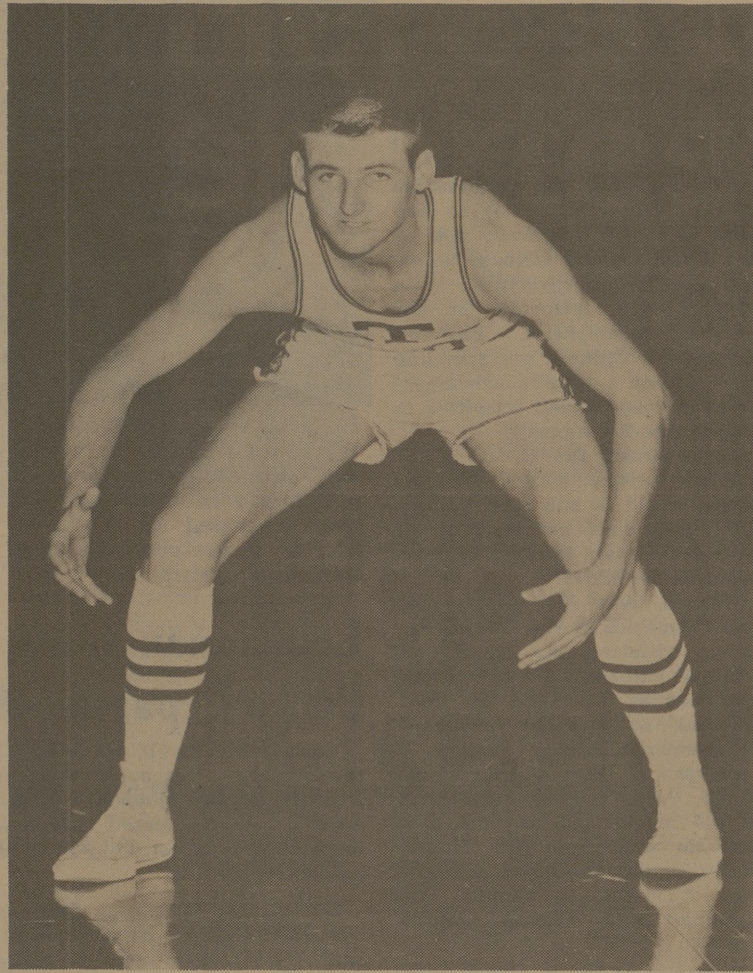
HOOSER—earned all-conference honors last season on all the ballots . . . was a unanimous selection for the all-tournament team at the NCAA Midwest Regionals . . . tied a school record of 22 rebounds in one game against Houston . . . led SMU in scoring with 15.8 average on 173 field goals and 81 free throws . . . led in rebounds with 265 and scoring with 427 points . . . averaged 18.3 in conference play.

RAMSEY—saw limited action last season, but due to get a long look this year . . . Big and strong, an aggressive rebounder who must provide the Ponies the bench strength that is needed to be a winner.

BEGERT—should have a fine year after serving as the "sixth man" last season . . . averaged 11.1 points as a sub in 26 games.

HOLMAN—did an unusually good job last season as a sophomore . . . designated as the playmaker for the club . . . made honorable mention all-conference.

BEASLEY—destined to be one of the truly SMU greats . . . says Hayes, "he has improved over last year tremendously—going to be one of the truly fine players that we've ever had at SMU—does everything well . . . made honorable mention all-conference."



TOP AGGIE RESERVE

Wyley Jenkins, junior transfer from Kilgore Junior College, has turned into one of the top Aggie reserves. Jenkins, who plays guard, has been seeing more action lately than at the beginning of the season. Jenkins was a three-sport letterman at Cayuga High School, lettering in baseball, basketball and track. The 6-3 reserve plans to coach after graduation.

Netters Trounce Cougars Saturday

The Texas A&M tennis team scored a 6-0 win over the University of Houston in matches Saturday in Houston.

In singles, Richard Barker trounced the Cougar's Ed Livesey, 6-0, 6-1 in the top match. Aggie Ricky Williams also drubbed David Davies by the same score.

Luis Rojas then powdered Larry Brownstein of Houston, 6-1, 6-3. After losing the only set for A&M, Dean Dyer scraped by Houston's Phil Sullivan, 7-9, 6-4, 7-5.

In doubles competition, Barker and Rojas slammed the Cougar's Livesey and Brownstein, 6-0, 6-4. Also Williams and Dyer of A&M netted a 6-1, 6-3 win over Davies and Sullivan.

Meeting St. Edward's of Austin Friday, the Aggies also pulled a clean sweep, 7-0 without forfeiting a single set. Barker won the pivotal match over Julio Rojas of St. Edward's by a 6-1, 6-1.

The Aggie Fish failed to score as well as their varsity counter-

parts, losing matches with the Houston Kitten netters, 4-2.

Highlighting singles play, Joe Powell of A&M skimmed James Rainey 6-4, 2-6, 6-4. Houston's Scott McWilliams chopped Terry Smith, 6-1, 6-1. Then Allen Keith bounced the Aggies' Paul Cass, 6-4, 6-1, and Don Samson of Houston cleaned Charles LeSage, 6-1, 6-0.

Splitting in doubles play, the Aggies' Powell and Smith squeezed by Rainey and McWilliams, 6-3, 6-3. The Kittens pilfered the second match with Keith and Samson scoring a 6-4, 6-2 sweep over A&M's Cass and LeSage.

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Coach Wants Fans To Sit On Floor

Shelby Metcalf, Texas A&M's basketball coach, and a quick man with a quip, has suggested a way that more Aggie fans can see the game in Dallas Tuesday.

The Aggie-Pony cage squabble in the SMU Coliseum has been sold out since Saturday. Metcalf believes his team will fare better with a big rooting section.

"It would be okay by me if they put fans on the court," he drawled. "If we played on just half the court, we'd have a better chance to stay with their speed."

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Clay Offers To Apologize For Remarks

CHICAGO (AP) — Heavyweight champion Cassius Clay informed Illinois officials Monday he would come to Chicago Friday and apologize for his "unpatriotic remarks" which threaten to cause cancellation of his title fight here with Ernie Terrell.

In a soap opera atmosphere, the case against Clay was continued Friday after Gov. Otto Kerner, Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley and other Illinois political figures urged the Illinois Athletic Commission to call off the March 29 bout.

In the meantime, the chairman of the champ's draft board in Louisville, Ky., said Clay will not be called to service before the scheduled fight as he is not included in the March quota.

Kerner asked the commission to reconsider its decision to license the bout because of Clay's "unpatriotic remarks" following his reclassification by a Louisville, Ky., draft board, making him subject to military service.

Kerner said at a news conference in Springfield, Ill., that Clay's statements were "disgusting."

Daley joined the clamor, saying that "I had hopes the fight wouldn't be held in Chicago and I'm confident the commissioners will take the proper action . . . and I am sure they will respond to public opinion all over the state and the city."

"The record here," Daley said, "is such that we could well do without the fight."

Commission Chairman Joe Triner then announced that Clay called him from Miami and told him he would apologize to the governor, the commission and to the public "for having him big mouth to make the statements that he did."

After being reclassified from 1-Y to 1-A by his draft board last week, Clay was quoted as saying "I'm a member of the Black Muslims, and we don't go to no wars unless they're declared by Allah himself. I don't have no personal quarrel with those Viet Congs."

Clay also was quoted as saying that through the taxes collected on every fight he has the government picks up enough money to buy three jets.

This was corrected by the Pentagon, which stated the price of a jet ranges from \$2.5 million to \$10 million.

Triner told a news conference that Clay "said he would appear before us at noon Friday to apologize in person. So, as of right now, the license for the fight has not been revoked and it remains status quo."

Lou Radzienda, one of the three commissioners, said that nothing would change his mind and that he would not vote for revocation of the license.

"This is all becoming a kindergarten situation," Radzienda said. "In my opinion, if the commission rejects the fight, the attorneys for Terrell and Clay would have a legal reason for disapproval."

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