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Seniors Play Last Home Game

Ags Meet Bears

By GERALD GARCIA
Battalion Sports Editor
Four Texas Aggie basketball players will be carrying a big burden as they play their last home game against the Baylor Bears at 8 p.m. tonight.

Seniors John Beasley, Dick Stringfellow, Eddie Dominguez and Tim Timmerman and their

Aggie teammates will have the pressure on them since Southern Methodist whipped Texas Christian Monday night in overtime, 100-96.

The win gave SMU a one-half game edge over the Aggies in Southwest Conference standings.

A&M "must" win to go into the final game of the year in a tie with the Ponies. SMU now has a 10-3 conference mark, while A&M is at 9-3.

A loss by the Aggies to Baylor tonight in G. Rollie White Coliseum would give SMU a one-

game lead and all they would have to do to win the conference is beat Texas Tech in Dallas Thursday.

The Aggies put the pressure on the Mustangs Friday when they beat Rice, 93-65, but SMU edged the University of Texas to throw the conference back in a tie.

Big John has been inconsistent lately and the Aggies have suffered.

In the three defeats the Aggies have suffered in the second round, Beasley has been held far below his conference leading average of 29 points per game.

Stringfellow has been instrumental in several Aggie wins. The Aggie defensive standout held Baylor's Jimmy Turner to one field goal during the first Baylor-A&M meeting.

Dominguez has also been outstanding. He took over the scoring when Beasley was being held down and the Aggies beat Texas Tech here.

Timmerman has been a top Aggie reserve. Aggie Coach Shelby Metcalf claims Timmerman must warmup between the bench and the scorer's table because Timmerman always enters the game with a hot shooting hand.

Baseball Opener Defies Weather

Texas Aggie baseballers carry their own little rain cloud, and it hasn't failed them yet. After three consecutive washouts, the Aggies attempt to open the season today against Trinity in San Antonio.

Friday's contest with Fort Sam Houston and Saturday's double-header with Trinity yielded to bad weather, so the Aggie lack a single game under their belts. But the weather report favors today's encounter with Trinity.

Coach Tom Chandler welcomed

back 10 lettermen from the 17-8 crew of '65. This list includes four All-Southwest Conference performers. Second baseman Lance Cobb and pitcher Steve Hillhouse are two-year all-conference stars, while outfielder Alan Koonce and first-baseman Billy Crain are one-year honorees. Koonce, a senior, made the mythical nine his sophomore season, the same year Cobb gained All-American honors.

Five seniors, three juniors and a lone sophomore dot the starting lineup, making experience the key in A&M's title hopes. The lineup, in batting order, includes:

Second baseman Lou Camilli, shortstop Mike Arrington, Cobb, Crain, Koonce, centerfielder Chuck Malitz, catcher Ralph Beckner, rightfielder Neil Thompson, and pitcher Hillhouse.

Area diamond fans get a glimpse of Aggie power Wednesday at 3 p.m. as A&M plays its home-opener against St. Mary's at Travis Park in Bryan. The lineup will change for this fracas, as Chandler searches for the strongest combination.

Non-conference battles with Texas Lutheran Friday, Sul Ross, March 7 and 8, and Houston, March 10, serve as warmups for the first league clash against TCU in Fort Worth, March 12.

Last year's 10-5 league mark, good enough for a second-place finish, plus he experienced hands returning, places the Aggies once again among the conference favorites.

SMU Wins In Overtime

FORT WORTH (AP)—Streaking Southern Methodist swept to a 100-96 overtime victory against Texas Christian Monday night and seized at least a temporary lead in the Southwest Conference basketball race.

The Methodists, forced repeatedly to overcome a commanding TCU lead, slipped into a 93-91 edge in the overtime period and never relinquished the advantage.

The harrowing victory—ninth straight for the Mustangs—pushed them one-half game ahead of Texas A&M as the championship race rolled into its final week.

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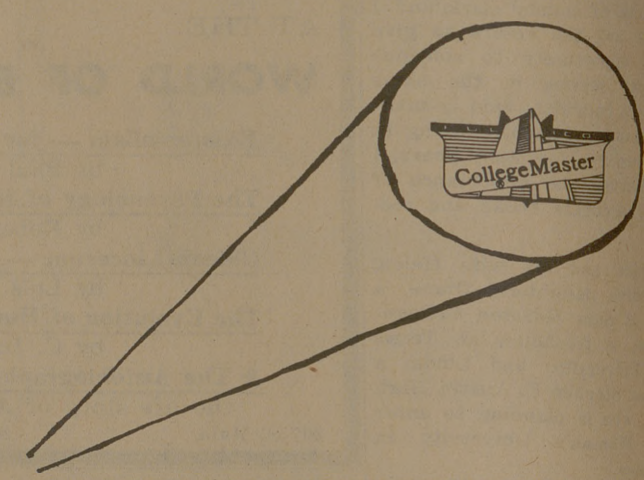
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