

Sports Aplenty
SWC Basketball
Has Many Surprises

By GARY SHERER

After Tuesday night's Southwest Conference basketball action, it seems that the Aggies were the only entry to hold up the home-team-always-wins-theory.

Southern Methodist, Baylor and Rice, along with the Maroon and White, were all hosts that night. The Aggies were the only unhosted team. Rice tried to be, getting into a slugfest with the Texas Longhorns, but the Owls still lost 81-76.

SMU, which had been next to untouchable at home and near that on the road, could not handle Texas Tech as the Red Raiders stunned the Mustangs, 82-74. This was Tech's first road win this year and really complicates things as far as being able to foresee a title favorite at this point in the season.

Possibly the biggest question-mark is Baylor. The Bears have experienced a letdown much like their football counterparts encountered last fall. On Feb. 7 they went to Fort Worth with a chance to move into second place all alone and also take their fifth straight conference victory. This was not to be, as Texas Christian knocked them off 96-89 and Baylor hasn't won since.

The Aggies then went against the script that SMU, Baylor and Rice had setup and won 60-53 at College Station.

This writer has always been a statistics bug and sometimes it is fun to compare one team's stats against the other. For instance, Arkansas, which is last in the conference, has, however, given up the least points. But this fact loses its surprise when it is revealed that Arkansas also has scored less than any other team.

The Aggies are second in least points given up, but, except for Arkansas, have scored less than all the other teams. TCU is the highest scoring team, but only Baylor has given up more points than the Horned Frogs. In fact, the top three scoring teams, TCU, SMU and Baylor are also the top three in giving up points.

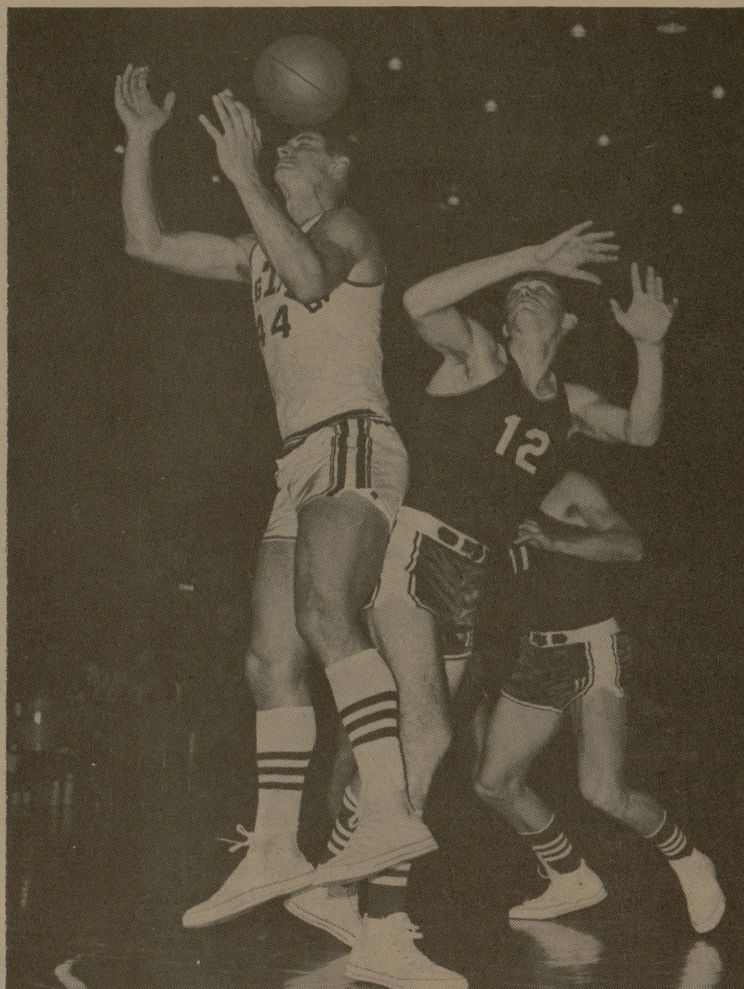
Even with three home teams losing Tuesday night, there is still a lop-sided difference when home and road games are compared. In 36 SWC games this year, the home team has won 27 times. Of the nine times the visitor has won, SMU has turned the trick three times. This is the main reason they are leading the league. TCU and Texas have won two road games each, while Baylor and Texas Tech have won once each.

The SWC standings are really jumbled after the recent action. SMU leads with a 7-2 record; TCU and Texas are deadlocked at 6-3 for second place; the Aggies, Baylor and Rice are tied for third at 4-5, Texas Tech at 3-6 is next and the Razorbacks are in the cellar at 2-7.

Keeping on a statistics note, the Aggies are the only team in the SWC that holds a series edge over Texas Tech since the Red Raiders joined the conference. The Aggies hold a 6-5 edge since 1962 when Tech made the SWC an eight-team league. In addition, A&M has an overall margin of 12-11 since they started playing each other in 1941-42. The Aggies then, will be looking to keep that winning margin when they visit Lubbock Saturday night.

Coach Shelby Metcalf expects to start Ronnie Peret and Billy Bob Barnett at the forward slots, Buzzy Myatt

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REBOUND

Ronnie Peret (44) grabs a rebound with his hands and head in action in the Aggies' 60-53 win over Arkansas Tuesday night. Tommy Rowland (12) looks on for Arkansas.

MSC To Sponsor
Billiards Matches

The Memorial Student Center Recreation Committee will sponsor a spring semester billiard tournament March 18, announced Karl Caillouet, billiards committee chairman.

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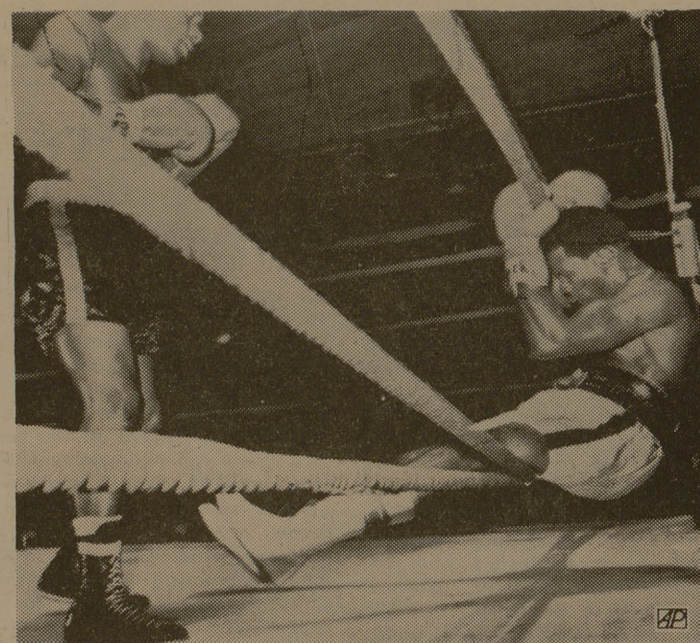
Prizes will be awarded to the top three contestants in each event. First prize is a cuestick, second prize is a beer stein engraved with the name of the winner and the site of the tournament and third prize is \$2 worth of table time. No contestant may accumulate more than one first prize.

The tournament will begin at 9 a.m. with a drawing to determine individual places.

In a similar tournament last semester, Bob Brandt won the carom division while Mike Brown won the 9-ball and straight competition. Thirty-two persons entered the tournament.

Interested persons may sign up at the desk in the Memorial Student Center bowling alley.

Cassius Clay, now recognized as world heavyweight boxing champion by the WBA, is expected to defend his title next in a match with Zora Folley.



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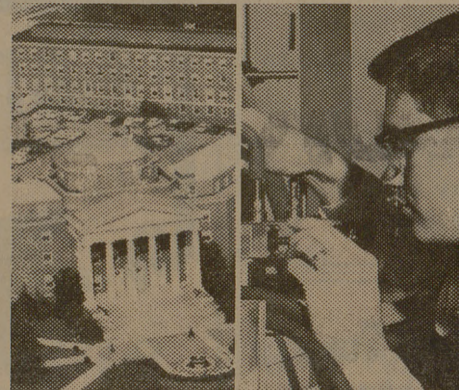
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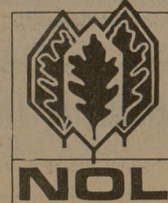
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