

Hayes Hits 40, Cougars Romp

HOUSTON (AP)—Second ranked Houston used Elvin Hayes' 40 points and a second half full court press to smash winless George Washington, 86-61, in the first game of the annual Bluebonnet Basketball Classic Wednesday night.

Mississippi State met Montana State in the second game.

Houston pulled to a 45-30 half-time lead on the 20 points of Hayes who along with 6-9 Ken Spain also dominated the backboards.

Hayes finished with 15 rebounds while Spain hauled in 14. Houston, winning its fifth straight game without defeat, outrebounded the Colonials 49-26.

Roger Strong's 18 points led George Washington scorers.

UTEP Loses Five Players

EL PASO (AP)—The loss for the Sun Bowl of five University of Texas at El Paso football players because of ineligibility might boost the team's morale, UTEP Coach Bobby Dobbs said Wednesday.

The loss included the school's leading scorer, flanker Volley Murphy, and 6-foot-4, 230-pound defensive ace Denver Samples.

George McCarty, UTEP athletic director, said the players were ruled ineligible for the Dec. 30 game at El Paso under the NCAA post-season rule on junior college transfers. They must either have transferred with a certain number of hours, graduated or transferred with a B-average.

"We'll show up," Dobbs said of the Sun Bowl game with Mississippi.

"Certainly it will hurt," he said. "You don't lose five out of your first 22 without it hurting you. We kind of knew all along that we would lose two or three. We lost one more than we thought. But it's no surprise. That's a national rule and applies to everybody."

Beam Another Big Play Man

After four dry holes, the Texas Aggies brought in six producers and a sophomore guard from Odessa predicted the first gusher.

Winston Beam, who wrestled drill stem as a roughneck last summer and opposing linemen during A&M's SWC championship season, called the Texas Tech victory for several Odessa High friends.

"THEY MET me when we got off the bus at Lubbock and asked when the Aggies would start winning. I said 'This one'," he related. "We had to start somewhere and Tech was as good as any." QB Edd Hargett initiated a big-play winning trend with his 15-yd TD run with three seconds left.

Beam, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Beam, 1601 East 63rd, made numerous contributions. He had 14 tackles in his best game at Lubbock and was in the middle of a big first quarter defensive play at Arkansas.

ARKANSAS HAD driven 58 yards to the Aggie 11. Wingback David Dickey went into the middle on a fourth and one run. Beam and the Aggie line allowed no gain, A&M taking over for a 90-yd scoring drive.

"(Linebacker Bill) Hobbs made the tackle," Beam said.

The 20-year-old Aggie defender met the Porkers head-on again. A&M trailed 21-20 in the fourth period with the Razorbacks working on second and eight from their 22. Glen Hockersmith took the middle route on a draw. The 6-0, 237-pound Beam drilled him and shook the Hog fullback loose from the football.

End Tommy Maxwell recovered to set up A&M's go-ahead TD.

THREE YEARS all-district and twice all-state guard at Odessa High, Beam started A&M's first two games and missed LSU because of torn knee cartilage. He played against Florida State and hit full stride opposite Tech for A&M's 6-0 finish.

Beam's knee will undergo operation after A&M's Jan. 1 Cotton Bowl engagement with Alabama.

"I feel we will win," the soph who worked on a drill rig at Ozona and Fort Stockton said. "We'll keep hammering it out and sooner or later make something happen."

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