

Ags Top Tech For First SWC Win



Sports Aplenty A Study In Courage

By GARY SHERER

Trying to define competitive spirit is difficult. It is also hard to say why a young man wants to compete in college football.

Yes, there are a lot of reasons you can name, but are they the true reasons? It seems the only safe observation is that a boy wants to compete because the urge is just naturally there. Coach Gene Stallings says one of the most important things a young man should do is compete. It is natural then, that his players should possess a lot of this competitive spirit.

One player proved he has all the competitive spirit needed to play football on New Year's Day.

Barney Harris is a sophomore end from San Antonio. He was the starting quarterback for last season's Fish squad. At the start of this season, he had been considered at many spots in the lineup, but late in the season became the regular weak end.

Barney, along with the rest of the Aggie squad, had arrived in Dallas on Dec. 26 for final preparation before the big New Year's Classic. Four days later, Barney received the tragic news that his father had died.

The late Mr. Ben Harris was principal of MacArthur High School in San Antonio, where Barney had starred in football.

The funeral was set for the morning of New Year's Day. Coach Stallings left the decision to come back to Barney. Just before gametime, Barney suited up for the game and was in the starting lineup. Many of the 75,000 spectators did not know of the strain that number 15 for the Aggies was playing under.

His fellow players did know, and they presented Barney one of the two game balls (the other went to Coach Gene Stallings).

Barney Harris displayed much more than competitive spirit in that game. It was a courageous performance by an equally courageous young man.

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"If we'd played like this before, we would be 3-0 now."

This was Coach Shelby Metcalf's observation following the Aggies' 94-81 Southwest Conference victory over Texas Tech in G. Rollie White Coliseum Monday night.

It was a must win for the 7-5 Maroon and White as they won their first SWC game after two straight setbacks.

BY PRE-SEASON predictions, this was supposed to be a determine of the team to beat in the conference race. Both Tech and the Aggies were named most prominently by conference experts as the top two teams in the forecasts.

Tech, coached by Gene Gibson, had also lost its first two games and at gametime, the teams were tied for the cellar with defending champion Southern Methodist.

The Aggies came out and threatened to run away early as they built up a fast 9-3 lead. The crowd of 2,100 (good, considering the weather) saw Tech then reverse the tide and a see-saw first half ensued. The Aggies took a 41-38 halftime lead to the dressing room.

After intermission, it was strictly A&M as the Aggies walked away from the Tech five and had as much as a 19-point lead on some fine second half shooting.

THE MAROON and White finished at 59.4 from the field on a fine 38 for 64. They shot at a torrid 65.6 norm in the second half runaway.

Metcalf was especially pleased with the play of Ronnie Peret and Harry Bostic.

Peret, 6-9 junior from Plainview, garnered 29 points from in close and also under the guarding of 6-8 Vernon Paul, Tech's all-conference center.

Bostic, 6-6 Tyler JC transfer from Indiana, showed the shoot-

ing hand that Metcalf had been looking for before last night. The service veteran had come to A&M with a reputation as a fine shooter but had carried less than a nine-point average into the game.

BOSTIC FINISHED with a season-high 20 points as his six second half buckets led the Aggie onslaught.

Peret and Bostic got support in the scoring department from John Underwood with 17 and Mike Heitmann at 13 points. The four leading scorers were a combined 33 for 53 from the field. High for Tech was Jim Nelson with 23 and Paul added 17.

The deficit might have been larger but 11 misses from the free throw line held the big lead down.

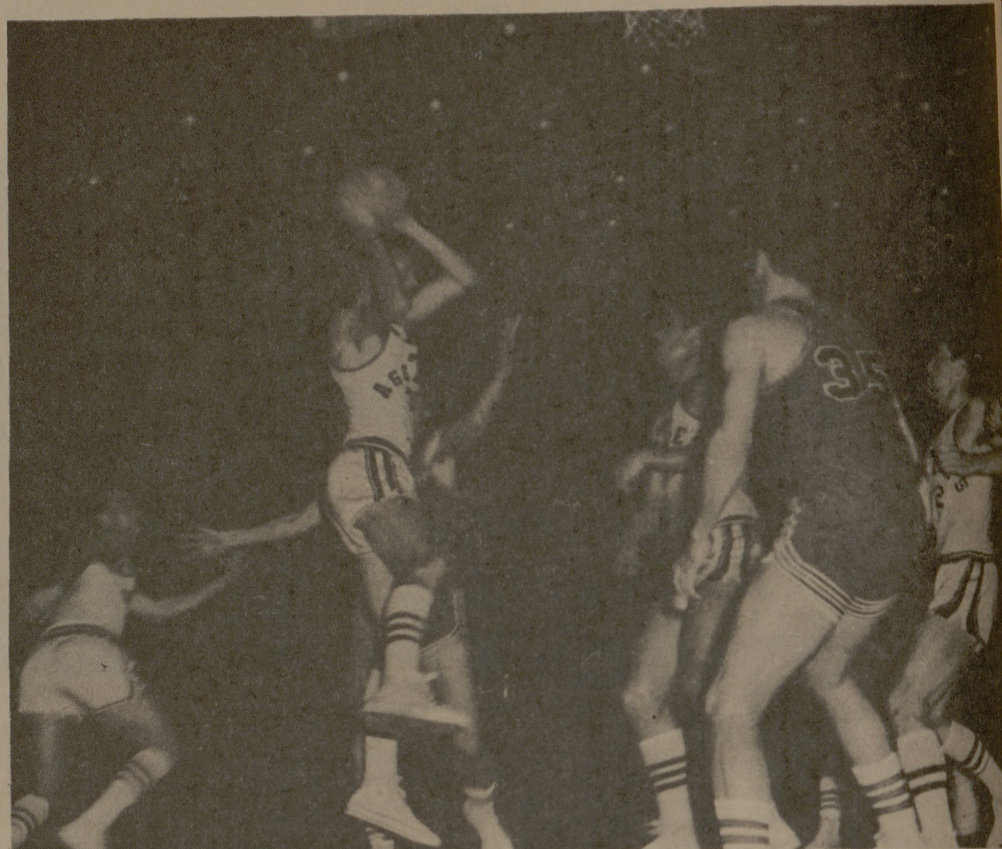
It was free throws that helped and hindered the Aggies in Saturday night's disappointing double-overtime loss to Texas Christian before 5,200 G. Rollie White Coliseum spectators.

In the first half of the game, the Aggies grabbed a 34-29 lead but some free throw misses cut down on their margin. Both teams were below-par from the field in the first twenty minutes as the Aggies and Horned Frogs collected 11 baskets apiece on a total of 71 shots.

IN THE SECOND half, the Aggies held onto the lead as their free throws and field shooting improved. The Frogs, however, stayed right with the Maroon and White and finally tied the game at 57-57 with 3:49 remaining.

Then, the Aggies seemed to ice the game with 30 seconds left as Sonny Benefield's two free throws made it 65-61 Aggies. That half minute was all the Frogs needed, however, as they ran off two quick baskets and regulation time ran out.

The first overtime was more of the same see-saw scoring as the Aggies had a chance to win but Bostic's hurried shot with four



BOSTIC REBOUNDS

Harry Bostic pulls down an Aggie rebound in this first half action of the Aggies' 81 SWC victory over Texas Tech Monday night. Other Aggies are John Underwood (hind Bostic), Ronnie Peret (middle) and Mike Heitmann. Defending for Tech is Vern Paul (35).

seconds left went off target.

In the second and final overtime, Frog forward Mickey McCarty emerged as the Aggies' fate-sealer. The 6-6 senior from Pasadena had led a TCU comeback last season in a come-from-behind Frog win at College Station. McCarty repeated his performance Saturday night as he accounted for TCU's last six points and put the game out of reach for the Aggies.

JAMES CASH took scoring honors for the Horned Frogs with

26 points and McCarty finished with 20. Peret was high for the Aggies with 18 and Underwood and Billy Bob Barnett added 16 and 13 respectively.

The TCU loss marked the second overtime loss in a row for the Maroon and White as they

had bowed to Arkansas in time, 75-70, at Fayetteville. Two more games are on Aggies' agenda before break. They will be both on road with the first being today at SMU and then a from tonight at Texas.

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High Scoring Fish Slam Temple JC

Bill Cooksey and Chuck Smith, the high scoring one-two punch of the Aggie Fish, scored 50 points between them Monday night to lead the Fish to a convincing 97-80 victory over Temple Junior College.

The win over Temple, which had compiled a 15-1 record going into the game, gave the Fish a 4-1 overall mark.

Cooksey put the game out of reach for the Aggies midway through the first half when he hit for 13 points in a four minute stretch. In that time the Fish increased a 27-20 lead to 43-28.

TEMPLE HAD a 10-9 lead in the game and were tied at 2-2 and 10-10 for the only times the Aggies weren't in command. With Cooksey scoring 21 from long range and inside man Smith and playmaker Roddy McAlpine each contributing 12, the Fish raced to a 55-40 halftime advantage.

In the second half the Aggies hit an amazing 17 of 21 from the field for 81 per cent and ended the game with 35 of 63 for a 55.6 mark. Temple hit on 31 of 81 in the game for a 38.3 mark.

A free shot by Smith with 9:43 left gave the Fish their largest lead in the contest at 77-56.

Turnovers again were a thorn in A&M's side but their strength on the backboards more than made up for it. The Fish had 14 turnovers to 8 for Temple but pulled down 54 rebounds to 40 for Temple. The Aggies have had more turnovers than their opponents in each of the five games but have also pulled down the most rebounds in each game.

COOKSEY LED the winners with 28 points while Smith had 22 and McAlpine and Steve Niles each contributed 15. Niles pulled down 16 rebounds to pace the Fish for the third straight time. Smith contributed 13 rebounds while Cooksey had 10.

Marcus Whitson and Frank Jackson led the Temple offense with 23 and 18 points, respectively.

The high-scoring Fish jumped to a 1-0 conference record Saturday night as they took a 86-68 victory over Texas Christian University.

The game was tied only at 4-4 and 9-9 as the Aggies never trailed. Neither team could find the basket with any consistency

in the initial half as the Fish eased out front 35-23.

Things began to get better for A&M in the second half, as a corner jump shot by Cooksey with 13:09 left gave them their biggest lead at 58-32. McAlpine provided the spark for the remainder of the game as the Fish coasted on in.

A&M HIT ON 32 of 76 from the field for 42.1 per cent while holding the Wogs to 24 of 79 for a 30.4 mark. TCU hit on only 23.5 per cent in the first half to 36.1 for the Aggies.

The winners outrebounded the visitors 70-59 but committed 12 turnovers to 8 by TCU.

Cooksey, Smith and McAlpine led the Fish in scoring with 16 points apiece while Niles contributed 13 and Tommy Bain reached the double figure mark with 10. Niles was the game's top rebounder with 19 followed by Smith with 11 and Cooksey with 10.

Ron Pierce paced TCU with 18 points while Glenn Monroe added 16 and Mike Shabay had 10.

UCLA, Cougars Top AP Ratings

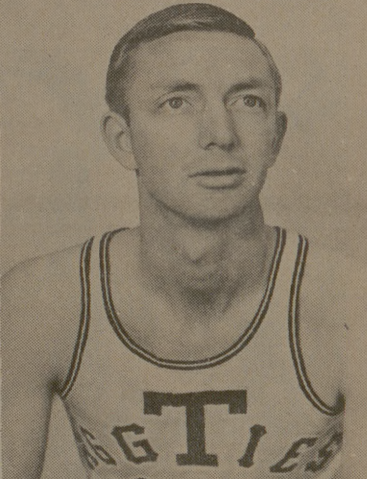
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Two unbeaten teams, UCLA and Houston, remain one-two while two other unbeaten, St. Bonaventure and New Mexico, advanced slightly Monday in The Associated Press' major college basketball poll.

UCLA, 10-0, again drew all but one first-place vote and Houston, 15-0, got the other vote.

St. Bonaventure ran its record to 11-0 with two victories last week and climbed from ninth to seventh. New Mexico, 13-0 after a pair of victories last week, moved from 10th to ninth.

The Top Ten as of Jan. 7, with first-place votes in parentheses, and total points on a 10-9-8 etc. basis:

1. UCLA (38)	389
2. Houston (1)	351
3. North Carolina	301
4. Kentucky	256
5. Tennessee	183
6. Utah	159
7. St. Bonaventure	135
8. Vanderbilt	114
9. New Mexico	89
10. Columbia	44



HARRY BOSTIC

Bryant Named Chief Speaker For Grid Fete

Alabama's Paul Bryant will be principal speaker at Texas A&M's annual football banquet in Shiba Hall the night of January 20.

Bryant's Crimson Tide lost to the Aggies, 20-16, in the recent Cotton Bowl Classic at Dallas.

The banquet, sponsored by the Aggie Club, will also feature the presentation of the Aggie Heart Award, a huge trophy that will go to the senior whom the squad votes most deserving in such traits as desire, determination and leadership. A&M coach Gene Stallings will make that presentation.

Aggie Club members will get first priority on tickets to the banquet. Applications have already been mailed to them. Tickets to the general public, priced at \$6.50 and which will be limited because of space and demand from Aggie Club members, players, their dates and parents and special guests, will go on sale Monday, Jan. 15.

Mickey Herskowitz, executive sports editor of The Houston Post, will be master of ceremonies.

Bryant, prior to going to Alabama, coached four seasons at A&M, 1953-57, and Stallings played three years of varsity football under him here.

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