

Peret Leads Aggs At Halfway Mark

The Texas Aggies take their 1-2 SWC basketball record into Dallas this weekend to face SMU Saturday night and they're hopeful that Monday night's 94-81 win over Texas Tech was the season's turning point.

A&M's last-gasp win over Tech in football proved to be the turning point that sent the Aggies hurtling toward the SWC title and a Cotton Bowl win over Alabama. It could just happen that way for Shelby Metcalf's cagers, too.

The Aggies, now halfway through the season, have an overall 7-5 record for the year and hold claim to the American Legion Tourney crown which they won in Seattle, Wash., between Christmas and New Year's with wins over Seattle and San Francisco.

The Aggies easily could be sporting an unblemished 3-0 mark in Southwest Conference action. But, they dropped an overtime decision to Arkansas in Fayetteville in their opener and then lost a double-overtime verdict to TCU

in College Station. Five Aggies are averaging double figures in full-season scoring and four are in double digits for conference play.

Junior Ronnie Peret, perhaps the best "big man" in the league this season, paces both scoring categories. He is averaging 17.6 for the full season and 22.0 after three league titles.

Following Peret in full-season scoring come Mike Heitmann, talented sophomore from Houston, at 11.8; Billy Bob Barnett, junior from Brenham, 11.1; Johnny Underwood, senior from Honey Grove, 10.8 and Harry Bostic, transfer from Tyler Junior College, 10.1.

Lined up behind the 6-9 Plainview lad in SWC scoring are Underwood, 15.7; Heitmann, 10.3 and Barnett, 10.0.

Peret also is the club's top rebounder, averaging 15.3 in three league games and 11.0 for the 12 season games.

Following the trip to SMU, the Aggies move into Austin next Tuesday night against Texas.

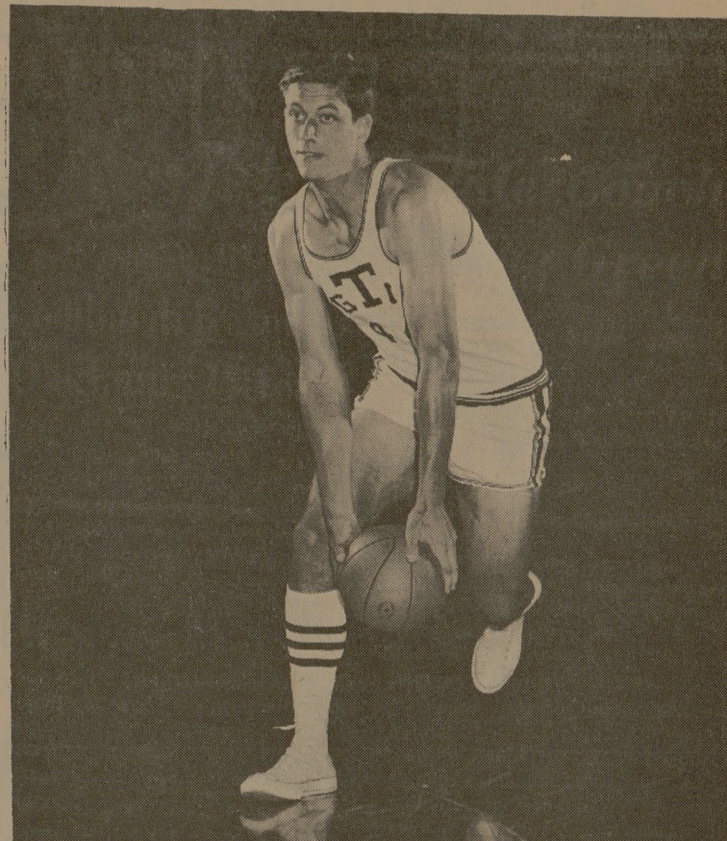
Aggie Cage Stats

Player	G	FG-FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Miss	Reb-Avg.	Pf-D	Pts.	Avg.	High	Game
Ronnie Peret	12	75-125	60.0	61-95	64.3	84	132-11.0	49-3	211	17.6	30	(S.W.T.)
Mike Heitmann	12	41-108	38.0	60-74	81.3	81	89-7.4	33-2	142	11.8	28	(Trin)
Billy Bob Barnett	12	49-121	40.5	35-55	64.5	92	57-4.8	28-1	133	11.1	25	(S. F.)
Johnny Underwood	12	52-114	45.6	27-34	79.5	69	58-4.8	18-0	131	10.8	19	(S. F.)
Harry Bostic	12	53-109	48.6	15-20	75.0	61	60-5.0	33-3	121	10.1	20	(TTech)
Terry Trippet	12	36-79	45.6	28-36	77.8	51	27-2.2	27-0	100	8.3	16	(WTS)
Mike Hazel	11	13-24	54.3	12-18	66.7	17	25-2.1	19-0	38	3.5	9	(TCU)
Sonny Benefield	10	8-38	21.1	14-19	73.7	35	14-1.4	10-0	30	3.0	10	(K.St.)
Bill Brown	8	6-15	40.0	8-11	72.7	12	3-0.4	5-0	20	2.5	8	(LTech)
Byron Chandler	1	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0	0	2-2.0	2-0	2	2.0	2	(TTech)
Oliver Biggers	5	1-1	100.0	6-6	100.0	0	1-0.2	2-0	8	1.6	6	(TTech)
Buzzy Myatt	5	5-14	35.7	3-4	75.0	10	10-2.5	10-1	13	2.6	6	(WTS)
Larry Ditto	1	0-1	0.0	0-0	0.0	1	1-1.0	0-0	0	—	—	—
Team Rebounds . . . 85-7.8												

Totals	A&M	FG-FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Miss	Reb-Avg.	Pf-D	Pts.	Avg.	High	Game	
	A&M	12	340-750	45.3	269-372	72.3	513	564-47.0	236-11	949	79.1	106	(Trin)
	FOES	12	369-863	42.8	206-305	67.7	593	542-45.1	378-17	944	78.6	95	(Trin)

SWC (Won 1, Lost 2)	G	FG-FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Miss	Reb-Avg.	Pf-D	Pts.	Avg.	High	Game
Peret	3	25-34	73.5	16-33	48.4	26	46-15.3	13-1	66	22.0	29	(TTech)
Underwood	3	17-35	48.5	13-15	86.5	20	13-4.3	5-0	47	15.7	17	(TTech)
Heitmann	3	9-30	30.0	13-14	92.8	22	27-9.0	7-0	31	10.3	14	(Ark.)
Barnett	3	11-33	33.3	8-14	57.2	28	22-7.3	9-0	30	10.0	17	(Ark.)
Bostic	3	13-26	50.0	2-3	66.7	14	10-3.3	11-2	28	9.3	20	(TTech)
Biggers	1	1-1	100.0	4-4	100.0	0	1-1.0	2-0	6	6.0	6	(TTech)
Hazel	3	3-5	60.0	6-11	54.6	7	10-3.3	6-1	12	4.0	9	(TCU)
Trippet	3	4-15	26.6	1-3	33.3	13	5-1.7	9-0	9	3.0	7	(TCU)
Benefield	3	1-10	10.0	6-6	100.0	9	7-2.3	4-0	8	2.7	8	(TCU)
Chandler	1	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0	0	2-2.0	2-0	2	2.0	2	(TTech)
Brown	2	1-2	50.0	0-0	0.0	1	0-0.0	1-0	2	1.0	2	(TTech)
Team Rebounds . . . 22-7.3												

Totals	A&M	FG-FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Miss	Reb-Avg.	Pf-D	Pts.	Avg.	High	Game	
	A&M	3	86-192	44.8	69-103	67.0	140	165-55.0	68-4	241	80.3	94	(TTech)
	FOES	3	87-223	39.0	63-87	72.5	160	135-45.0	76-3	237	79.0	81	(TCU & TTech)



RONNIE PERET
Top scorer and rebounder after 12 games.

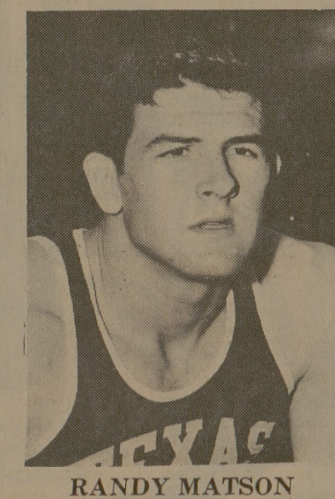
Randy Matson Is Selected Texas' Top Amateur Athlete

Texas A&M's claim to world records, Randy Matson, added another accolade to his honor list recently.

The 6-6, 260-pounder who has thrown the shotput farther than any other man in history, was named Amateur Athlete of the Year by the Texas Sportswriters Association.

Matson, who is completing his senior year at A&M, beat out Houston Cougar basketballer Elvin Hayes by two votes. Texas halfback Chris Gilbert and Texas Southern sprinter Jim Hines placed third and fourth, respectively.

This being an Olympic year, Matson has his sights set on one thing that has eluded him in his career, an Olympic Gold Medal.



RANDY MATSON

Raider Coach Seeing Green

Lombardi Respects Oakland's Offense

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — Vince Lombardi sent his Green Bay Packers through a 90 minute contact drill Wednesday because he thought his National Football League champions still looked a little sluggish and rusty in a closed workout at Yankee Stadium.

"I think by tomorrow we'll be out of it," said the coach of the Packers who is preparing his squad for the Super Bowl game Sunday in Miami with Oakland's American Football League champions.

Although the Packers are two touchdown favorites, Lombardi continued to speak with deep respect for the Raiders.

"They have a good passer, Daryle Lamonica, who has thrown over 400 passes and completed 50 per cent of them. They have good receivers and good yardage for their receptions," said Lombardi.

"They have a different outlook on defense than Kansas City had last year. We have been very much impressed by their defensive personnel. Their linebackers are smaller than Kansas City's but very active and quick. They are more of a unit of defense. They don't let you stack one against one. You've got to beat their whole defense."

BOCA RATON, Fla. (AP)—Oakland Coach John Rauch, his eyes a bit bloodshot from watching and rewatching films of Green Bay's last three games, isn't sure how much he's learned from the footage.

"There's never enough film to look at as far as I'm concerned," said Rauch before sending the American Football League champion Raiders through another practice Wednesday as preparation picked up for Sunday's Super Bowl showdown with the National Football League champion Packers.

"You'd like to have all their games if you could. But we've worked from film all year long," Rauch continued. "In the AFL, we don't use scouts. We exchange two game films, and that's it. I guess with three Packer films, we're ahead here."

If Rauch has learned anything special from the Packer pictures, he's not saying.

"I'd venture to say that if you asked 10 people how to beat Green Bay," said Rauch, "you'd get 10 different answers. In any game, we must prepare for anything that might develop out of any formation."

Rauch said he thought the Raiders' best chance against the Packers would be to use a varied attack.

"I think you have to establish some balance," he said. "Otherwise, they'll just lay back there waiting for you."

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