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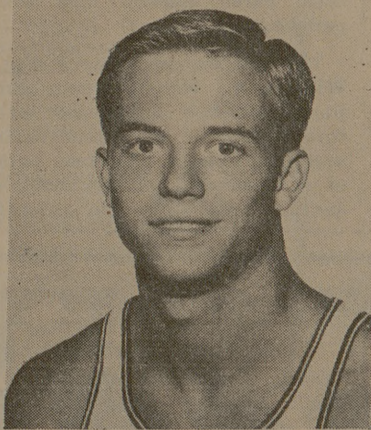
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# Aggies Squeeze Longhorns, 88-87, At Austin

By GARY SHERER  
Rice's head basketball coach Don Knodel isn't going to know



JOHN UNDERWOOD

how to prepare for the Aggies, when his team plays the Maroon and White on Feb. 6.

The Owl mentor has seen the Aggies play twice this season. His first time was last week's game with Texas Tech. The Aggies shot the Raiders off the floor in a 94-81 G. Rollie White win. Knodel's second in-person glimpse of the Aggies was Tuesday night at Austin.

ONCE AGAIN it was an Aggie victory as they scored an 88-87 victory over Texas at Gregory Gym.

The cliff-hanging win was the Aggies' second Southwest Conference win of the year. Coach Shelby Metcalf now must consider Knodel some kind of lucky charm as the three SWC games that the Rice coach has missed,

the Aggies lost.

For awhile, it looked like nothing was going to help the Aggies. Ten turnovers in the first half plus leading scorer Ronnie Peret getting in foul trouble put the Aggies behind at halftime, 47-42.

Then, with the start of the second half, the game became a real personal scoring duel between Texas' Billy Arnold and the Aggies' John Underwood and Sonny Benefield.

ARNOLD, WHO finished with 36 points, won the duel for the first six minutes and the Longhorns pulled to an 11-point lead. Then Peret, saddled with four fouls, along with Benefield, led an Aggie comeback that saw them outscore the Longhorns 12-2 in the next three minutes.

From there, Underwood took

over as his nine straight points kept the Aggies in the ball game. However, both teams now were facing foul problems, with four Aggies all with a quartet of fouls.

Texas lost Arnold and junior forward Kurt Papp on fouls and the Aggies equaled them with Underwood and Peret going to the bench. This left just Benefield to carry the scoring load. As this game was a return to form for Benefield, it also was for Billy Bob Barnett. The Brenham junior pumped in five points and with four minutes left, the Aggies pulled to their first lead since early in the game.

AFTER THIS, the Longhorns never led again. But Texas kept in the game and with the Aggies

leading 86-85, team captain Terry Trippet attempted to dribble towards the basket. The Odessa senior was knocked off balance by an anxious Longhorn and after the dust cleared, an equally anxious official called a "palming the ball" violation on Trippet.

There was only 23 seconds remaining at this time but the Longhorns missed their subsequent shot and a Texas man was called for a foul. It must have been retribution as Trippet was the man that was fouled.

The Aggies' answer to "Mister Cool" then stepped to the foul line and sank the two free throws and the game was out of reach for Texas.

THE WIN makes the Aggies 8-6 for the season and 2-3 in the

SWC. Texas is now 6-7 for the

year and 3-2 in the conference. High for the Aggies was Underwood with 27 and Barnett with 19. Benefield and Peret completed the Aggies' double-figure scoring with 14 each.

Knodel was not the only SWC coach in the 7,000 spectators. The Aggies' next SWC game is front-running Baylor, was represented by its head man, Bill Maffee. The Bears will invade Aggie land Feb. 3. The next game is the Maroon and White will be road game at Shreveport, La. against Centenary.

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Gene Stallings, head football coach at Texas A&M, will present Smith for induction.

Others who will be inducted at the banquet in the Arlington Hotel at Hot Springs include Bo

Rowland, who coached at Ouachita and Razorback back in the 1918 era and Howard Hickey, great Razorback end around the 1936-38 era.

Smith was born in Casa, Ark., and was graduated from Danville High. He entered Hendrix College at Conway where he became one of the school's all-time athletic greats. He was a four-year, four-sport performer, starting in football at fullback. He still is considered one of the all-time backs in Arkansas college ranks.

A few years ago he was named one of the 10 most distinguished graduates of Hendrix College.

A soft-spoken man with a sense of humor, Smith has a doctor's degree in economics and a master's degree in physical education, the latter from Peabody College in Nashville, Tenn.

Smith has been in coaching since 1931. He started at Hot Springs, Ark., High, where he coached for two years. Next, he was an assistant coach at Hendrix College for four years. He then went to Centenary College at Shreveport, La., as head field coach and stayed there from 1942 when he entered the Navy. He reached the rank of lieutenant commander. After his discharge he became head coach at Southern State College in Magnolia, Ark.

In eight seasons there he compiled a 57-27 record, including two perfect seasons—10-0 in 1947 and 11-0 in 1952.

He came to Texas A&M in 1953 on Paul Bryant's first staff. He has served under four coaches here—Bryant, Jim Myers, Ed Foldberg and Stallings.

When Stallings was hired Dec. 7, 1964, his first move that day was to name Smith assistant head coach.

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