



# Aggie - Bear Waco Showdown On TV Saturday

By GARY SHERER should be packed to the rafters tomorrow afternoon when the Ag-

gie basketballers have a showdown match with the Southwest Conference-leading Baylor Bears.

A four-way tie (all teams 5-4) for second place will probably be broken but it still could last into next week because none of the deadlocked teams play each other.

IN ADDITION to the Aggies-Bears 1:15 p.m. TV match, the other three teams, Texas Christian, Arkansas and Texas will meet Texas Tech, Southern Methodist and Rice respectively. The lone nightgame will be the Owl-Longhorn match at Houston.

The game will mark the Aggies' first game on regional TV this season. Baylor (7-2 in the SWC) has been on once before this season, their first loss of the year with TCU at Fort Worth.

In fact, the Bears' two losses have come in games played away

from Waco. The second loss was Tuesday night in a 79-65 setback to Texas at Austin. Their one win on the road was the first game against the Aggies on Feb. 3.

BAYLOR COACH Bill Menefee said yesterday that he was happy to be playing the game at Waco. He called the Aggies the hottest team in the SWC at the present time.

Menefee's Bears are leading the conference although they have lacked a man in the top ten season scorers for most of the year. Russell Kibbe, 6-3 forward should crash that barrier soon as he presently is fourth in SWC conference scoring.

Kibbe, senior from Dallas was the top scorer for the Bears in the two club's first meeting. He hit for 22, with his 12 for 14 from the free throw line (he's second

in the league) doing the biggest damage.

TOMMY BOWMAN, 6-4 forward from Athens who leaps like he was 6-8 or more, has been the Bears top rebounder both in conference and season games.

The other consistent Bear scorer, 6-5 center David Sibley, also had a good night against the Aggies two weeks ago.

One Bear starter probably won't be able to play. Menefee announced yesterday that Ed Thorpe, senior JC transfer from Stockton, Calif., is ailing from a bad ankle.

The Aggies of Shelby Metcalf own a three-game winning streak with Texas and Rice (twice) the victims. In this span have come a SWC scoring record and a 20-point win over Rice. The Owls

gave the Bears a tough game last week before losing 59-58 in the last 11 seconds at Houston.

Metcalf plans to use the line that has started those three winning games. Sonny Benefield, Mike Heitmann, Ronnie Peret, Johnny Underwood and Billy Barnett will get the starting job.

Barnett has been the top scorer in the last two games and it is his rebounding and foul shooting that helped win the other games. In the last two games (17 against Rice and 32 against Texas), Barnett junior has upped his conference scoring average to 13.8.

The Aggies definitely need to win one. The Bears should be up to the game as will the Aggies. Loss for the Maroon and White would just about eliminate the Aggies from title hopes. The person and TV audience should see an exciting game, regardless of outcome.

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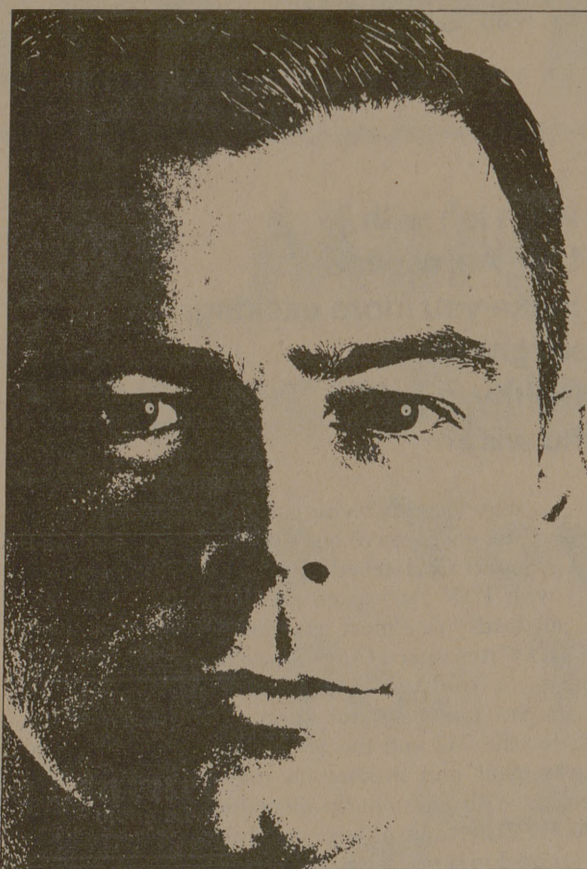
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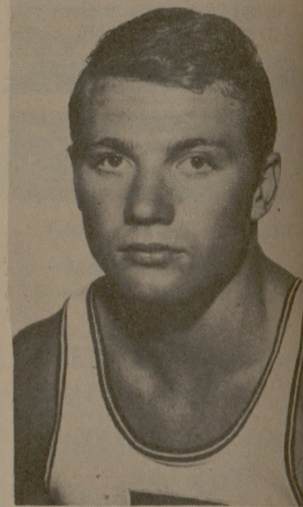
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## Aggie Cage Stats

Player	G	FG-FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Miss	Reb-Avg.	Pf-D	Pts.	Avg.	High	Game	
Ronnie Peret	19	119-206	57.8	95-142	66.9	134	205-10.8	80-8	333	17.5	30	(S.W.T.)	
Billy Bob Barnett	19	93-204	45.6	77-110	10.0	144	132-6.9	54.2	263	13.8	32	(Cent, T)	
Johnny Underwood	19	82-186	44.0	46-59	77.9	117	77-4.0	36-1	210	11.0	27	(Texas)	
Mike Heitmann	19	59-152	38.8	82-100	82.0	111	116-6.1	53-3	200	10.5	28	(Trin)	
Harry Bostic	19	68-142	47.9	29-39	74.4	84	81-4.2	51-3	165	8.7	20	(T Tech)	
Terry Trippet	18	46-107	42.9	35-45	77.8	71	37-2.0	41-1	127	7.0	16	(W.T.S.)	
Sonny Benefield	16	35-101	34.6	24-35	68.6	77	30-1.9	19-0	94	5.9	18	(Texas)	
Mike Hazel	18	29-50	58.0	19-37	78.4	29	55-3.0	37-1	87	4.8	13	(SMU)	
Oliver Biggers	10	7-10	70.0	8-10	80.0	5	4-0.4	3-0	22	2.2	6	(TT, Rice)	
Bill Brown	13	7-23	30.4	8-11	72.7	19	6-0.5	6-0	22	1.7	8	(L Tech)	
Byron Chandler	7	3-8	37.5	2-3	66.7	6	12-1.7	8-0	8	1.1	3	(Texas)	
Buzzy Myatt	5	5-14	35.7	3-4	75.0	10	10-2.5	10-1	13	2.6	6	(W.T.S.)	
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Team Rebounds.....122-6.4													
Totals	A&M	19	553-1204	45.9	438-595	73.6	808	888-46.7	398-20	1544	81.2	117	(Tex)
	FOES	19	578-1305	44.3	358-521	68.7	890	810-42.6	441-31	1514	79.7	105	(Tex)
SWC (W. 5, L. 4)													
Peret	9	59-98	60.3	41-69	59.4	67	105-11.7	39-5	159	17.7	29	(T Tech)	
Barnett	9	43-92	46.8	42-59	71.2	66	85-9.4	31-1	128	15.3	32	(Texas)	
Underwood	9	44-97	45.4	31-38	81.5	60	28-3.1	20-1	119	13.3	27	(Texas)	
Heitmann	9	26-71	36.6	35-40	87.5	50	50-5.5	25-1	87	9.7	18	(Baylor)	
Bostic	9	28-57	49.1	15-20	75.0	34	31-3.9	27-2	71	7.9	20	(T Tech)	
Benefield	8	25-65	38.5	16-21	76.3	45	23-2.9	10-0	66	8.3	18	(Texas)	
Hazel	9	16-27	59.2	20-27	74.1	18	35-3.9	23-2	52	5.8	13	(SMU)	
Trippet	8	13-39	33.4	7-10	70.0	29	12-1.5	21-2	33	3.9	8	(Tex, Bay)	
Biggers	5	5-7	71.4	6-8	75.0	4	3-0.6	3-0	16	3.2	6	(TT, Rice)	
Chandler	6	3-7	42.8	2-3	66.7	5	11-1.8	8-0	8	1.3	3	(Texas)	
Brown	6	2-9	22.2	0-0	00.0	7	2-0.3	2-0	4	0.7	2	(TT, Rice)	
Team Rebounds.....54-6.0													
Totals	A&M	9	264-569	46.4	215-295	72.8	385	439-48.8	209-13	743	82.6	117	(Tex)
	FOES	9	258-594	43.5	192-261	73.6	415	361-40.1	216-15	710	78.9	105	(Tex)



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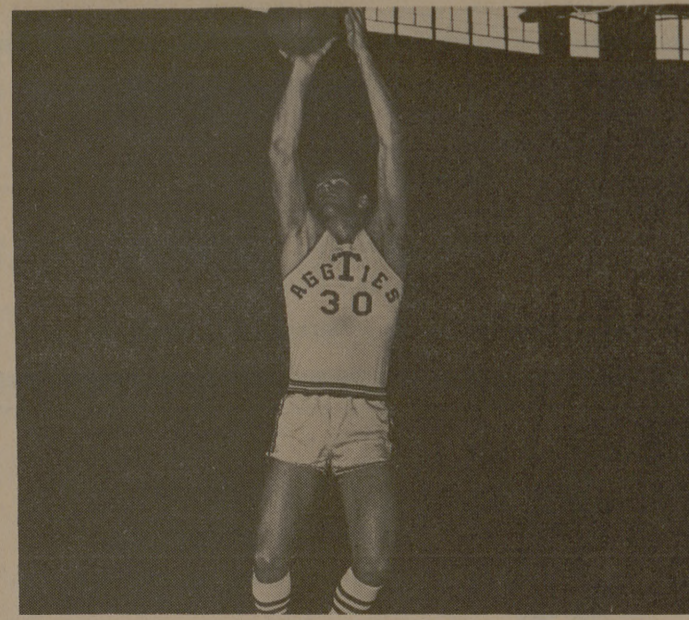
## South Africa Gets OK For Olympics

GRENOBLE, France (AP) South Africa, barred from the 1964 Olympics for its racial policies, was readmitted into the Olympics at Mexico City by vote of an "absolute majority" of the members of the International Olympic Committee.

The announcement here Tuesday night immediately raised the possibility that several other nations, and possibly the Soviet Union, might boycott the summer Games starting Oct. 26. Russian sports officials at the Winter Olympics here had indicated earlier in the week that South Africa competes in the Mexico City Games the Soviet Union won't.

Soviet officials, however, had no immediate reaction Thursday to the announcement by the IOC ending the suspension which kept South Africa out of the 1968 Summer and Winter Games at the current Winter Games in Grenoble.

Col. John Westerhoff, secretary of the IOC, said that a favorable postal vote had been made by the IOC on a resolution readmitting South Africa to Olympic competition. He did not disclose the exact vote but said it was an "absolute majority."



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