Bill Cooksey, Chuck Smith and Steve Niles emerged as the onetwo-three scoring punch of the Aggie Fish this season as the team posted the best record of any Aggie freshman squad under Coach Jim Culpepper.

The Fish finished with a 9-3 season record and a 6-2 conference mark.

ONLY ONE slightly rough spot was hit by the Fish during the year and that was the two games immediately following the semester break. The Aggie freshmen picked up both their conference defeats in those contests losing to Baylor in College Station 81-67 and to Rice in Houston 63-58.

Both scars on their conference slate were later wiped clean when



season in impressive fashion with four wins in their five starts before the semester break. In that time their only loss was to

76-73 and Rice in College Station

Culpepper's cagers started the

high-ranked Lon Morris Junior College 92-81. AFTER THE low point following the break, the Aggies reeled off five victories in a row to end

The most spectacular victory for the Fish may have been their next to last game of the season when they downed Tyler Junior College 73-71 in overtime. Tyler had entered the game with a 26 game winning streak and a 27-1 season mark to go with a ranking as the number 3 junior college team in the nation.

Another high point of the year for the Fish was a double win over arch-rival Texas. The Fish defeated the Yearlings 86-79 in

their first confrontation of the Signature Loans

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back to down the Austin based school 80-73 three games later in College Station.

SMITH PACED the Fish's scoring in the San Antonio game with 22 points while Cooksey set a team scoring record in the G. Rollie White game with a 33 point effort.

Temple Junior College was also rated among the top 10 in the nation when they fell to the Fish in the season's fourth game 97-80.

Niles, a 6-11 all-stater last year from San Antonio Lee, had the squad's top individual rebounding performance with 19 in A&M's first contest against the Texas Christian University Wogs. The top team rebounding game was also the first one against TCU when they dominated the backboards with 70.

Leading the Aggie offense in five of the games was Cooksey while Smith led in three and Niles in two. Cooksey and Smith tied for the lead in two other

THE REBOUNDING department was strictly in the hands of Niles and Smith. Niles led in the vital statistic eight times while Smith pulled down the most in four games.

Cooksey finished the season

age and 19.3 conference man while Smith had a 19.2 seas and an 18.4 conference mark.

Smith was the team's marksman from the floor as connected on 61.9 per cent his shots for the season wh Cooksey, a 6-2 outside shoote hit on a fine 45.2 per cent his long range shots.

Two boys from San Antor Lee's AAAA state champions 1967 were the team's num three and four scorers. Ni averaged 14.4 for the year wh Roddy McAlpine, a 5-9 ball ha dler, hit for a 9.3 average.

NILES TOPPED the team rebounding for the season w a 13.1 season mark while Sm grabbed 10.8 a game and Co sey picked off 7.7 a contest.

Danny Berry, a 5-9 guard fr Dallas, rounded out the Aggi starting five with a 8.3 sea scoring mark.

As a team the Fish average 79.8 points for the season and 78.8 in conference while holding opponents to 77.7 for the season and 73.6 in conference.

The Fish grabbed 591 rebounds compared to 514 by the opposition and hit on 46.5 per cent of their shots to a 41.8 mark for their

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top	Steve Niles		12	66-156	42.3	41-63	65.1	12	157-13.1	38-1	173	14.4	27	Rice #2 TCU #2
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of	Danny Berr		12	39-82	47.6	21-25	84.0	47	30-2.5	12-0	99	8.3	17	
ile	Tommy Bai		12	23-53	43.4	6-9	66.7	33	24-2.0	27-1	52	4.3	10	Rice #2 TCU #1
	Billy Hodge		5	8-22	36.4	2-3	66.7	15	9-1.8	4-0	18	3.6	6	Temple
er,	Andy Harri		9	7-11	63.6	1-9	11.1	12	18-2.0	10-0	15	1.6	5	TCU #1
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Aggie Nine Hosts Texas Saturday

Saturday afternoon at Bryan's Travis Park, the Texas Aggie baseball team opens its 1968 Southwest Conference season as they host the Texas Longhorn

Coach Tom Chandler's charges are 2-1 on the year with their only action thus far coming against Pan American at Edinburg. The Aggies took two games of a three-game set last weekend. Yesterday's game with St. Mary's of San Antonio was postponed because of weather conditions. The game will be rescheduled.

WEATHER has been the main problem for the Aggies as well as most of the SWC teams. Outdoor workouts have been at a minimum and with Kyle Field baseball diamond repairs progressing rather slowly, Chandler has had little chance to use the field.

Texas has managed to get in four games, and they have won them all. Watching the Longhorns play baseball won't be the same this season, Bibb Falk has retired after 25 years at the head coach's helm. He has been replaced by Cliff Gustafson, one of the most successful high school baseball coaches in Texas.

Gustafson, who played under Falk while at Texas, comes to Austin from South San Antonio high school where his team went unbeaten in 39 games last season. In fact, his team won their last six games of 1966 and their 45game streak was the third longest in prep school history.

THE NEW Texas coach in herited an experienced outfit for the 1968 season. Returning from last year's SWC co-champions are first baseman Bob Snoddy. who was the conference's leading hitter with a .392 mark last season. Joining Snoddy in returning is outfielder Pat Brown, who was all-conference and sophomore-of-the-year last year.

Other returnees are Kelly Scott and George Nauret, outfielders

and shortstop Jimmy Hunt. Texas was hit hard by graduation in ther pitching staff. Gone is Tommy Moore, who compiled a 9-0 record and received third team All-American rating. The number two man on the staff last season, Gary Gressett, is also

This weakness, pitching, will be the main problem for Gustaf-

son if the Longhorns are to peat as conference champion. Coach Chandler plans to star Rocky Thompson, the stock senior JC transfer from Houston in tomorrow's 2 p.m. game Chandler will have Walter Va vel and Bob Sanders ready Thompson falters. All three pit ers make up the nucleus Chandler's staff this season.

Hitting is coming along slowly because of the weather hindering practice. Chandler hopes to see the offense come around tomor-

The Aggie lineup should have all-SWC catcher Joe Staples, JO all-America Eddie Vaughn from and his Odessa at first, Richard Backes or Pete Maida at second bas Terry Dailey or Jim Raley a shortstop, Dailey or Butch Ghutzman at third base and Dave Elmendorf, Bob Long and sopho more Boyd Hadaway in the out-

Hadaway, a pitcher, has shown some batting prowess so Chandler has inserted him in the line-

The game has been moved to Travis Park because of the Kyle Field repairs not being finished. The field should be ready for play soon. When ready it wi present a good challenge to lon ball hitting. The foul lines ru 335 feet which are as long of longer than any major leagu

specifications. This year, freshmen will b able to compete in varsity baseball in the SWC. The rule states that if they play an inning of varsity play, they will be ineligible to compete on the fresh-

man level. Chandler has four first-yea men on his varsity roster. Th day against the Baylor Cubs Ginty, 1 here. The game should be played THE at Kyle Field but it is not defin-

Lou Camilli, the Aggie third baseman the past two years, has been signed by the Cleveland 1968 pro Indians, but has one more year A 198 of school remaining, will be the lirects

coach of the Fish squad. At the same time the Fish host About the Cubs, the varsity will be at the surp Waco to meet the Baylor Bears Many c for their second SWC action student The next Aggie home game will vacation be Mar. 12 against Southern were ar Methodist and in-between the of Hou Aggies will travel to Houston to meet the Houston Cougars 0

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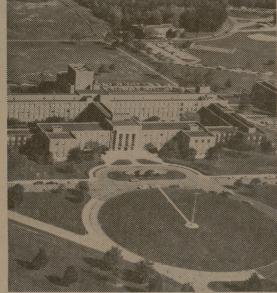
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