

Cards Hand Aggies First Defeat, 98-87

By JOHN PLATZER
The hot-shooting Lamar Tech Cardinals branded the Aggies with their first loss of the young season last night in G. Rollie White Coliseum 98-87 as a crowd of 3,049 looked on.

Coach Shelby Metcalf's cagers opened the season with wins over Southern Mississippi and Centenary before being tripped up by the small college powerhouse from Beaumont. It was the fourth straight win without a loss for Coach Jack Martin's Redbirds.

AMONG THE teams previously disposed by Lamar Tech was usually powerful Memphis State 82-69 in Memphis. They also hold wins over Pepperdine College and Northwestern Louisiana.

Both teams were exceptionally hot from the floor in the contest

as the Aggies connected on 35 of 67 for 52.2 per cent while Lamar Tech hit on 35 of 63 for 55.6 per cent. The Aggies rebounded their shorter foes 45-33 as 6-9 senior Ronnie Peret paced both teams with 11 rebounds.

Peret enjoyed his finest night of the season as he pumped in 27 points to go with his 11 rebounds. The Plainview native poured in 12 of his 13 shots from the field.

THE AGGIES' balanced attack placed three others in double figures as Sonny Benefield scored 18, Mike Heitmann 16 and Billy Bob Barnett 14. Barnett also hauled down six rebounds while 7-0 sophomore Steve Niles dragged down five.

Five Lamar Tech players scored in double figures with flashy guard Earl Dow leading

the way with 28. Jim Nicholson and David Post each contributed 15 while Tommy Dreesen, who scored all his points in the last half, tallied 13 and Phil Endicott had 10.

USING A FULL court press, Lamar Tech jumped off to a quick 5-0 lead in the game but the Aggies fought back to go ahead 6-5 on a layup by Peret.

After the teams had traded points, Coach Metcalf's cagers took the lead once again as Benefield drove the key and poured in a jumper for a 14-12 margin with 15 minutes left in the half.

STEVE NILES hit a pair of free throws to give A&M its final lead in the game at 18-17 with 12:37 to go in the initial half. The Aggies tied the score at 21-21 on a steal and score by Peret but the Cardinals climbed back on top on a pair of free throws by David Post and were never again caught.

The lead gradually grew until with 4:07 remaining in the half Nicholson connected twice on a one and one foul situation to give Lamar Tech its largest lead of the period 44-33.

A&M once again fought back to narrow the gap to 53-45 at the halftime break.

THE AGGIES broke fast at the beginning of the second period to whittle the margin to 58-54 on a layup by Barnett four minutes deep. Barnett, a senior from Brenham, then added a free throw to make it 58-55.

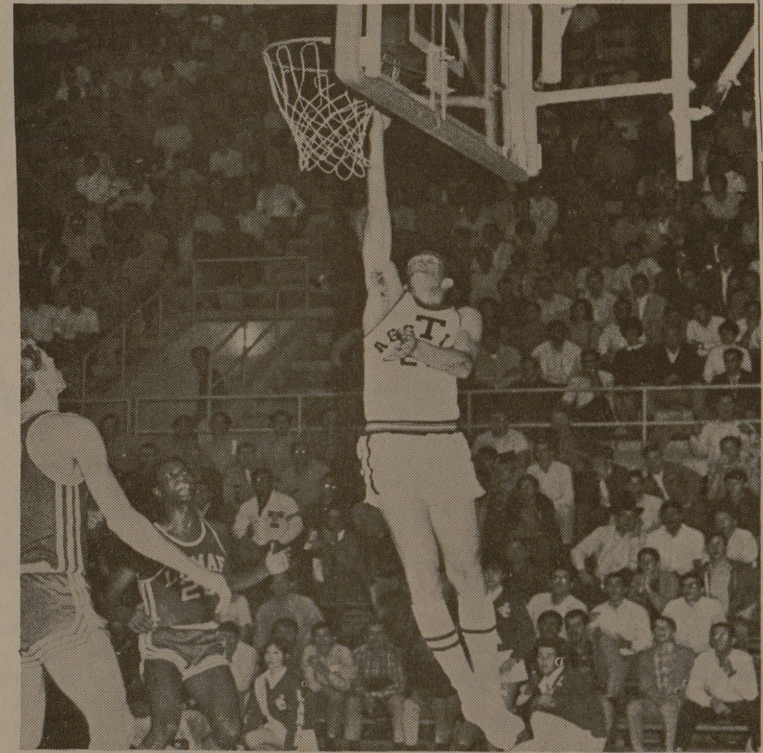
Moments later Benefield hit a 16-footer to make it 61-59 but that was as close as A&M was to get.

The Beaumonters started adding to their lead as Dreesen got hot from the outside. A three point play by Endicott upped the margin to 70-59 with 11:38 left on the clock.

A TIP BY Peret with 5:41 remaining made it 80-74 but the rugged Aggie postman fouled

out 30 seconds later and the Cardinals rapidly built their lead back to 11. With 3:24 remaining the visitors made it 91-76 for their biggest bulge of the night.

The Aggies closed with four straight points as Heitmann hit a layup and Cooksey a 19-footer.



AN EASY TWO

Junior Mike Heitmann lays up two points for the Aggies after a nice pass by Ronnie Peret in the third quarter of the 98-87 loss to Lamar Tech last night in G. Rollie White. Tech's Jim Nicholson (left) and Earl Dow look on. (Photo by Mike Wright)

Four Fish Placed On All-SWC Team

The undefeated (5-0) Texas A&M Fish football team placed four of its members on the annual Waco Herald-Tribune All-Southwest Conference team announced Sunday.

Picked on offense was Clifton Thomas, a 6-4, 210-pound end from Tidehaven, and on the defensive unit was end Wayne Wheat, 6-3, 212 from Odessa, linebacker Steve Luebbehusen, 6-1, 190 from Fort Worth, and safety David Hoot, a 6-2, 190

pounder from Houston.

The Texas Yearlings with a 3-2 season mark landed five players on the 22-man first team and also provided the outstanding back in Jim Bertelsen of Hudson, Wis. TCU also furnished five first-stringers after they too posted a 3-2 season outing.

For the 15th consecutive year, the team was picked for the Herald-Tribune by ballot of the SWC freshmen coaches voting on an all-opponent basis.

The offensive team: Ends: Tommy Woodard (Texas) and Thomas (A&M). Tackles: Travis Roach (Texas) and Gary Sutton (Baylor). Guards: Mike Malone (Rice) and Ken Juesel (SMU). Center: Lloyd Draper (TCU). Quarterback: Steve Judy (TCU). Backs: Bertelsen (Texas), Gordon Gilder (SMU), and Bobby Davis (TCU).

Defense: Ends: Gary Martinec (TCU) and Wheat (A&M). Tackles: Ronnie Carroll (Ark) and Ron Waedemon (Rice). Guard: Craig Fife (TCU). Linebackers: Luebbehusen (A&M), Larry Webb (Texas), and Randy Lee (Rice). Backs: Hoot (A&M), Cleve Whitener (SMU), and Tex Allshouse (Texas).

Aggie Fish Coast To Win Over TCU Wogs, 81-59

By RICHARD CAMPBELL
The Texas Aggie Fish, anchored by a balanced attack, breezed to their second straight win Monday night in G. Rollie White, 81-59, over the TCU Wogs.

This victory also marked the first conference contest for the Fish as they took the lead on Jeff Watkins' hook shot with 16:45 left in the first half and never looked back. The Wogs

were the victims of cold shooting in the first half as they could manage but ten field goals in 33 attempts for a meager 30.3 per cent.

But the Fish rode the hot hand of Skip Carleton, who connected for 14 points in the first 20 minutes, to hit on 17 of 34 for an even 50 per cent from the field. The Fish led at the break, 36-25.

Watkins started fast for the Fish, hitting two straight jump shots to start the game and then contributed the hook shot and a free throw to put the freshmen in the lead to stay, 7-5. Carleton looped in a 15-foot jumper on the next shot and that is as close as the Wogs would ever come.

The Fish slowly lengthened their lead behind the shooting of Carleton and Frank Farnsworth, who hit two jumpers each back-to-back to give the Fish their biggest lead of the first half at 34-19 with 2:25 left.

The second half started with

Carleton pumping in a 20-foot jump shot to send A&M ahead by 13 points. At this stage, the Wogs matched the Fish shot-for-shot until Rick Duplantis tipped in two shots to raise the lead to 15 with 15:44 left. After two quick long jumpers by Carleton, the Fish shot ahead by 20 points at 59-39 with 8:27 left. Watkins' 15-foot jumper with six minutes left gave the Fish their biggest lead of the night at 66-41.

For the game, the Fish ended with 33 of 82 field goals for 40.2 percent while TCU connected on 26 of 69 for 37.7.

Carleton finished with 26 points to lead all scorers while Watkins collected 22. Duplantis had 12, Farnsworth, 10, Robert Threadgill, 4, Jim Grant, 3, and Don Sample and Don Watts each got two.

This win boosted the Fish's season record to 2-0 and 1-0 in the conference. Their next game will be Thursday night against Henderson County College at 5:45 p.m.

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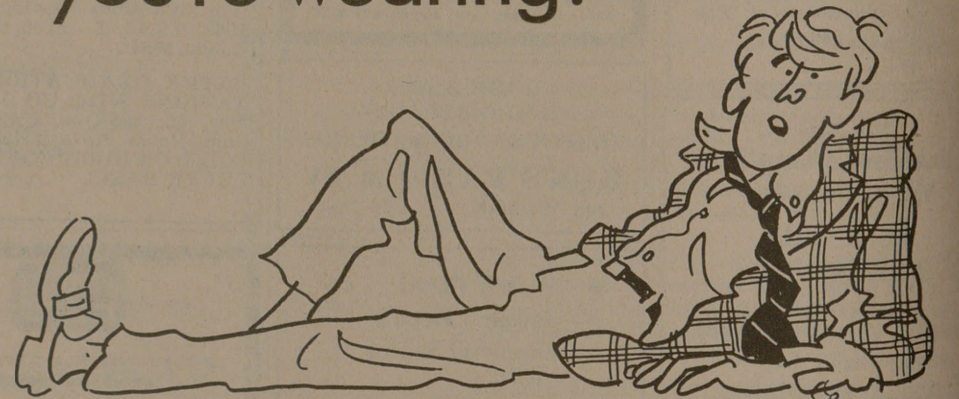
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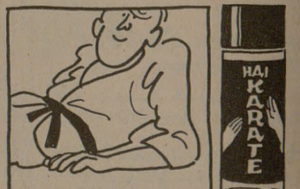
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