

# Aggies Squeak By Tech For First SWC Win, 85-84

## Intramural Round-Up

The intramural story for the week:

In Class C basketball, four games were played following the two-week holiday period. Moses Hall downed the Lions in the toughest game of the day, 42-39. Both teams were undefeated and this victory put Moses only one game away from the title in their league. Stan Hessburg lead the winners with 14 points and Jack Sweeney poured in 23 points in a losing cause for the Lions.

Fowler finished the regular schedule on a winning note by posting a 35-22 victory over the AYI to finish with a 4-1 record. However, Moore Hall is undefeated in the league thus far so it looks like Fowler will wind up in second place. Stan Chick led all scorers with 12 points for Fowler.

Monaco II picked up a forfeit to remain unbeaten in their league and Croker also received a win by forfeit to boost their record to 4-0.

In Class A basketball, G-1 rolled to its third straight win by defeating A-1, 32-23. Dave Greathouse led all scorers with 12 points in a losing effort. The tough defense of Squadron 3 held Sqd. 8 to only 12 points while getting 23 themselves to hold on for their second win of the year. Both teams finished with 2-3 marks for the season.

In Class B handball, the playoffs will begin Wednesday (today) for the championship, C-2 and E-2 will meet and then the winner will tackle E-1. Sqd. 1 and Sqd. 9 also tangle with the winner meeting Sqd. 2.

By JOHN PLATZER  
The Aggies were forced to withstand a torrid last minute surge by Texas Tech to record an 85-84 victory in their first Southwest Conference game of the season last night in G. Rollie White. With just 60 seconds left in the battle the Aggies, who led by 18 at one point in the second half, held a 10 point edge at 84-74. As a crowd of 4,125 watched, the Red Raiders began their desperate rally on a pair of free throws by Steve Hardin and then Hardin connected on a short jumper 10 seconds later to make the score 84-76.

After a 15-footer by Tech's Clay Van Loozen and two free shots by Steve Williams, the Aggies' lead was suddenly cut to 84-80. Bill Cooksey, an Aggie sophomore from Houston, scored what proved to be the winning point, connecting on the first of a one-and-one foul situation with only 28 seconds remaining. Williams hit on a pair of drives for Tech to bring the final margin to 85-84.

The Aggies had trouble at the foul line in the latter portions of the contest as they missed on one-and-one situations four straight times after opening up their 18 point bulge with 7:38 left.

Harry Bostic, the Aggies' 6-6 senior forward, found the range from outside in the game to pace the scoring with 21 points. Bostic hit on 9 of 13 from the field and hauled in 9 rebounds. Ronnie Peret paced A&M in rebounding

with 10 and added 20 points as he connected on 9 of 12 from the field.

Balanced scoring was again in evidence in the game for the Aggies as three others scored in double figures. Sonny Benefield contributed 12 points while Billy Bob Barnett had 11 and Mike Heitmann added 10.

The Red Raiders placed four players in double figures with Hardin leading the way with 20 while Van Loozen had 18, Williams had 14 and Mike Oakes contributed 10. Sophomore Jerry Turner paced Tech in rebounding with 10 while Hardin pulled down 9.

Coach Shelby Metcalf's cagers outshot and outrebounded their opponents but numerous floor mistakes made the score close. The Aggies had 17 turnovers in the contest while the Red Raiders were close behind at 13.

A&M outrebounded their shorter foes 49-46 and hit on 34 of 60 attempts from the floor for 56.7 per cent while Tech connected on 33 of 78 for 42.3 per cent.

The lead swung back and forth in the game for the first six minutes, but when Heitmann hit from the corner to give A&M a 9-8 margin, the Aggies were never passed. Sloppy floor play by both teams kept the score close throughout the initial half.

A baseline jumper by Barnett gave the Aggies a 19-13 with 10:40 left in the period, but Tech stormed back to knot the count at 29-29 with 4:01 remaining.

The Aggies once again increased their lead to six at 35-29 but the Red Raiders tied it up at 35-35 with 1:02 left in the half. A&M scored the last four points in the period on a jumper by Bostic and a pair of free shots by Heitmann to take a 39-35 lead to the dressing room at halftime. Opening the second half strong,

the Aggies rapidly built their lead to 45-35 with the first six points of the period. The teams then traded points until midway in the half when A&M hit another hot streak.

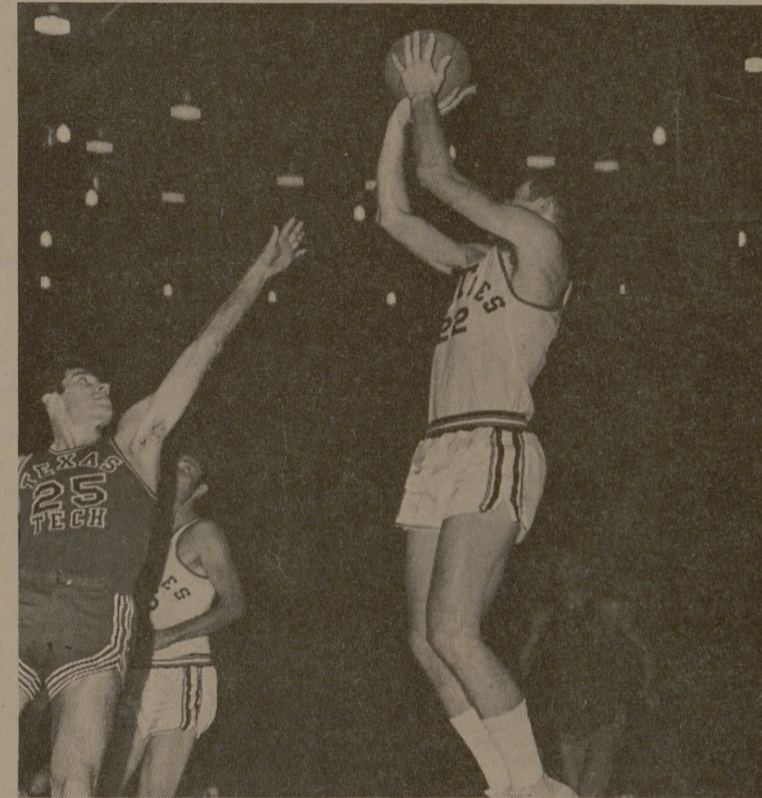
Three straight buckets, two by Peret and one by Bostic upped the home team's lead to 62-46 with 11:11 remaining. With

Cooksey and Peret each contributing four points in the last three minutes, the Aggies had their largest margin of the night at 70-52 with only 7:38 on the clock.

Things switched drastically the Aggies at this point, however, and their comfortable lead soon a narrow victory.

The win left the Aggies with a 6-4 season record and Tech is 4-6 on the season and 0-1 in SWC action.

Coach Metcalf's cagers continue their SWC wars Saturday afternoon when they travel to Fayetteville to battle the Arkansas Razorbacks. The Aggies' hogs are currently tied with Tech for first place in the conference race with identical marks.



UP AND IN

Mike Heitmann goes high over the outstretched hand of Tech's Jerry Haggard to nurse a 15-foot jump shot into the hoop for two of his ten points in last night's 85-84 squeaker. (Photo by Mike Wright)

## Illegal Payments To Athletes Is Said To Be On Decline

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The president of the National Collegiate Athletic Association said Tuesday that talk of under-the-table payments to athletes and other abuses in college football are largely folklore and on the decline.

"For the first time in my memory we have no cases before the council this year," said Marcus L. Plant, University of Michigan law professor and faculty

representative, completing his second year as head of the NCAA.

"I don't mean that everything is hunky-dory, but our investigating machinery has been so thorough and the discipline has been so severe that I think most colleges who might even be inclined to take a gamble are afraid to do so."

"Our strict enforcement has become a deterrent."

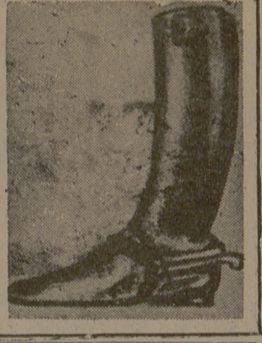
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## Steers, Bears, Hogs Win

AUSTIN (AP)—Texas used effective slow-down game in closing minutes to upset TCU 59 Tuesday night in a Southwest Conference basketball thriller.

With the score tied 55-all, four minutes to play, the Longhorns went into a delay game and outshot the Horned Frogs, fending SWC champs, on 11-10 throws and a layup to lead victory.

With 1:41 left James Cash a follow shot to cut the margin to 59-57 and TCU retrieved ball after a stray Longhorn shot. But Norm Wintermeyer caught charging with less than a minute remaining to turn the game over to Texas.

WACO (AP)—Larry Gattaway shooting and Tommy Bowman rebounding spurred the Baylor Bears to a 69-67 Southwest Conference basketball victory Tuesday night.

Gatewood pumped in 25 points and Bowman collected 18 rebounds and scored 13 points. The victory gave the Bears a 1-0 SWC mark while SMU is now 1-1.

A crowd of 5,500 saw the Bears overcome a 51-49 SMU lead at 11:48 to play and zoom into lead.

HOUSTON (AP)—Arkansas off a late Rice rally Tuesday night for a 67-62 triumph. The Owls as both teams made their Southwest Conference debut.

Repeating 58-50 with 2:54 play, the Owls staged a comeback that narrowed the Arkansas margin to 62-60 with 16 seconds remaining.

The victory was the seventh straight for the Razorbacks, 7-3. Rice fell to 3-5.

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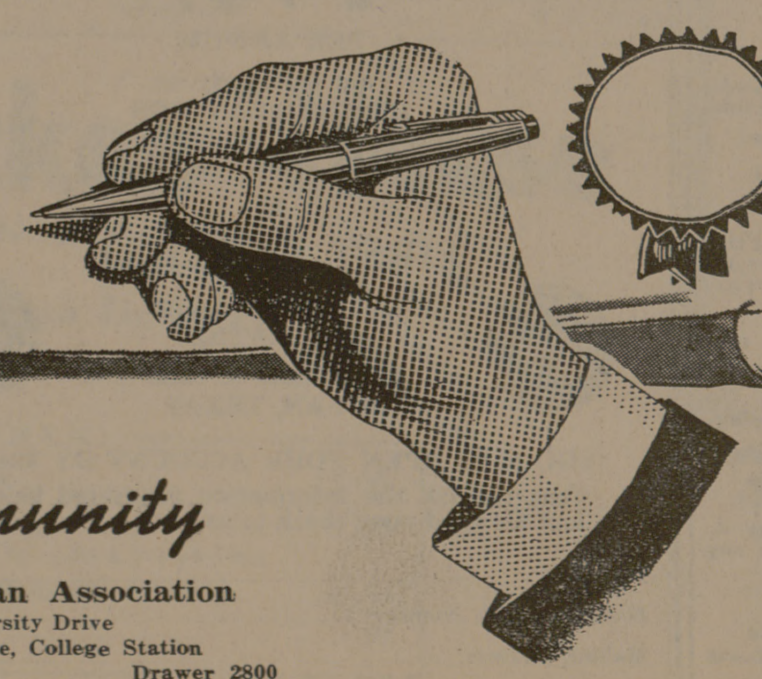
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