

# Aggies Begin Season Tonight Against Northwestern La.

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The Texas Aggies hoping to start their 1969-70 season with a bang host the Northwestern Louisiana State Demons tonight at the G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Coach Shelby Metcalf's crew will try to show the same form which carried them to last year's Southwest Conference crown even though it took 10 last-minute decisions on route to their 83 record.

The Demons have already been

tested once this year and fell 96-90 to a strong North Texas team Monday night in Denton. They return four starters from a 16-13 team with a 9-3 mark in the Gulf States Conference and boast one of the best inside men in Charles Bloodworth. Bloodworth is a 6-8, 240-pounder and is the key to the Demons attack.

The Aggies lineup will definitely have the accent on youth this year with captain Mike Heitmann the only senior slated to start. Heitmann, a 6-4 forward,

TEXAS A&M	NORTHWESTERN LOUISIANA
LP Steve Niles — (7-0)	C Charles Bloodworth — (6-8)
HP Rick Duplantis — (6-8)	F Jerry Masters — (6-3)
F Mike Heitmann — (6-4)	F Carlton Walding — (6-3)
F Bill Cooksey — (6-2)	G Doug Watts — (5-10)
P Pat Kavanaugh — (6-1)	G John Janese — (6-1)

teams with junior postman Steve Niles as the only two starters returning for the Cadets. Heitmann finished with a 14.3 scoring average in '68-69 while the 7-0 Niles had a 6.6 average last year with a 6.7 rebounding mark.

Sophomore Rick Duplantis, a 6-8 postman will start at the high post and Bill Cooksey (6-2), a junior, will start at the other forward. Another junior, Pat Kavanaugh (6-1) will open at the all-important point position for

the Aggies. He is a transfer from Hill County Junior College.

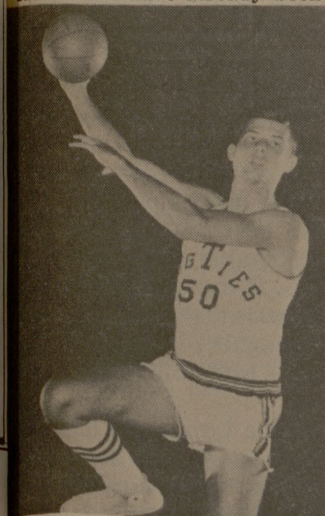
Bill Brown, a 6-1 senior point from Galveston (Ball) and Jeff Watkins, a 6-4 forward-post who was the leading freshman scorer in the conference last year, will both see plenty of action with 6-5 Chuck Smith also available at either post or forward.

The highly regarded Aggie Fish also open their season tonight when they host the Blinn Junior College Buccaneers at

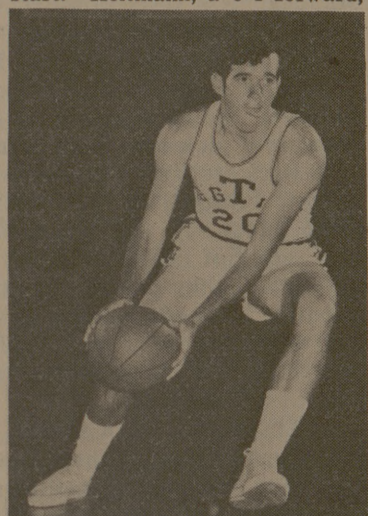
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Bob Gobin (6-3), Bill O'Brien (5-11), Wayne Howard (6-4),

Bryan Mezger (6-6), and Jeff Overhouse (6-7) will start for the Fish against the 5-1 Bucs.



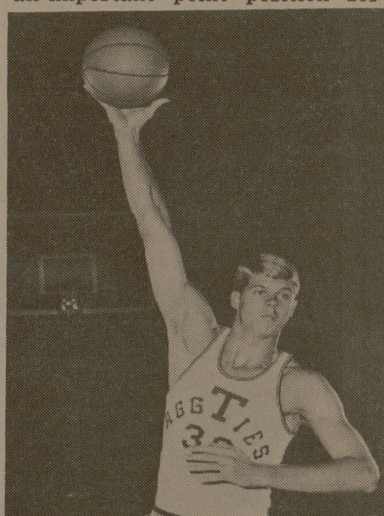
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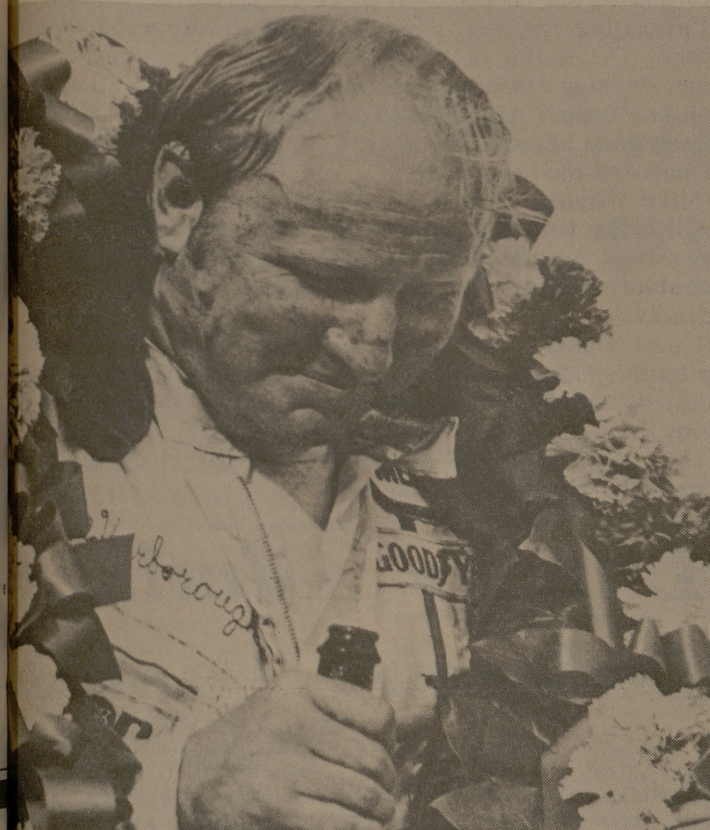
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## Title Cases Begin To Form In Class A&C Intramurals

Several teams are building title cases at the mid-point of the Class A and C basketball race, with the Rinky Dinks, Squadrons 2 and 8 and Company F-2 assembling the best arguments.

A group from the College Station area, the Rinky Dinks turned on the offense for a 59-24 victory over the Lutheran Student Association. Marv Zeig put up 18 points and Mel See added 17.

Squadron 3 took Company M-1, 26-21, for two straight and F-2 used a balanced attack by Homer Strauss and Marv Hoetting to match the mark with a 39-18 success over Squadron 10. David Barnes and Charles Dean accounted for 32 of Squadron 8's 36 points in its second win in a row.

Baptist Student Union evened its record with a 41-25 triumph over the Mexico Club and Doug Laukhuf scored 12 second half points in the Tennis Team's 31-16 romp past Alamo. Lloyd Lippe put in 18 points in A-2's 39-29 victory over Squadron 6.

In Class B football, A-2 took its second straight game by an 8-0 count over E-2. Phil Cosby returned the opening kickoff 70 yards for a TD in A-1's 14-8 win over Squadron 2. C-1 crushed C-2, 16-0. Squadrons 1, 5, 7 and 10 won on penetrations.

Four other shutouts completed the action. E-2 beat Squadron 6, 8-0; F-1 took G-1, 6-0; Squadron 9 downed G-2, 7-0, and I-1 beat the White Band, 6-0.

The company K-1 freshmen carted off the division ping pong championship in recent intramural activity which had two days of Class B basketball and Class A horseshoes wiped out by rain.

K-1's Richard Feder and Mike Major bested their opponents for the table tennis crown while runner-up C-2's Mike Mahone was taking John Gary by a pair of 21-16 counts.

Schumacher Hall's handball team, including Bruce Gray, John Holmstrom, Ron Snider, Bill Hagland, John Wise and Mike

McKean, advanced to the semi-finals against Davis-Gary Hall by winning over Hughes.

Undefeated in five matches, the Davis-Gary team consists of George Bringham, Alan Medoff, Mike McMeans, Louis Devito, Bill Smyth and Richard Hutson.

Hart Hall and Law B took 22-15 and 45-26 Class C basketball wins, respectively, over Schumacher and Moore B.

Harold Lambert spearheaded a powerful F-2 offense in a 51-28 romp past Squadron 6, otherwise the Air Force prevailed. Squadrons 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 11 posted wins at the expense of E-1, B-1, L-1, K-1, D-1 and C-2. Ken Johse had the big hand in helping Squadron 2 to its first victory. Squadron 4 applied the stopper to football champ L-1, 38-20.

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