

# Ags Beat Hogs, 64-59, in First Conference Action

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FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — The Texas Aggies, plagued in transit by the cold Arkansas weather, fought tooth and nail last night to finally chalk up a 64-59 win over the Arkansas Razorbacks, their first win in conference play. The Razorbacks seemed stymied

by the five-degree weather in Fayetteville, and saw their shooting performance dip with the mercury. They tried mainly long shots and managed to hit but 37 per cent from the field on 23 of 63.

Almer Lee did most of the damage for the scrappy Hogs. He hit 23 points to lead all scorers, but connected on only 10 of 24 from the field. Lee hit 9 of Arkansas' first 15 points in a hectic first half that saw the score knotted four times and the lead change hands four times. With 8:50 left in the first half, A&M started a semi-stall, moving the ball out to pull Arkansas out of their 2-1-2 zone.

The maneuver proved to be not effective and the Hogs stayed close with their aggressive defensive play. The cold Arkansas shooting performance could be

best exemplified by the fact that they rarely took an inside shot. They chose the open long shot but missed frequently.

The largest lead by the Aggies in the first half was by six at 7-1, 9-3, and 28-22. Rick Duplantz gave the Aggies their 28-24 lead at halftime with two quick baskets before the buzzer. It was the 10th straight game in which A&M has led at the half.

In the second half, the Razorbacks came out in a man-for-man defense in an attempt to cool off the Aggies, but found their offensive power lacking. James Elridge's tip-in proved to be the only points for Arkansas in the first four minutes of the second stanza. Luckily for the Hogs, Lee got a hot hand and managed to bring them back to

forge into the lead 34-33 with 14:22 left.

The scoring pace slowed down when Arkansas decided to work the ball more, but the Aggies proved they could slow it down to. Junior Steve Niles put in two points after a beautiful pass from Pat Kavanagh and Lee fouled him in the act of shooting. The big center got the three point play and put the Aggies ahead to stay at 42-39.

An unusual play by Chuck Smith broke the back of the Razorbacks when he made a layup on a fast break, Elridge fouled him and the official called it an intentional foul. Smith converted both free throws to complete a four point play that increased the margin to 46-39.

With 4:01 left, Niles fouled out

on a charging call but made the shot after a beautiful pass from Kavanagh that gave the Aggies a 10 point lead at 56-46, but again Lee got hot and the Aggies saw their 10 point lead dwindle to five 56-51.

Arkansas' Danny Keeter hit a 20-foot rim bouncer with 1:33 left to make it 56-53 but the defense-minded Razorbacks were forced to foul, and Keeter fouled Kavanagh, who made both shots to make it 58-53. Robert MacKenzie hit an 18-footer to make the score 58-55. Jeff Watkins hit a layup for A&M and Lee fouled Kavanagh with 59 seconds left and the Ag cager made both shots to make the score 62-55.

With time running out, Kavanagh dribbled around and hit Bill Cooksey with another beautiful pass and Cooksey went in for the layup. The clock ran out before the Razorbacks could mount a comeback.

The taller Aggies outrebounded Arkansas, 45-39, and hit 20-25 from the free throw line to give them the statistical edge in both categories. For the night, A&M connected on 22 of 54 for 41 per cent.

Mike Heitmann led Aggie scorers with 15 points and Niles added 13 with 10 rebounds. Smith contributed 11 points and 11 rebounds and Kavanagh collected 10 points and got 8 rebounds.

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Pat Kavanagh, starter for the Ag cagers, was a key figure in the A&M victory over Arkansas.

## Table Tennis Club To Hold Tourney

A table tennis tournament will be held Friday at 6 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the Memorial Student Center, according to Frank Storey, A&M Table Tennis Club president.

All rules of the United States Table Tennis Association will be in effect, Storey said, including those prohibiting sandpaper-covered paddles.

Two classes, A and B, will be set up, Storey explained. Class A is open to any player, he said, and the entry fee for the class is 75 cents. Class B is reserved for those who have not previously placed in the top four in any table tennis tournament, the club president said, and the entry fee for the class is 50 cents.

Storey said that trophies will be awarded in both classes. All students with questions concern-

ing the tournament should contact him, Storey said.

## UH Challenges No. 1 Rating Of Texas

HOUSTON (AP)—The University of Houston students have challenged the No. 1 football rating of the University of Texas.

The Houston Cougars assert that the football championship of Texas is still in doubt and the student senate voted Monday night to send a resolution to the Texas Longhorns seeking an annual football game between the teams.

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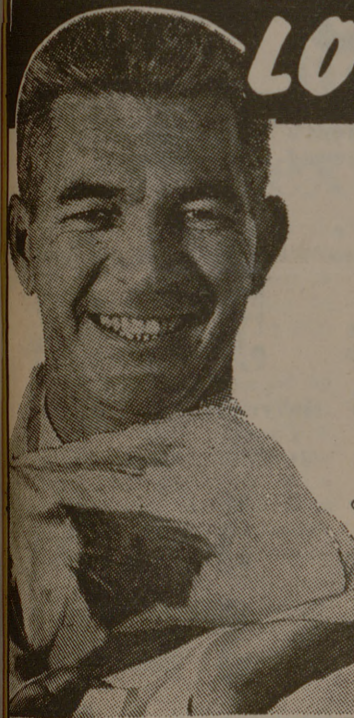
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