Bears Axe Aggies to Take Lead



TAMU Special Attraction G. Rollie White Coliseum Tuesday, Feb. 3 — 8:00 p.m.

Admission General Admission Children Under 12

It must have been what Custer ly unstoppable for the talentsaw at the Little Big Horn when laden Bears as he connected on his first eight shots in a row the Baylor Bears trotted onto the floor of G. Rollie White Saturday from the field and finished with

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out performers with Pat Kavanaugh playing perhaps his best game of the year, coupled with a fine belated showing by sophomore Jeff Watkins. Kavanaugh turned in a 14-point production several big assists and doing a good job on defense. Watkins showed that he could more than hold his own underneath with 10

they came up with one of their many small spurts to go ahead 10-9 with four straight buckets. But the Aggies were not with- From there it was nip-and-tuck until Gatewood hit a 16-foot jumper to give the Bears a 21-19 lead with nine minutes left in the first half and the Aggies would never regain the lead.

Inability to cash in at the free from the field while chipping in throw line proved to be the Aggies' nemesis for most of the night as they hit only 15 of 28 for the game while the opportunist Bruins converted 19 of 29. points and 11 rebounds, all after A&M crept within one point twice

44-37 at the break but sophomore The Aggies trailed 9-2 before guard Tom Stanton hit six straight from the line in the waning moments to keep the Aggies knocking at the door. But that door never opened as A&M was forced into fouling when they trailed 66-65 and Stanton and Gatewood settled the issue by hitting the last 10 they attempted from the charity stripe.

Mike Heitmann led Aggie scorers with 20 while Kavanaugh had 14, Chuck Smith 13, Steve Niles 12, and Watkins 10. The other Aggie starter Bill Cooksey. suffering from an eye bruised in practice Thursday did not score.

ANYBODY HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS? Aggie basketball coach Shelby Metcalf and his players tempt to regroup during the Baylor contest, won by Bears, 79-71. Tonight Metcalf will take his charges to the darks floors of Gregory Gym in Austin to meet the London horns. (Photo by Mike Wright)

Mike Wright

Tough Steers Next On List



they didn't see one.

The Bears fought against im-

measurable odds and an inspired

Texas Aggie team to notch perhaps their biggest victory of the

season, a 79-71 headknocker

which gave them the undisputed

lead in the Southwest Conference.

G. Rollie to see the top game of

the year for both teams and not

one walked away believing that

Larry Gatewood, a 6-5 senior

A little over 8,000 fans jammed

wishes go unrewarded Saturday night when the Aggies dropped their first conference game to

That eliminates any hopes that the Horns had on ganging up on the Aggies, who could have been

The Texas Longhorns saw their sporting a 2-0 mark instead of Aggies will probably be Mike the 1-1 record they now hold. The Steers had earlier been crushed 81-59 by the Classy Bruins but outlasted Arkansas, 75-69, Saturday night.

A&M now stands 6-5 for the season while Texas rests at 6-6, but the Horns own an undefeated mark at Gregory Gym. In the Steer lineup should be Eric Groscurth (6-6), Wayne Doyle (6-6), Lynn Howden (6-7), Sam Bradley (6-2), and Billy Black (6-3). In the starting lineup for the

Heitmann (19.3), Steve Niles (13.2), Chuck Smith (12.7), Bill Cooksey (11.6), and Pat Kavanaugh (6.5).

The loser of the 8 p.m. contest will drop two games off the SWC pace while the winner could still be in it with a 2-1 mark. This will be the last game for the Aggies until Saturday, Jan. 24, when they again take to the intersectional road for a clash with Louisiana Tech at 7:30 p.m. in Ruston, La.

Fish Keep Cool, Cubs Choke, 63-62

By Mike Wright Assistant Sports Editor

The Texas Aggie Fish came within one point of losing their perfect season record Saturday night, beating the Baylor Cubs, 63-62, in G. Rollie White Coli-

The Fish now stand 3-0 for the season, while the Cubs are 0-3.

The Fish had to pull out all stops to put a halt to the rallying Cubs when, with less than two minutes remaining, Baylor start-

fouled by Bryan Mezger with the score standing 62-57. Kuykendall then returned the favor by fouling Mezger and the Fish postman hit one of two tosses for a 63-59

Jeff Overhouse foulded out of the contest with 31 seconds remaining to send Kuykendall to the line with a one-and-one situation. Kuykendall sank both to close the gap to 63-61. Handling the ball for the third straight time, Kuykendall was again fouled and was at the line for a oneand-one again. This time, the Baylor freshman hit the first shot but lost his cool on the second as it rimmed the basket and fell away. The Fish then missed a one-and-one situation with four seconds remaining. The clock ran out as the Cubs were trying to move the ball downcourt.

The Fish starting lineup all hit in the double figures to give the Aggies a balanced scoring threat. Mezger led the scorers with 11, Overhouse, Bill O'Brien, Bob Gobin, and Wayne Howard sank 10, while Charlie Jenkins and Ron Eeten came of the bench

The Fish finished the game

Tonight the undefeated Fish travel to Austin to tackle the

aged 20,091 fans for its first 102 nights of harness racing this sea-

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to hit 8 and 4, respectively.

Baylor's Richard Garner led all scorers with 17 points and Kuykendall tossed in 16, five in the last minute and a half.

with 22 field goals on 54 shots. The closeness of the game was due to the ineffectiveness of the Fish from the free throw line. For the night the Fish were able to cash in on only 19 of 31 tosses.

Texas Yearlings in Gregory Gym.

Yonkers, N. Y., Raceway aver-

BATTALION CLASSIFIED

For close to a year the Friedman incident of last season has a cat that most Aggies would like to have dozed off to never-neve and disappear. But one of my senior colleagues on a major Texas refuses to let the matter die. For those of you who are not in the know or who were bom

year, the issue involved a foul committed by then Baylor sopho Tom Friedman on A&M's Ronnie Peret. Peret was in the process going up for a layup after receiving a long pass from a teamment Friedman tackled him in mid-air and things got down to nitty-gritty. Billy Bob Barnett caught Friedman with an elbow sm which opened a gash on Friedman's cheek and sent him crashing to floor. There he was reportedly beaten by several fans.

A&M may have made a terrible mistake in trying to defend a ed to move. Sid Kuykendall was prove innocent the parties involved, but it's over and should

This is exactly the point that my friend from Dallas will not By Paul die! This year's Baylor-A&M pre-game story contained the pas "Baylor's Tom Friedman violently decked A&M's Ronnie Peret and h the error of his ways pointed out to him by several hundre

Call it pride or fact, but if several hundred Aggies had pointed the "error of his ways" as the story read, well I don't believe of To would have played as well as he did Saturday night.

Baylor has a fine team and they played well here, but this type publicity to perhaps get them ready for a crucial game just is not fair them or A&M. The fact that Baylor has not won any type of South Conference Championship in over two decades should be enough to the Bears ready to do well in any sport.

So just keep those columns and stories coming in, because kitty just wouldn't know what to do without them. However, it su would be nice to try

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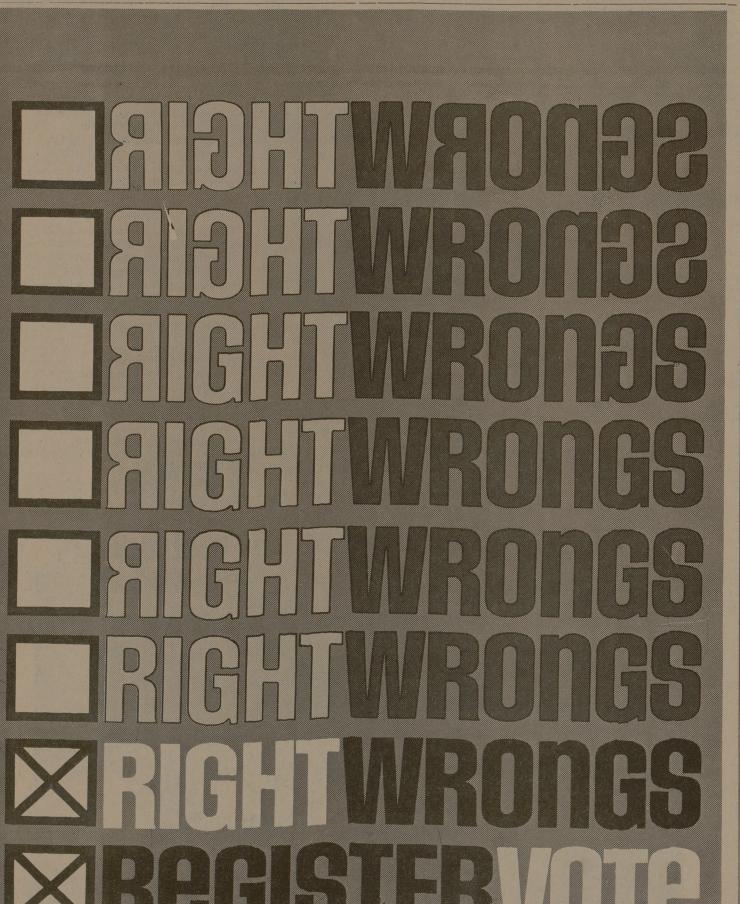


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