

Tech Shocks Aggies' SWC Hopes, 84-66

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Texas Tech put on a show both on and off the court Tuesday night, but in the one that really counted they polished off the Aggies, 84-66, before 9,400 hostile fans in Lubbock's Municipal Coliseum.

The loss stymied the Aggies' hopes for a repeat conference crown by dipping their record to 3-3 for SWC play and giving them a 8-8 overall mark.

The game was sprinkled with

the usual knick knacks that occur every time these two teams meet. There were the usual paper cups and ice hitting the floor and even a brief scuffle at halftime to keep things spicy.

The Red Raiders, inspired by the definitely partisan crowd, scorched the nets by hitting 33 of 65 for 50.8 per cent while the Aggies could manage but 24 of 59 and 40.7 per cent. But the real difference seemed to come in the form of Aggie turnovers, which totaled 18 for the contest. Little

Greg Lowery and 6-4 stringbean Gene Knolle made shambles of the Aggie offense as the Cadets seemed awed by the noisy crowd and threw away passes and were victimized constantly with steals. In a semi-press that was not too effective and the Aggies jumped out to a five point lead 12-7 with 16:04 left. But Lowery entered the lineup and the Raiders did a complete turn about to go ahead 15-13 on a 20-foot jumper by the 6-2 Lowery. From there Tech moved the ball well and made their free throws count (18 of 22 for the game), and the lead slowly mounted to a half-time count of 37-29.

At the buzzer, Tech's Steve Williams drove for a last second shot on a fast break and collided

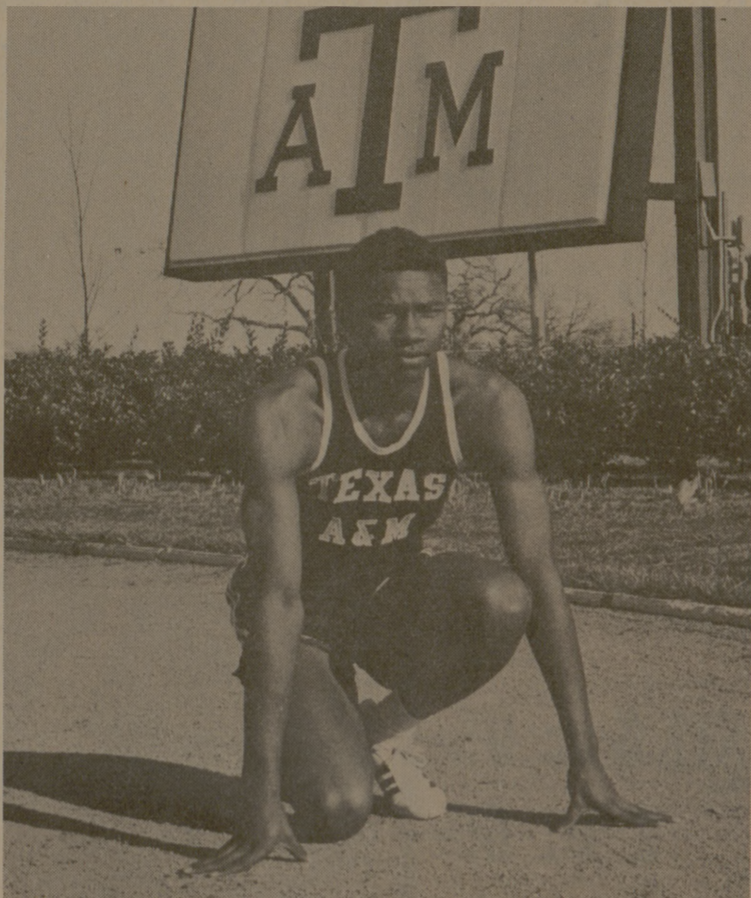
with A&M's Pat Kavanagh. Williams apparently thought the incident uncalled for and threw the ball at Kavanagh. Both benches, who were already leaving the court, converged on the scene, but no blows were struck and after several minutes of shouting and shoving both squads retired to the dressing rooms.

The second half proved to be no different for the Aggies as the Raiders began it shooting a technical foul shot instead of jumping it at center court. In an unwritten rule among the conference coaches it was decided that none of them would be allowed to converse with the officials at halftime. Metcalf did talk to the referees and agreed that he should be assessed the penalty.

From there, the Raiders built their momentum as they started bombing with accuracy from the outside to nullify an Aggie zone. A&M managed to keep the pass but could pull no closer than 10 points as Tech continued their assault.

Chuck Smith finished with 22 points to lead the Aggie scoring with Mike Heitmann adding 11 and Bill Cooksey 12. Steve Nim had eight points and pulled down 14 rebounds while Smith added eight caroms. A&M led in rebounds 41-38 over the Raiders.

Lowery led Tech with 23 including 10 of 15 from the field while Knolle contributed 17, 11 of them in the first half. Steve Hardin and Larry Wood each had 13 and Jerry Turner added 11 rebounds to the Raider cause.



TO SEE ACTION—Curtis Mills will again be in action for the Aggies Friday night when he participates in the mile relay in the Fort Worth Indoor Meet.

Mills Sticks With Relay

Texas A&M world champion quartermiler Curtis Mills will not run his specialty this Friday night at the Fort Worth Indoor Meet, according to track coach Charlie Thomas.

Thomas said Mills will run with the mile relay team. "We've had nothing but bad weather for workouts," Thomas said, adding, "We think it is too early for Curtis to run two events and we want him on the mile relay unit. We have a long season ahead and he has lots of time to round into top shape."

The Aggies will enter four other events at the Fort Worth meet. Rockie Woods will run the 60-yard high hurdles, Willie Blackmon the 600, Don Kellar the 300, Ronnie Lightfoot the shot put and Curtis Mills, Marvin Mills, Willie Blackmon and a fourth runner will carry the baton in the mile relay.

Six athletes are still in the

running for the fourth spot on the relay team, Thomas said.

The six are Harold McMahon, Tony Munson, Don Kellar, David Dolton, Skelly Strong, and David Morris.

A&M Football Fete Set For Saturday

Texas A&M's annual football banquet will be Saturday at 5:30 p.m. in Duncan Dining Hall.

The fete is sponsored by the Aggie Club. Club President Tom O'Dwyer will be master of ceremonies.

There will be no principal speaker but Coach Gene Stallings will introduce players and present awards.

Highlight of the event will be the presentation of the Aggie Heart Award, a five-foot high

trophy going to the senior who has displayed the traits of great effort, desire and determination both on the practice field and in games.

CULPEPPER

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scorer to tally the book.

"I went toward our dressing room after I got the score's book and saw coach Bas talking about something under the basket but I didn't know what he was talking about and asked him."

"Bass said, 'You know what I mean, you s.o.b.', but I really didn't know what he was talking about."

"There was a verbal disagreement, there was no doubt about that," Culpepper continued, "but he didn't touch me and I didn't touch him. And to my own knowledge, there was no swinging at all."

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