

# SWC Leading Frogs Roll Over Ags, 84-72

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It was just like the lull before a big storm hits.

The Texas Christian Horned Frogs played the Aggies' game for about thirty-five minutes before they exploded for their sixth

straight conference win Saturday night, 84-72, before 6,190 fans in G. Rollie White.

The victory gave the Frogs undisputed lead in the Southwest Conference with a 6-1 mark while Baylor and Rice trail at 5-2. Rice beat the Bears Saturday night, 72-71, to keep the heavily favored Bruins from staying in first place. The Aggies are now 8-9 for the year and fell to a 3-4 conference slate with their third loss in their last four games.

Doug Boyd, the 6-8 pivot-man for TCU was kept under wraps for most of the first half but he played inspired basketball in the final half to pace the Frogs with 20 points and 13 rebounds. The big surprise in the Frog attack came in the form of Norm Wintermeyer, a 6-5 senior transfer, who hit on eight of 12 from the field and finished with 21 points to lead all scorers.

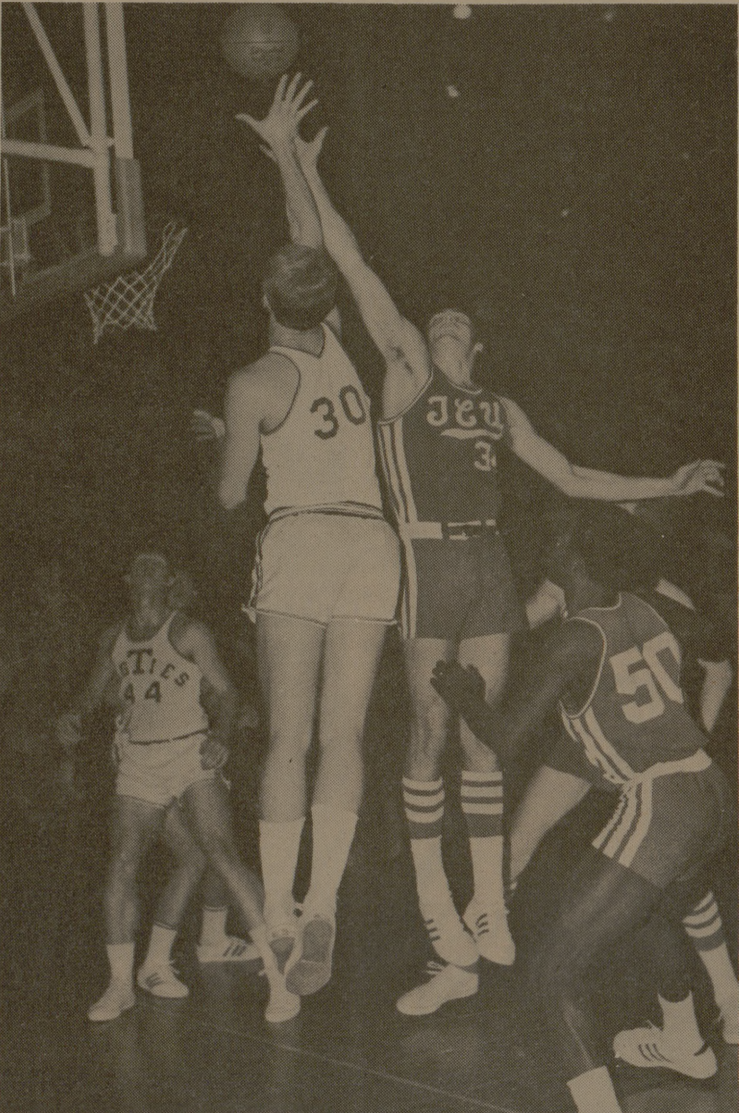
A&M went to work early in the game with Pat Kavanagh leading when Boyd picked up his third foul with 14:49 left. Twice he drove for beautiful lay-ups to boost the Aggies' lead, which would ultimately reach 11. But the pace slowed somewhat when Kavanagh started up his third foul and TCU started their comeback with a full court press, which, although it didn't stop A&M, definitely bothered them

enough to make the game interesting. Bill Cooksey's fine outside shooting performance was not enough to stop the Frog escalation march as they charged back to trail only 40-39 at the break.

TCU came right back out in the press and, coupled with a hot-shooting and rebounding performance by Boyd, they shot ahead for the first time. The only thing keeping them from pulling ahead even more was their questionable free throw shooting because the Aggies, with the exception of Kavanagh, were having their own problems finding the bucket.

Kavanagh and Boyd put on a scoring exhibition exchanging baskets for about a three minute span and then it happened. A&M could not find the hoop and the Frogs took advantage by missing sparingly. They ran off 19 points to two for the Aggies in about a five-minute span to go from a 63-60 lead to a 78-62 bulge. Nothing went right and Aggie coach Shelby Metcalf protested a call against A&M and

Frog Jeff Harp sunk three technical foul shots to give TCU some extra padding. From there the Frogs spent much of the game shooting free throws with the Aggies forced to fool trying to get the ball.



**TWO BIG POINTS**—Sophomore Rick Duplantis lays in two points over TCU's Doug Boyd in the Aggies' 84-72 loss Saturday night in G. Rollie White. The Horned Frogs took over first place in the conference with the win. (Photo by Mike Wright)

## Aggies Host Horns Tonight

Their title hopes virtually stopped, the Texas Aggies square off tonight in G. Rollie White against the Texas Longhorns in a game that means nothing in the Southwest Conference standings but means a lot in pride to both teams.

Leon Black's Horns, a pre-season favorite picked along with the Aggies, have found the conference going a little rough and will pull into the 8 p.m. contest with a league mark of 2-6.

They will open with only one senior in the starting lineup, captain Wayne Doyal, a 6-6 forward. Sam Bradley (6-2) will start at one guard with transfer Terry Mullin (6-1) at the other, Eric Groscurth (6-6) and Doyal will start at the forwards and 6-7 Lynn Howden, a transfer from LSU and South Texas Junior College, will open at the center slot.

The Aggies will counter with a starting five that has only one senior too; Mike Heitmann, the leading scorer. He will start at one forward slot with Bill Cooksey (6-2) at the other. At the post positions will be 6-5 Chuck Smith and 7-0 Steve Niles and at the point will be 6-0 transfer Pat Kavanagh.

There will be a Fish-Yearlings clash at 5:45 p.m.

## Hayes Might Quit

SAN DIEGO (AP)—Elvin Hayes says he's had it with the slumping San Diego Rockets and would relish being traded to the National Basketball Association's newly-

awarded franchise in Houston. "A bunch of losers," said Hayes while boarding a bus with his teammates following Sunday night's loss to the Los Angeles Lakers.

Elvin, who claims part of the blame for the Rockets' 19-37, last-place record in the Western Division, said:

"They'll continue down. I don't think this particular group of players can win anywhere."

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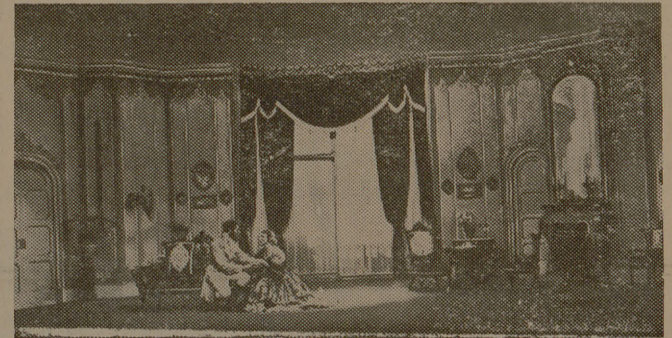
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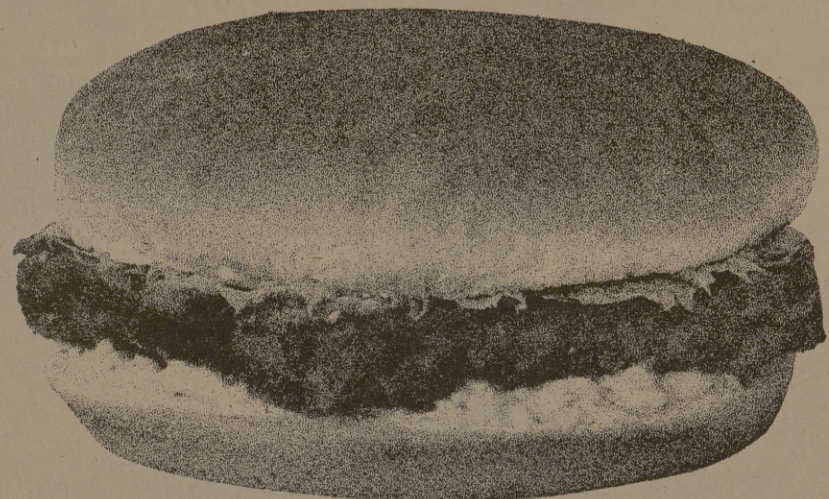
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