

# Horns Fall To Hot-Shooting Ags, 79-70

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Texas coach Leon Black benched three of his previous five starters for the year Tuesday night but their replacements were no help either as the Horns fell before a hot-shooting Texas Aggie crew, 79-70.

The Aggies had one of their best shooting nights from the floor this year, led by junior Bill Cooksey's first half performance and senior Mike Heitmann's second half play. The Cadets hit a scorching 53.1 per cent from the field in the first half on 17 of 32 but improved on that even more in the second connecting on 14 of 26 for a 53.4 overall percentage.

Cooksey was deadly as he named eight of his 12 first half shots and his first four in a row to stake A&M to a 38-27 bulge at the break before 5,215 fans in G. Hollie White. Heitmann took up

the slack by getting all of his game-leading 21 points in the second half and hitting an identical eight of 12 from the floor.

By the time the Longhorns had put four of their original starters into the contest with 6:06 left in the first stanza, the Aggies had already notched themselves a 10-point lead at 30-20. Cooksey con-

tinued to hit and Steve Niles and Chuck Smith combined for 11 rebounds, only four less than the entire Texas squad could manage against the hustling Cadets.

The Aggies began the second half right where they left off as Heitmann took the tip and hit a short baseline jumper to get A&M rolling, 40-27. Texas had designs

on stopping the Aggie shooting show by keeping the ball away from them with a full-court press. But Pat Kavanagh and company made life hectic for the Texas ballhawks by dribbling right through the press time after time to give A&M several easy layups.

Texas whittled the lead somewhat as the clock wore on the hot outside shooting of Wayne Doyal, the Steer captain, and sophomore center Lynn Howden's fine inside play. Three times the Steers got within 10 points but were forced to foul as the Aggies were content to dribble around and run out the clock. Kavanagh did most of the ball-handling and put on a fine exhibition, one time dribbling around for one and a half minutes before he was called for traveling. He protested the officials' call on the infraction and Doyal sunk a technical free throw to pull the Horns back to a 71-60 count.

The final three minutes was filled with fouling on both sides as first A&M, and then Texas, would alternate at the charity stripe. The Horns hit five of their

last six from the line but two layups by Niles and Heitmann put the game out of reach.

Following Heitmann's 21 points were Cooksey with 20 and Niles, also with 20, including nine of 13 from the field and 14 rebounds. Chuck Smith and Kavanagh each scored seven and Robert Threadgill chipped in four.

A&M won the battle on the boards by a substantial margin, 45-30, with Smith getting 11 to add to Niles' game high of 14. The Longhorns caught fire also from the field in the second half hitting on 18 of 33 for 54.5 but a mild 42.9 in the first half gave them a 49.2 percentage for the game. Doyal and Bruce Motley, one of the new faces in the Horn lineup, shared scoring honors with 16 each and Howden pulled down nine rebounds to pace the Steers in that category.

The win upped the Aggies' conference mark to 4-4 and season record to 9-9 while the Horns fell to 3-5 and 8-10. Arkansas nipped the Baylor Bears 76-75 and TCU, the SWC frontrunner, fell to Tech 75-60 to make the conference race a further mystery.

## FOOTBALL SIGNEES

Player	Post	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown (School)
Bert Ancell	G	6-3	190	Artesia, N.M.
Charlie Billingsly	HB	5-10	170	Odessa (Permian)
Gary Burks	HB	6-0	180	Dumas
Charles Davis	HB	5-10	178	West Columbia
Robert Dennis	T	6-0	194	Big Spring
Eric Elkins	QB	6-1	185	Dallas (Jesuit)
Mark Green	QB	6-3	202	Odessa (Odessa High)
Chris Hentzen	HB	6-1	185	Dallas (Jesuit)
Pat Herring	HB	6-1	175	Beaumont (South Park)
Dwight LaBauve	HB	6-1	180	Lafayette, La.
John Martin	FB	6-1	225	Hereford
Charles Murphy	FB	6-2	195	Monahans
Bill Nutt	QB	5-11	178	Brenham
Mike Ratcliff	T	6-1	220	Shreveport (Captain Shreve)
Keith Rice	T	6-1	210	Nacogdoches
Dan Sibley	T	6-4	225	San Antonio (Lee)
Gary Smith	HB	6-0	190	Shreveport (Airline)
Mike Stautzenberger	G	5-11	200	Shreveport (Captain Shreve)
Tim Sullivan	T	6-0	215	Dallas (Jesuit)
Darrell Taliaferro	C	6-3	198	Arp
Jimmy Tinsley	HB	6-1	180	Dallas (Kimball)
Bud Trammell	T	6-2	230	Dumas
Tim Trimmier	QB	6-3	185	San Antonio (Lee)
Mike Wendell	QB	6-4	185	Boling
Billy Wiebold	HB	6-2	205	Beaumont (Forest Park)
Alex Devora	HB	6-0	190	San Antonio (St. Gerard)
Bobby Hughes	HB	5-10	170	Houston (Sam Houston)
Mike Rigby	QB	6-1	180	Houston (Smiley)
Rick Thompson	E	6-2	180	San Antonio (Lee)

## Aggies Ink 29 On First Day

The Texas Aggies went in heavy for backs Tuesday as they collected 29 schoolboy football signatures on the first day of SWC signings.

Led by Tim Trimmier, a 6-3, 185-pound all-state quarterback from San Antonio Lee, the Aggies' first-day list included six quarterbacks, 10 tailbacks, two fullbacks and one wingback, a total of 19 of the 29. The others included six tackles, two guards, one center and one split end.

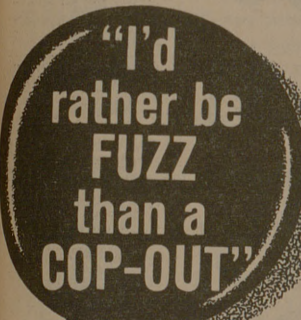
Trimmier and Odessa High's Mark Green, a 6-3, 202-pound quarterback, were two of the most sought after signal callers in the state.

A&M also signed its first negro football recruit in Charles Davis, a swift 5-10, 178-pound halfback from West Columbia. Several Negro players have come out for football at A&M and won letters but Davis is the first to be recruited and signed.

The other quarterbacks, all considered excellent prospects, include Eric Elkins, 6-1, 185 from Dallas Jesuit; Bill Nutt, 5-11, 178 from Brenham; Mike Wendell, 6-4, 185 from Boling and Mike Rigby, 6-1, 180 from Houston Smiley.

The haul of tackles included some hefty lads. They were Dan Sibley, 6-4, 225 from San Antonio Lee; Mike Ratcliff, 6-1, 220 from Shreveport (Captain Shreve High); Tim Sullivan, 6-0, 215 from Dallas Jesuit and Bud Trammell, 6-2, 230 from Dumas. Included among the backs was Gary Burks, 6-0, 180 from Dumas, a younger brother of scat back Steve Burks of the Aggie varsity.

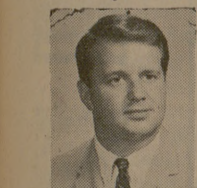
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