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Aggies Down Frogs; Red Raiders Here Tonight

Those upset-minded Texas Aggies will try to whip up another batch of that voo-doo concoction they used on Texas Christian Saturday when they entertain the Texas Tech Red Raiders tonight. A&M, with visions of that Southwest Conference repeat crown still dancing in their heads, polished off the Frogs, 77-73, before a packed house in Fort Worth. The Aggies were ahead all the way from the first 5:06 of the game when they took a 9-8 lead after the Frogs hit two cold shooting spells.

The Aggies, now 5-4 and 10-9 overall, sit tied with Baylor for

About 200 reserved seat tickets remained at the close of business Monday. They are priced at \$2 and can be bought at the A&M Athletic Business Office in G. Rollie White Coliseum. General Admission tickets will go on sale today at 5:30 p.m.

the third place in the SWC chase with Tech and TCU now knotted in second behind Rice (7-2) at 6-3.

The Cadets coasted to a 20-point lead at 52-32 with 16:09 left in the second half but were hard pushed by the stunned Frogs as they fought back to score 41 points in the last 15:51 of the game. But they could get

no closer than three points, which they managed four times, and the Aggies had notched their second consecutive SWC win.

Tech will invade G. Rollie White for the 8 p.m. tip-off with thoughts of a "must-win" on their minds because to have even a slim chance of challenging Rice for the title, they can't afford too many more losses.

The Aggies got fine performances from all five of the starters with captain Mike Heitmann tossing in 25 against the Frogs and 7-0 junior Steve Niles contributing 19 points and 17 rebounds. Bill Cooksey continued his hot outside shooting by hitting 7 of nine from the field and finished with 19 points including five of five from the free throw line.

Tech will face a tall Aggie five with no man over 6-5 but with their aggressive style of play, they more than make up for their lack of height. Steve Hardin is the 6-5 man and owns the best outside shooting average, but it is 6-3 Jerry Turner who pulls down most of the rebounds for the Raiders. Gene Knolle, averaging 19.4 for the year, is Tech's leading scorer and Steve Williams and Steve Miller are tabbed to start at guards positions for the Raiders. The Red Raiders are the best shooting

club in the conference with a 48.6 percentage on field goals while the Aggies lead the league in rebounding taking down an average of 54.1 per contest.

The Aggie Fish will put their 7-1 record on the line against

Temple Junior College in a 5:45 p.m. prelim to the varsity game. The Fish are currently riding the crest of a three game winning streak, including two wins over the Texas Yearlings, their only defeats of the year.

Big Jeff Overhouse leads the Fish scoring parade for the year with a 17.7 average and is second in rebounding with a 10.5 mark. Lefty Bob Gobin is second with a 12.0 average followed by Bill O'Brien with 11.0 and Wayne

Howard with 10.0. Bryan Mezger is the leading rebounder with a 11.4 per game norm and a 9.7 scoring mark. Ron Eeten (7.9) and Charlie Jenkins (5.7) are other scorers for the Fish.

Ag Relay Unit Sets Indoor Mark

By Clifford Broyles
Battalion Sports Writer

The Texas Aggie mile relay team did their thing again Saturday night at the Astrodome-

Federation National Track championships in Houston.

The result was a 3:05.7 clocking and a world indoor record as the four flashes out-ran five highly

regarded opponents.

Harold McMahan opened with a 48.4 quarter that was good for second place but a bad pass of the baton dropped the Ags to fourth.

Marvin Mills sprinted his leg of the race in 46.5 and the Aggies, who started that segment ten yards back of Villanova, had come to within a step or two at the handoff.

Willie Blackmon ran the third leg in 46.2 as assistant coach Ted Nelson put it "He ran them into the track." The Houston freshman moved A&M to a ten-yard lead with only one lap to go.

Curtis Mills, not resting on his world championship laurels, out-distanced his closest pursuer, Villanova's gold medalist Larry James, and ran a 44.6, one tenth

of a second faster than his world record in the open quarter.

The Aggies beat Villanova by about twenty yards Nelson said, and estimated James' time at about 46 seconds.

Nelson said he was both impressed and surprised with the performance for the sprint medley team of Steve Barre, David Dalton, David Morris and Dennis O'Brien.

That team placed fifth in the meet with time of 3:25.2.

Ben Greathouse placed third in the high jump with a leap of 6'8" and Ronnie Lightfoot tossed the shot put 56'10" for seventh place.

Rockie Woods qualified for the finals in the 120 yard hurdles with a time of 14.1 but scratched from the finals because of an injury, Nelson said.

Fish Sink Wogs In Overtime, 90-83

By Mike Wright
Assistant Sports Editor

Bryan Mezger and Wayne Howard combined to hit six of the Texas Aggie Fish nine points in an overtime to handcuff the Texas Christian Polywogs, 90-83, Saturday night in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

The Wogs refused to play dead to the taller Fish as they battled them down to the wire of regulation time with an 81-81 count. The salty Christians kept the game close and led from time to time by as many as seven points in the first half.

Just as the Wogs would seem to move out to a commanding lead, the Fish would roar back behind baskets by Jeff Overhouse, Mezger, Bill O'Brien, and Bob Gobin to cut the "baby frog" lead.

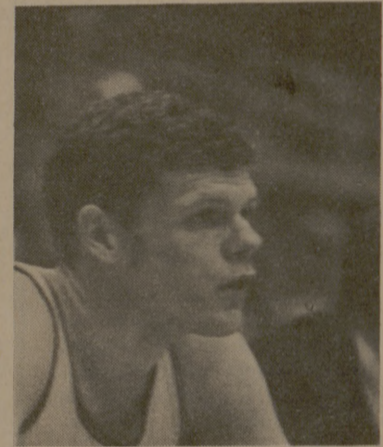
Overhouse tied with the Wogs' John Hurdle for scoring honors with 23 tallies each. Mezger netted 18 points for the Fish, while Howard scored 13, O'Brien 15, Gobin 13, and Charlie Jenkins sank eight points in favor of the

Fish cause.

"Last week in College Station the Wogs were afraid of us (Fish) because we had beaten Texas and Texas had manhandled them. We were able to jump off to a 10 point lead and hold it through out the game, but TCU brought the game to us tonight and made us work for it," said Fish Coach Jim Culpepper after the contest.

Neither team set the world on fire during the contest with hot shooting as the Fish zipped in 33 of 88 shots from the field for a cool 37.5 percent and the Wogs tallied on 31 of 90 field goal attempts for a colder 34.4 percent. The Fish pulled down 16 more rebounds for a 76-60 edge in that department.

The Fish had a chance to win it all with only seconds left as Overhouse went to the line with a one and one situation and the Fish trailing 80-81. Overhouse sank the first attempt to tie the score at 81-81, but the second attempt bounced away to send the contest into an extra period.



JEFF OVERHOUSE



CURTIS MILLS

A&M Rugby Squad Crushes St. Ed's

The Rugby Club of A&M continued its winning ways Saturday with a solid 29 to 0 triumph over St. Edward's University.

With the win, the Aggies are in first place in the conference, remaining unbeaten, untied, and unscored upon.

The shutout extended the squad's streak to four games without the opponents scoring.

St. Edward's tried to take the

game to the Aggies early in the match but the Cadets stood up to the challenge. After a few early miscues by the Ags, the team found the groove, constantly broke for long scoring runs, and at the half the score was 8 to 0.

In the second half, it was evident that St. Edward's was mismatched because the Aggie scrum easily pushed the heavier St. Edward's scrum over the field. Slick ball handling by the Aggie backs gave the spectators some thrilling moments.

Scorers in the match were Andy Scott, Jon Farmer, Butch Preston, Steve Johnson, and Mark Fisher.

The Aggies travel to Rice this Saturday in search of another shutout. Match time will be 3 in the afternoon at Rice Stadium in Houston.

The Aggies return to Kyle Field on Feb. 28 for a match against Texas.

Aggie Swimmers Host Longhorns Today

Texas A&M's swimming team takes on the University of Texas Longhorns in a dual meet at 4 p.m. in P. L. Downs Jr. Natatorium on the A&M campus.

Coach Pat Patterson's Aggies

have a 7-3 record for the season. Texas will present a big hurdle for the Aggies as the Longhorns are ranked second only to SMU in the SWC meet coming up later this season.

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