

Aggies Bump Hogs to Keep Hopes Alive

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The Master Plan worked perfectly Tuesday night just as if Shelby Metcalf was at the controls himself.

Texas A&M took another step in their onrushing better-late-than-never drive for the Southwest Conference crown with a 72-60 win over the Arkansas Razorbacks, their fifth straight. The conference leader, Rice, faltered as predicted, 78-66, in Lubbock against Tech, so that puts the Aggies behind the wheel but not quite in the driver's seat with two games remaining. Saturday, they must polish off a dangerous Baylor team, picked to win the race but now out of it, and next Tuesday the Aggies must face the Owls in what could be the show-down match. They are still tied with Tech for second with an 8-4 mark.

Arkansas proved to be more of a chore for the Aggies than most predicted but A&M was playing with one ear tuned to the clash in Lubbock. Balanced scoring again kept the Cadets in the game along with their usual tenacity on the boards.

Almer Lee, a 6-0 sophomore, did most of the damage for the outmanned Hogs gunning in nine of 16 from the floor and totaling 20 points to lead all scorers. Pat Kavanagh carried much of the A&M load in the early going as he drove three times in the first seven minutes to keep the Razorbacks from concentrating on big Steve Niles inside.

Ricky Tannenbergers' two long jumpshots kept the Razorbacks close to the Aggies 23-17 with 7:10 left in the first half but at this point A&M's long range gunner, Bill Cooksey, got rolling. He combined with Niles and hustling Chuck Smith to boost the Aggies' lead to 12 at the break, 34-22.

Arkansas came back strong in

the second half determined to whittle the A&M lead and they did frequently to as close as three or four points. They cut the lead to three, 59-56, with only 3:55 left in the game but fouled trying to get the ball and the Aggies were deadly from the free throw line to squelch the comeback. A frosty Aggie shooting streak helped the Hogs in

their effort but it fell short when Niles finally got a tip-in to start the scoring machine in the latter part of the game. Bobby Threadgill also contributed another fine performance as he hit a clutch shot with 3:27 left to give the Aggies a 61-56 lead. He then went down the floor and got a big rebound after a Hog shot and after Arkansas' James Eldridge

fouled out, he got another key rebound to keep the Aggies in control.

Kavanagh, with a guady six of seven from the field, and Mike Heitman each led A&M with 15 points while Smith added 13, Cooksey 11, and Niles 10. A&M also outrebounded the shorter

Hogs 53-43 with Smith getting 13 and Niles 11. The Aggies finished with a 46.7 shooting percentage on 28 of 60 while Arkansas converted 24 of 64 for 37.5. Neither team did well at the charity stripe with the Aggies hitting 16 of 28 and Arkansas getting 12 of 24.



MIKE FOR TWO—Mike Heitmann drives the lane to fire up two of his 15 points in the Aggies' 72-60 win over Arkansas last night before 4,500 in G. Rollie White. (Photo by Mike Wright)

Fish Upset CCSW For Ninth Win

By Clifford Broyles
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With 47 seconds to play, the Texas Aggie Fish down 88-87, called time out and went to their bench to plan the strategy that would bring them either success or failure.

When they resumed the Aggies worked the ball around and with 11 seconds left Jeff Overhouse banked in a fallaway jumper from about five feet directly in front of the basket and the Fish had a hard-earned 89-88 win over the nations' third ranked junior college Christian College of the Southwest.

Steve Davidson, one of the most highly rated junior college players in the country, proved his worth with a great display of accuracy on his bank shots driving across the lane. The 6'8" sophomore from New York scored 27 points and grabbed 17 rebounds to lead the powerful Trojans.

CCSW shot a very warm 58.5% from the floor in the opening half to take a 53-48 lead at the break.

At one stanza in the half the Trojans scored on eight consecutive times down the floor hitting on seven straight field goal tries and then when they finally missed they connected with a free throw.

The visitors from Dallas found the going rough in the second half as they scored only six points in the first six and one half minutes before regaining their first half form.

The Fish took advantage of the lapse to tie the score at 59-59.

The Fish then took the lead at 63-61 when the battle turned into a seesaw affair. The two quintets traded buckets and the game was knotted at 81-81 with 5:30 to play.

Charlie Jenkins aided the Fish surge with a pair of long jumpers that put the Aggies up by four, 87-83.

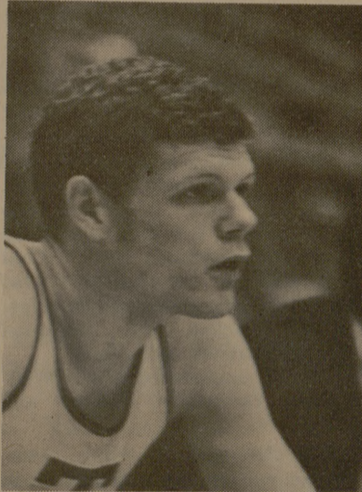
The Trojans came back on a free throw by Ray Golson, who scored 25 points, and cut the margin to a point on a pair of charity tosses by Ulysses Floyd with 1:44 to play.

The Aggies went down the floor but failed to capitalize when Bill O'Brien missed a free throw and Christian College took the rebound.

Golson tried the shot from about 20 feet but it bounced high off the back of the rim but Jim Robeson a 6'5" freshman from Era, Texas was there to put the rebound in and Aggies were down from then until Overhouse connected with the winner.

Gobin led the Fish with a season high of 30 and Wayne Howard scored 19 and Overhouse was the Fish leading rebounder with 15 tossed in 12.

Jenkins and O'Brien scored 10 and Bryan Mezger scored 8 to complete the total.



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Aggie Wrestlers Tumble LeTourneau College, 30-20

The A&M Wrestling team extended its undefeated season last weekend by beating LeTourneau College of Longview, 30-20.

The Aggies took a substantial lead in the first three matches, winning by forfeit in the 118-pound class.

Mike Snyder and John Paul Jones, 126 and 134 pounds, respectively, won their matches by pin and gave the Aggies a healthy lead of 15-0. But the Ags had bad fortune in the 142-pound class, losing by pin.

Gary Leverett (a senior) delivered the fastest pin of the match in 1 minute and 25 seconds.

Andrew Beck, the team's captain, was taken down in the first period but came back in the second with a strong pin, making the team score 25-5.

Ellsworth Watts was a last minute addition to the Aggie squad in the true tradition of the Twelfth-man. Ellsworth, however, was pinned and David Herzik, at 177, was also pinned. The team score was now 25-15 and it

looked like LeTourneau had a chance to tie the meet in the last two bouts. This was supported by the first period of Al Leskinen's (190 pound) match where Leskinen fought for some time to stay off his back. However, by the middle of the third period where Leskinen was penalized a point for unnecessary roughness while executing a takedown, it was evident that this match and the meet would be won by A&M. Mark Anthony, also a last minute fill-in, was pinned. The final score was 30-20.

The Aggie wrestlers meet t.u. in Austin this Saturday and here on March 14.

RESULTS		LeTourneau	
T.A.M.U.		LeTourneau	none
118—Terry Pritchard	forfeit	Henry Leuben	
126—Mike Snyder	pin	Dwain Morrison	
134—John Paul Jones	pin	D. Barre	pin
142—Randy Best	pin	Carl Meeks	
150—Gary Leverett	pin	Tom Hartberg	
158—Andy Beck	pin	A. Bruce	pin
168—Ellsworth Watts		Knute Watne	pin
177—Dave Herzik	pin	Joe Heidle	
190—Allan Leskinen	pin	Ken Helvite	pin
Hwt.—Mark Anthony		Total	20
Total	30	Total	20

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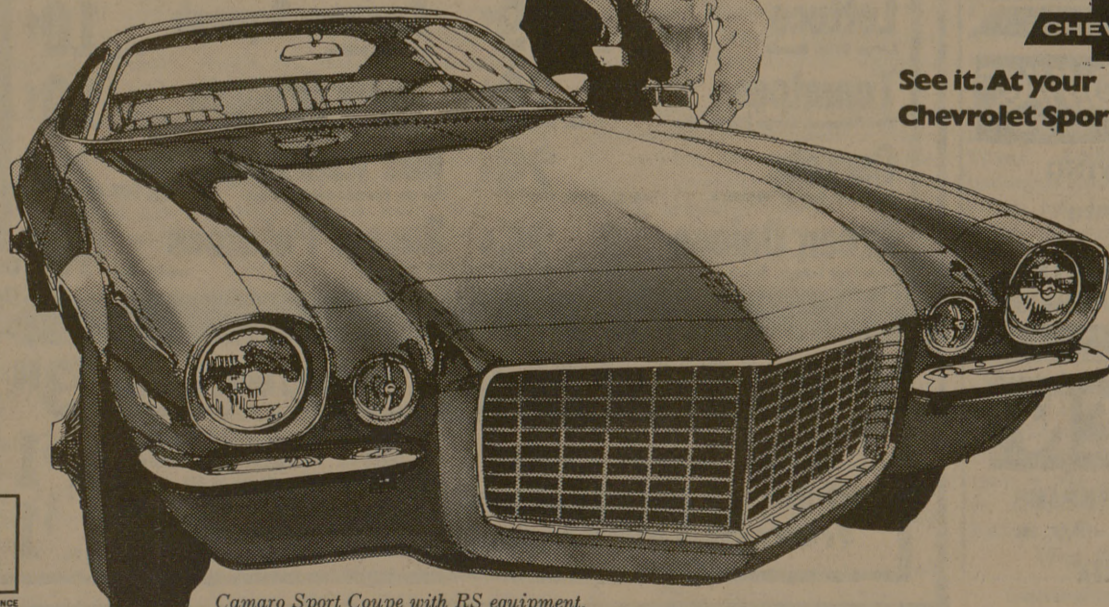
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