

# Silas leads Lumberjacks past Aggies, 89-82

Cool hand All-American James Silas guided the Stephen F. Austin State University Lumberjack offense with authority all night long Tuesday and poured in game high honors of 32, including eight straight free throws in the last three minutes, as SFA dumped the Aggies, 89-82 in the season opener in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

## F-2 wins grid championship

Company F-2 fish won the Corps championship in football to highlight intramural sports action before Thanksgiving. They defeated Squadron 1 8-0 to win the Class B title. Several more champions were determined the week before Thanksgiving.

Keathley Hall won the Class C championship in horseshoes while Moses won Class D bowling in an uncontested schedule. The class D handball championship was won by Davis-Gary.

Bowling playoffs in Class B have been continuing this week with the championship roll-off Wednesday night. Semi-final action saw Squadron 2 playing K-1 and Maroon Band meeting F-1 in the other game.

The Aggies led all the way in the first half, but the Lumberjacks ripped 16 straight points midway in the second half to take a commanding lead. With Silas controlling the ball against the Aggie press, the Lumberjacks were never in real trouble in the last five minutes.

Pete Harris had an outstanding game offensively with 24 points, but it was his improved rebounding in the second half that helped the Lumberjacks outscore the Aggies 50-41.

The Aggies led continuously in the opening half except for a 25-25 tie midway. They overcame first-game jitters of nine turnovers with a 19-11 rebound edge and 55.2 shooting percentage.

Three times in the first half the Aggies managed a six-point margin but each time, with Silas leading the way, the 'Jacks kept themselves in the ball game.

A&M was led in the opening half by 7-0 Steve Niles, who had 13 points despite missing a good part of the period with foul trouble. He also sat out more than half of the second half and finished the game with 15 points and 5 rebounds.

The Aggies led 60-59 with 11:01 to play in the game when Pete Harris was called for goal tending, but from there the Lumberjacks scored 16 straight points as the Aggies went scoreless for four minutes and 14 seconds.

The two teams traded buckets for about two minutes. Then Metcalf put in an entire new team of sophomores Bob Gobin, Wayne Howard, Jeff Overhouse, Bill O'Brien and junior Rick Duplantis in hopes of starting a rally.

But Silas went to work in the waning minutes with a field goal and eight straight free throws to keep the 'Jacks with a comfortable lead that outlasted five Aggie points in the final 30 seconds.

Scoring in the game:  
A&M—Steve Niles 15, Bill Cooksey 13, Pat Kavanagh 8, Chuck Smith 8, Rick Duplantis 8, Jeff Overhouse 8, Bob Gobin 6, Bobby Threadgill 5, Wayne Howard 4, Bill O'Brien 4, Charlie Jenkins 3.  
SFA—James Silas 32, Pete Harris 24, Perry Meador 15, Harvey Huffstetler 12, Terry Brown 4, Cole Pugh 2.



PAT KAVANAGH drives in for field goal in the first half of the Aggies' season opener Tuesday night. Kavanagh scored eight points in the game but the Aggies lost to the Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks, 89-82. (Photo by Steve Bryant)

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