

Ags seek first win against Lions

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The Texas Aggies and East Texas State University Lions, both looking for their first wins of the season, will match shots at 8 tonight in G. Rollie White Coliseum as Coach Shelby Metcalf—for the first time in his eight years as head coach of the Aggies—will coach against his alma mater.

Metcalf earned both bachelor's and master's degrees at East Texas and was a member of the 1955 team which had a 29-5 record and won the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) championship. He is in a picture of that NAIA championship team in the 1970 ETSU basketball brochure.

It will be the third time the two teams have met. The Lions won the last meeting in 1948 when they dumped the Aggies, en route to a 19-4 season and the Lone Star Conference championship.

A&M won the first meeting, in 1916, the first year the Commerce school played basketball.

The Aggies dropped their opener Tuesday night to Stephen F. Austin 89-82, while the Lions fell to East Central Oklahoma, 74-72, and Oklahoma, 87-59, in their first two encounters.

Coach Metcalf will have three changes in the lineup for tonight's game. Two sophomores, Bob Gobin and Jeff Overhouse and junior Rick Duplantis will make their first starts.

Gobin, with six points, hitting on three of six shots and grabbing three rebounds; Overhouse, with eight points, hitting on three of five shots and snagging five rebounds; and Duplantis hitting on all three shots while scoring eight points and grabbing down three rebounds, led the play of the young players in the opener.

Metcalf said he was muchly impressed with that phase of the SFA game.

Alongside those three will be Steve Niles, who scored 15 points while hitting on two-thirds of his shots, and Pat Kavanagh, who scored eight points, hitting on three of four field goals.

East Texas will start with five lettermen from last year's team—which is minus Second Team All-LSC member Calvin Walker, who led them in rebounding and scoring his junior and senior years and in field goals three seasons.

Leading the way thus far in the two games this year has been Junior Jim Vander Poehl who has averaged 16.5 in the two games. He'll open at forward alongside 6-7 junior Bob LaFevers from Dallas Lake Highlands who has scored nine points in the first two games. Last year LaFevers averaged 8.3 for the Lions while hitting on 49.7 per cent of his shots.

The guards will be Al Mason from Dallas, who has averaged 15 a contest this season and netted nine points a game last year after transferring from Jacksonville Baptist College.

Russ Coffee has clipped in nine tallies a game and the senior, who has played on the ETSU

varsity for three seasons, has scored 869 points.

Steve Coffman, 6-10, will start at center. A senior who averaged 4.8 points and four rebounds last year and is netting eight points an outing this year, he will be out to spoil the night for his father's alma mater.

The Aggies also are slated to play the University of Texas at Arlington Monday at 8 p.m.

Aggie trackmen start indoor season Tuesday

By JOHN CURYLO
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The Texas Aggies, Southwest Conference track champions last year, take on three other conference champions in the Liberty Bowl Indoor Track Classic next Tuesday in Memphis, Tenn.

Once again the Mills brothers, Curtis and Marvin, head a host of fine runners into competition, with the strong events for A&M being the sprints, relay races, and the high jump, with improvement in the hurdles and distance events.

In the sprints, Marvin Mills will be entered in the 50 yard dash, while brother Curtis and Robert Brew will run in the 440 yard dash. Curtis, of course, has a best time of 44.7 in the quarter mile. He won the conference 440 last season with a 46.0.

The Aggies will be facing stiff competition in all events, against the teams from Memphis State (Missouri Valley Conference champs), Kansas (Big Eight champs), and Tennessee (Southeast Conference champs).

Relay teams were big winners at A&M last season, and the same is expected this year. Only two relay events will be run in Memphis, the big one being the mile relay. In Houston last year at the Astrodome, the team of Harold McMahan, Willie Blackmon, and Marvin and Curtis Mills set an indoor world record of 3:05.7. The team to compete Tuesday will consist of the Mills, and sophomores Davis Morris and Robert Brew.

The other relay is the two mile relay. A&M will have Pat Bradley, Dennis O'Brien, Harold Vagtberg, and Joe Waltz in the event. Vagtberg and Bradley are freshmen, while O'Brien and Waltz are sophomores.

Ben Greathouse won the SWC in the high jump with a leap of 6-9, and Marvin Taylor was second with 6-7. This will be a close event, since the other jumpers all have high marks of around 6-9, with Tennessee's Lonnie Hance the favorite with a previous high of 7-0.

Donny Rogers and Rockie Woods are in the 50 yard high hurdles, the only hurdle event in the meet. Woods was the high point man at the SWC meet last year. Rogers was third in the 120 yard high hurdles.

Frank Ybarbo and Ruben Moncivaiz, the top cross country men this year, will run the mile and two mile at Memphis. They both

have previous bests of 4:10.0. Don Kellar and Robert Brew will be in the 600 yard run, while Pat Bradley is in the 1,000 yard run. Blackmon and O'Brien will compete in the 880.

In addition to the high jump, Aggies in the field events will be McMahan and Larry MyIntyre in the pole vault, and Mike Morrison and Dan Williams in the long jump.



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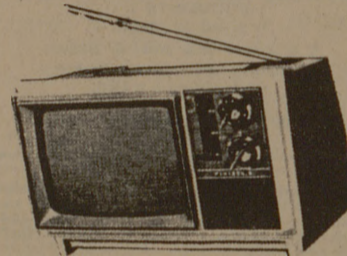
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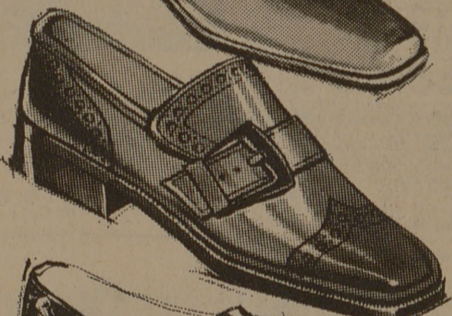
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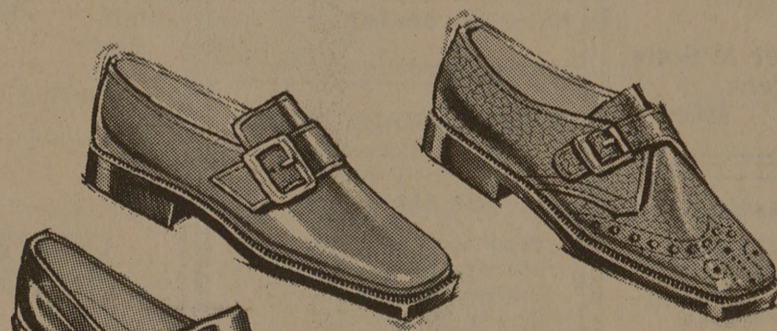
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Fish Cagers meet Wharton

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The Aggie Fish open the 1970-71 season here Monday night as they meet Wharton Junior College at 5:45 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum. The Aggie varsity meets the University of Texas at Arlington in the second game.

The Fish have scrimmaged the varsity several times this year, and in Tuesday's preliminary game, they defeated an intramural team 102-42.

The success of the Aggies and the recruiting of Coach Shelby Metcalf and Fish Coach Jim Culpepper have brought some fine prospects to Aggieland.

Jack Vest is a 6-8 postman from Kerrville. An aerospace engineering major, he was all state two years and honorable mention All-America. He scored 17 against the intramural team.

Johnny Mayo, a 6-7 postman, is an agricultural economics major from Taft. He was honorable mention All-America, and was an outstanding baseball player and trackster in high school. He scored 14 points against the intramural team.

Joe Ariciniaga is a liberal arts major from Lynwood, California. A 6-3 wingman, he was his league's player of the year, his highs being 33 points and 26 rebounds. He scored 14 against the intramural team.

Randy Knowles, a 6-6 wingman, was the high scorer Tuesday with 19. In one game in high school, he had 62 points and 32 rebounds. In that game, he was 15 of 15 from the free throw line and hit 82 percent from the field. He is a wildlife science major from Geneva, Ohio.

Bobby McKey is a 5-11 guard. He is an accounting major from Dallas Jefferson. An excellent ball handler, Culpepper says that he sees the open man well and is an ideal point man. He scored nine points against the intramural team.

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