

# Aggies test Baylor Bears

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The Texas Aggies—hoping they have at last found the key to victory—travel to Waco tonight to tackle the Baylor Bears in the 1971 Southwest Conference opener for the Ags at Heart O' Texas Coliseum at 8.

The Aggies, at one time struggling with a 2-8 record, have reeled off impressive wins in their last two starts with a new lineup that includes three sophomores, compared to the team which started opening night against Stephen F. Austin with four seniors in the lineup.

Baylor is annually the quickest starting SWC team and this year is no exception. The problem is the Bears of past years have faded in the late season just as quickly as they rose at the outset.

In the past three SWC campaigns, the Bears have started off with 6-1 records twice and a 7-1 mark once. They finished the season with 8-6, 8-6 and 10-4 records and didn't win a conference title.

This year Baylor rolled to an 8-4 non-conference mark, and last Saturday opened their league slate with a 77-70 victory over the University of Texas at Austin in Gregory Gym in Austin.

The Bears may have the best individual player in the conference in 6-5 senior Willie Chatmon. Chatmon, one of the top field goal shooters in the nation, is famous for his shooting touch on a short fallaway jump shot that is almost impossible to block.

He got 23 against UT-Austin and had a high game of 41 this season. He leads the Bears in scoring with a 24-point and 13 rebound average.

The Bears' green and gold colors have a flare of the black and gold of Tyler Junior College with Chatmon the most prominent figure.

Two members of last year's TJC team (that went to the National JC tournament after beating San Jacinto in a playoff at G. Rollie White Coliseum) joined the Bears this year: Roy Thomas and Bobby Thompson.

Thompson who missed two games early in the season with a small case of mononucleosis, still is averaging 13.3 despite not having a spot in the starting lineup.

Thomas is netting 9.6 for Baylor Coach Bill Menefee and Menefee has changed his style to a more running type offense that has scored over 100 points five times in 14 games.

Three other top returnees for Baylor are Tommy Friedman 9.7, Jerry Hopkins 11.5, Tom Stanton 11.5.

6-7 junior Pat Fees is the Bears seventh player and he is averaging 10 a contest.

The Aggies have changed their style to a slower type game after poor outside shooting caused them to lag behind in a fast breaking type game.

A more aggressive defense has accompanied the new style and the Ags limited Citadel University of North Carolina at Charlotte to 62 points and Lamar Tech—the nation's highest scoring team—to 82 points in the three games.

The lineup for A&M includes sophomore Bob Gobin at the point with sophomores Charlie Jenkins and Jeff Overhouse on the wings and Steve Niles and Chuck Smith at the posts.

Niles really has been impressive lately, and the 7-0 senior leads the Ag attack with 16.5 points and 10.8 rebounds. Overhouse had an outstanding game against Lamar Tech Friday with 17 points and 13 rebounds and has the second highest average with 10.2 points and 7.3 rebounds.

Gobin is averaging 7.0, Smith 8.9 and Jenkins 3.0, but none has started all season and Jenkins has started only the last three games.

Senior guard Pat Kavanagh still is sidelined with a back injury and will not make the trip.

6-7 Rick Duplantis is scoring at 9.1 clip for the Ags and Bill Cooksey 6.0. Both will see plenty of action for A&M.

In a preliminary contest, the Aggie fish try to get untracked with a 1-1 record against Baylor. The Cubs are 2-3 for the season

and are led by Lee Griffin, one of the leading cage prospects in last year.

Griffin, one of the top five high school recruits in Texas last year, is scoring at a 28.6 rate.

The Cubs fell to UT-Austin 103-93 on Saturday and their other four games were against

junior college teams.

The Aggie fish have been struggling with a lack of shooting. As a team they're hitting only 32 per cent with Randy Knowles hitting for 15 points a game.

Mark Stewart is scoring at an 11.5 clip and Johnny Mayo 10.0 points a game.

## Prentice breaks Aggie swim mark

Freshman Steve Prentice continued to set a hot pace for Aggie swimmers last weekend when he clipped off a school record time of 2:02.4 in the 200-yard backstroke at the University of Oklahoma Relays in Norman.

Prentice, who came within a half second of the mark in a practice meet two weeks ago in Houston, snapped the mark of 2:05.1 set by one of his teammates Mike Hicks last year.

The Aggies placed fifth in the team division and three of the four teams that placed ahead of them are nationally ranked.

Southern Illinois University won the meet. The University of Texas at Arlington was second and the University of Kansas took third.

Doug Carson swam a 2:20.3 time in the 200-yard backstroke.

"That's an outstanding effort for this time of year in that event," Coach Dennis Fosdick said.

The Aggies fared extremely well in the relays, where they entered two teams each in the 400-yard freestyle, 800-yard freestyle and 800-yard medley relays and both the A and B squads placed in the top twelve.

Fosdick considered the fifth place finish outstanding.

"We weren't interested in placing for points. We just came to swim against some competition.

"I thought we surprised ourselves a bit by doing as well as we did. Overall I was pleased, but

a little disappointed with some of the relay times."

The only senior on the team, Tom Sparks, placed in the 50- and 100-yard freestyle and in the 100-yard event swam a 49.6 which is only two-tenths of a second off the school record of another teammate, Kim Blakeman, who clocked a 49.4 last year.

Steve Sonnenberg placed in the 100- and 200-yard breaststroke and Fosdick said that was extremely encouraging.

"Steve got his time down for the first time this year. He came down in the preliminaries and then beat it again in the finals.

"Until now he had been swimming sort of fatigued from the workouts and had really been pressing when he swam."

Other top performances included:

Freshman Bob Willoughby in the 100-yard and 200-yard butterfly; Mike Hicks in the 200- and 400-yard individual medleys and 200-yard backstroke; Dan Sonnenberg in the 100-yard backstroke; Eric Wolff in the 100-yard freestyle and three relays; Kim Blakeman in the 50-yard freestyle and three relays; Mike McLelland in the 200-yard butterfly; and John McClerary and Martin Littekin in the three relays.

The Aggies' next action will be next Tuesday when they swim at Rice University in Houston. The Aggie basketball team plays the Owls that night and will be a big day all around for A&M.

## Offensive line coach resigns

Athletic Director Gene Stallings announced Monday that offensive line coach Charlie Bradshaw has resigned to accept a similar job with Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn.

"Charlie not only is an outstanding football coach but he and his wife, Martha, are close, personal friends of me and my wife, Ruth Ann," Stallings said. "They were anxious to return to their home area and we wish them well in their new location."

Bradshaw said, "I spent 18 years as a player and coach in the Southeastern Conference and it is like home to me and my family. It was a difficult decision to make but it was an opportunity to return to our home area."

Bradshaw returns to Vanderbilt next Monday.

After playing under Coach Paul Bryant at Kentucky, Bradshaw started his coaching career at a high school in Birmingham, Ala. He served as an assistant under Blanton Collier at Kentucky and under Bryant at Alabama before becoming head coach at Kentucky where he served seven seasons. He joined the Texas A&M staff a year ago.

## Intramural meet slated Wednesday

All athletic officers will have a meeting Wednesday to discuss spring intramurals, the intramural office announced Monday.

The meeting will be held in room 232 of G. Rollie White Coliseum. Corps athletic officers meet at 5 p.m. and civilian officers meet at 5:30. Any officer who can't make the meeting is urged to come by the intramural office as soon as possible.

Wrestling weigh-ins begin Thursday and last through Monday for Class A and C. The locker room of G. Rollie White Coliseum will be the location for the weigh-ins. They begin at 5:00 on Thursday and Monday with the Friday weighings from 3:00-4:30.

Basketball finals for Classes A and C begin Thursday. Early next week will be the start of ping pong finals. Class A and C volleyball will begin next week.

## New Aggies sink Lamar Cardinals

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It was quite apparent Friday night in G. Rollie White Coliseum that Coach Shelby Metcalf had taken the new year theme to heart by making some improvements and adding newness to the A&M cagers who defeated Lamar Tech in the last non-SWC contest for the Aggies.

The final score was 87-82, but there were many factors making the victory significant for the "new" Aggies.

First, Lamar, seventh in the nation in scoring, is a contender for the Southland Conference title this year. They came into the game averaging 96.4 points per game and had scored over 100 five times this season. This game was viewed as a true test of the team that started slow, but picked up momentum since New Year's Day, losing a close game to The Citadel 62-61, and beating North Carolina at Charlotte 66-62.

The "new look" consists of some new starters, a few changes in the other starters, a new style of play, new uniforms, and new shoes. This all adds up to making them look like an entirely different team than the one appearing on the court a month ago.

Regulars on the squad now consist of three sophomores and two seniors. Charlie Jenkins, Jeff Overhouse, and Bob Gobin are the sophomores, while Chuck Smith and Steve Niles are the seniors.

Jenkins proves to be an exciting ball handler and a quick defender. In the next 14 games or more of the season, it will not be unusual for fans to see him make a number of steals. Overhouse, 6-7, does a good job on the boards, grabbing 13 rebounds and scoring 17 points Friday. Gobin, a blue chipper in football and basketball, shows aggressive defense also. He scored 10 points against the Cardinals, and proved to be a fine passer.

The most pleasant change is in Steve Niles. Niles, a seven-footer, went from 270 pounds to 235. He moves better, is more aggressive,

and dominates play as a player his size should. He scored 16 points, got 16 rebounds, and Lamar's leading scorer, Lamar Adams, to five points in the half. Should he play the rest of the season as he played Friday he will be one of the most explosive players at A&M in years.

Chuck Smith was also a performer Friday. He scored 10 points, hitting on six of nine from the field and three of six from throws.

Tech got off to an early start stretching the score to 61-18:12 left in the first half. A minute later the score was 61-18 as Niles hit two successive 3's and a free throw. Lamar came back again and built another lead of five at 17:42:12:48 left in the half.

Two minutes later the lead sawed back and forth, but at 9:40 left in the half, Overhouse scored on a layup with an assist from Duplantis, and Lamar never to lead again. The margin of the half was eight, the score at halftime was 44-37.

The Aggies came out in a second half and scored five points in a row before the Cardinals could get on the board, then hit a free throw and made a layup with an assist from Jenkins to raise the lead to nine.

Tech whittled away at the rest of the half, tying it with 2:40 left and again with 47 seconds remaining. Smith and Cooksey each hit an and-ones, giving A&M an edge with 0:34 left. Duplantis hit a free throw, and the Cardinals countered with a goal, but Niles ended it all with still another layup.

In the preliminary, Lamar Tech's Little Red overwhipped the Fish 82-64. It was the second game of the year for the Ags following a layoff of 5 1/2 weeks.

The second half was much the same, with the Lamar jumping to 28 with 6:34 left play. Randy Knowles led the Ags with 22, and Mark Stewart contributed 17. The Aggies only 32.8% from the field, and turned the ball over 27 times.

## INFORMATION REGARDING DORMITORY TELEPHONE SERVICE

Every student who lives in a dormitory room equipped with a telephone will have to sign a new student LD telephone agreement card. One student in each room will be designated by the Telephone Company as the Account Manager and responsible for payment of each bill. Only those students who have signed the cards will be authorized to place and charge LD telephone calls to their room telephone or place LD telephone calls from other telephones and charge them to their room telephone number. A telephone bill will be generated for each dormitory working telephone number on Campus with charges appearing for all calls placed or charged to that particular number. If no long distance calls were charged to that number then zero balance will be reflected and shown on the bill.

In order to establish LD privileges it will be necessary for each individual student who lives in a telephone equipped dormitory to sign one of these cards. Sufficient cards have been placed in each dormitory room during the semester break for completion by each room resident. Completed cards should be deposited in boxes marked for this purpose and located in each dormitory lounge. The cards must be turned in no later than January 20, 1971.

Students who change rooms after January 18, 1971 must fill out and sign a blue telephone change card which can be obtained at the housing office. If you do not complete a room change telephone card, you may be responsible for LD calls you did not make. This card should be left with housing office officials for transmittal to the Telephone Office.