

Bears changed Aggies' plans

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The Baylor Bears' 56.9 per cent shooting Tuesday night in their 108-83 win over the Aggies was the prime ingredient in that win, since it forced the Aggies out of their normal game plan.

"After we got behind we just had to run and gamble a little more to try to catch up. You're not going to win unless you gamble when you're behind like we were. And we gambled and

lost," was the way Coach Shelby Metcalf described the Baylor game.

The Aggies had hoped for a more disciplined game style as their lack of shooting prowess from the outside had necessitated that.

The Aggies tried to run with Arizona and Furman, two teams they are on a par with, but they couldn't find the hoop often enough and lost both. Arizona beat the Ags by 14 and Furman by 20; both were in the Pointsettia Classic.

The Aggies won the classic last year. Nearly the same Aggie team took the floor in this one. Only one starter was absent from the scene, Mike Heitmann.

The Aggies definitely are missing Heitmann's shooting from outside.

After the tournament, the Ags changed their style to a more disciplined attack.

In their first try at the new game, they lost 62-61 to The Citadel but then rolled off a 66-62 win over the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and an 87-82 victory over Lamar Tech.

In those games, A&M controlled the offensive.

Tuesday night against Baylor, Baylor controlled the offensive. Baylor hit on 41 of 72 field goals. A&M hit on 29 of 75. Baylor hit on 26 of 34 free throws. A&M hit on 25 of 43. Baylor grabbed 52 rebounds. A&M pulled down 37.

The win puts Baylor along with Rice with 2-0 records for the Southwest Conference lead. Texas Christian, with a 1-0 mark, is a step back.

The Aggies next face the Horned Frogs Saturday afternoon in G. Rollie White Coliseum, in what will be the most

critical game to date. A loss would put A&M down 0-2 in the conference, and the way several of the teams are playing it would be a great obstacle to overcome.

"TCU and Rice probably are the best two clubs right now," Metcalf said.

Pat Kavanagh, the Aggies' senior guard, who is sidelined with a back injury, scouted the Frogs, and his reaction to their stunning 85-71 win over Texas Tech was, "They played great."

Kavanagh pointed to the play of Eugene Kennedy one of the Frogs' three transfers who'll start Saturday.

"He got 24 rebounds and I don't care who you are, when you get 24 rebounds you're doing something."

Metcalf called Kennedy a "super" ball player and maybe the best in the conference, and that's a pretty impressive statement for those who watched Baylor's Willie Chatmon Tuesday.

"TCU is much more physical than Baylor," Metcalf pointed out. He also noted that the Bears outrebounded the Aggies by 15.

Blanda named top athlete

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—George Blanda obviously is aware there isn't too much demand for 44-year-old quarterbacks, even one who had such a sensational season that he was named 1970 pro athlete of the year by The Associated Press.

Blanda was asked if he planned to play again next season for the pro football Oakland Raiders.

"If they send me a contract I'll consider it," replied the miracle worker of the 1970 season.

"I think most people if they could do what they enjoy doing the rest of their lives, would be completely happy. I completely enjoy playing football. I can't say I want to play one more year, two more years, three more years. I've always said that if I can't contribute to the team's winning that is when I'll quit. And if I can continue to contribute, somebody wants me to contribute . . . then I'll continue to play."

The Oakland passer, whose last minute performances helped the Raiders win half a dozen games last season, expressed interest in the discussion before the Super Bowl game on whether the coach or the quarterback should call the plays. Baltimore's Johnny Unitas said emphatically the quarterback should run the team on the field. Dallas Coach Tom Landry, who calls plays for his team, believes this takes pressure off his quarterback.

"I feel like John does, and Earl Morrall and any quarterback that's been around," Blanda said.

"When you take the initiative away from the quarterback, then I think it takes away from the ball club. I think that the quarterback and the players know what they should do on certain downs and yardage, and what people they can run against, what people they can throw against."

"I'm a firm believer that the quarterback should call all his plays, with help in certain situations."

Blanda was asked if he would like to coach after he retired as an active player.

"I have been accused of coaching by a couple of teams I've played with in the past," he jest-ed. Then, in a more serious vein, he said, "At this picture I haven't given it much thought. Right at the present I'm relaxing between seasons. But I think when I quit, retire as an active player, if the right coaching opportunity comes along I'd consider it. I still want to be a part of it (football)."

lost," was the way Coach Shelby Metcalf described the Baylor game.

Keel to Texas

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — All-state safety Tommy Keel of Austin Reagan's Class AAAA football champions has announced he will attend the University of Texas at Austin.

His father is Thomas M. Keel, director of the Legislative Budget Board, which handles the bulk of the work in preparing Texas' general appropriations bill each legislative session.

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Matson is top track athlete

AMARILLO, Tex. (AP) — Track and Field News Wednesday named shotputter Randy Matson "track and field athlete of the world" for 1970.

A Pampa, Tex., native, Matson is a Texas A&M graduate and currently the executive secretary of the West Texas State University Buffalo Club.

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