

# Aggies top UA eighth straight time

By JOHN CURYLO

The Aggies scored their most points of the year, tied this season's rebounding high, Coach Shelby Metcalf made his personal record against Arkansas 14-2, and three seniors closed out their careers for A&M.

All these things came about Friday night when the Aggies overcame a 10-point deficit in the first half to put the Razorbacks down to the tune of 92-89.

The team's previous high was 91 against Abilene Christian, and they gathered in 64 caroms when

they played the Baylor Bears. This was the eighth straight victory over the Hogs, the first coming in 1967. That means that Chuck Smith, Steve Niles, and Bill Cooksey have never lost to them.

Niles finished with one of the best games of his career. When he fouled out with 7:20 left in the contest, his totals were 26 points and 18 rebounds. He hit 10 of 17 from the field and six of seven from the line.

Other leaders for A&M were Jeff Overhouse, who had 23 points

and 11 rebounds. He ended the conference campaign with averages of 15.9 points and 9.9 rebounds, making a very strong bid for Sophomore of the Year honors. Wayne Howard got 15 points, giving him an average of 11.2 points per conference game. Smith and Charlie Jenkins each scored nine, with Smith getting 13 rebounds.

The performance of Arkansas' Almer Lee could not be overshadowed, however. The 6-1 junior hit nine of 18 field goals and 12 of 15 free throws to give him a career high of 30, 22 of which came in the first half. He fouled out with 1:31 left to play. His junior teammate Vernon Murphy scored 22 with 11 rebounds. John Searles, a sophomore, had 12 points. With all three returning and only Bobby Vint finishing his career this season, the Razorbacks should be contenders next year.

In the first five minutes of play, it was tied five times. With 15:25 left in the period, Lee hit a layup to make it 13-11 for Arkansas, but he fouled Cooksey, and his charity shot made the margin one. A tip and then a short jumper by Niles, and a similar shot by Overhouse after a tremendous head fake kept A&M within one, but things started rolling and with 7:43 showing on the clock, it was 36-22 for the Hogs.

But just as quickly the lead started to diminish. After that 14 margin the Aggies chipped away at it until the score was

41-33 with 4:10 to go in the half. Then Howard hit a baseline jump shot and Niles a layup. Smit added a layup and the Ags were down by only two. Murphy and Howard traded layups and it was 43-41. Lee hit five straight points, and the score was 50-43 at halftime. In the initial period, Arkansas hit 45.9% and A&M 40.9%.

The second half began with a rejuvenated Aggie squad overwhelming the opposition and tying the game at 55-55 with 16:45 left after Niles tipped a jump ball to Overhouse, who made an easy layup. It was tied three more times until Jenkins gave the Aggies a 59-57 lead at 14:39 on a 17 foot jumper. Twenty seconds later, it was 62-57. By midway in the half, the Aggies led 80-65 after two layups and a tip shot, all by Niles.

The first half repeated itself, however, as the lead started to dwindle. First Gobin, then Niles, fouled out, and the score was 84-78 with 4:44 remaining. Rick Duplantis hit a free throw, and Lee hit a jump shot to put it at 85-80. Joel Tabor matched an Overhouse layup with a pair of free throws. Jeff hit one charity shot, but Tabor came back with a short jumper, and the Hogs were within four.

Overhouse hit a pair of free throws, but Searles matched him, making it 90-86 with 1:08 left. Mike Brown made one of his two free shots after Overhouse's fifth foul, and the board showed 90-87 and 0:48.

# Netters fall to ranked UCC

By JOHN CURYLO  
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Corpus Christi ended the Aggies' four game win streak in dual tennis matches here Friday, downing A&M 7-2.

The visitors showed why they are eighth in the country, taking six singles and two doubles matches. Three of the losing matches for the Aggies came on split sets.

The only singles victory for A&M was Jon Ragland's 6-8, 6-4, 6-4 win over Jorge Andrew. The Aggie doubles team of David Chastain and Jeff Carter beat Oscar Salas and Carlos Goffi 14-12 and 8-6.

In other singles matches, Dickie Fikes dropped the No. 1 match to Humphrey Hose in sets of 6-0 and 6-4. Mike Hickey fell in split sets of 3-6, 6-0, and 6-1 to Roberto Chaves of Corpus. The island school's Ken de Koonig slipped past Tommy Connell 4-6, 6-1, and 10-8. Marc Boule won over Lawton Park 6-0 and 6-4. Salas won the last singles match in sets of 6-4 each over Dan Courson.

The two Corpus Christi doubles wins were in the No. 1 and the No. 2 matches. Andrew and Chaves defeated the Fikes-Ragland combo 6-1 and 6-4. Hose and de Koonig took the team of Hickey and Courson, 4-6, 8-6, and 6-0.

A&M now stands 4-1 in dual play and 6-3, counting tournaments. Their next action comes Wednesday against Trinity at 1:30 p.m. on the A&M courts. The always tough San Antonians should prove to be very formidable foes for the Aggies of Coach Omar Smith.

# Owls nip Ags at Border meet

By CLIFFORD BROYLES  
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The Texas Aggie track team—slowed by pulled muscles, soreness and an assortment of injuries—still managed to finish second to champion Rice Saturday at the 39th running of the Border Olympics in Laredo.

The Aggies placed second with 52½ points to 57 for the Owls and Rice didn't clinch the victory until they won the final, the mile relay.

The Aggies took first place in the javelin with a 231-foot 8-inch toss from Marc Black; in the sprint relay with a time of 41.5; in the 220-yard dash where Rocky Woods ran a 21.4; and in the high jump where Ben Greathouse won out over teammate Marvin Taylor for first as both cleared 6-8.

Woods was scratched from the 120-yard high hurdles because of injury to an ankle bone suffered when he hit it on a hurdle in the prelims. He had qualified for the finals in 14.5. Curtis Mills was involved in a collision during the 100-yard dash prelims and fell on his shoulder injuring it. He withdrew from the 220 because of it.

Skelly Strong missed the mile relay and Marvin Mills, running in the 440 despite a pulled muscle, qualified in 50.4, but didn't run in the finals because of soreness in his leg.

Minus these performances the Aggies came out a little short in the meet.

When Curtis Mills took final baton in the mile relay had some 15 to 20 yards to go up on the Owls, who had Grandjean anchoring and 15 yards to catch the United of Texas, who had Dave Mills on the final lap.

Mills valiantly anchored but came up short as it was too much to mark up against two great quartermilers. He won in 3:12.4. Texas ran 3:11.4 and the Aggies with Ben Brew, David Morris, Don Mills and Mills ran a 3:14.4.

In the sprint relay, the Aggie nearly bowed out with a bad change of the baton in the handoff between Curtis Mills, Steve Barre, but they still managed to take first in the sprint when Woods anchored and led up Texas' Carl Johnson trailing by four yards. Mills earlier won the 100 in 14.8 burning up a 9.3 in the prelims.

In other performances Saturday, Gary West took second in the 120-yard high hurdles in time of 14.4. Don Keller was second in the 440-yard hurdle in 52.0 and David Morris was in 53.9.

Donny Roberts was fourth in the 220 in 21.8. Willie Black took fourth in the 880 in 1:48. Harold McMahan was third in the pole vault in 14-7 and Larry McIntyre fifth in 14-1. Paul Ybarbo was fifth in the mile in 4:13.2. Robert Brew was fourth in the 440 in 48.9. Curtis Mills was fourth in the 100 in 9.8.

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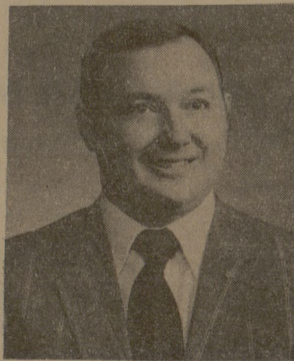
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## Stop St. Edwards twice

# Aggie bats continue ablaze

By CLIFFORD BROYLES  
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The Texas Aggie baseball team banged out 24 hits and scored 21 runs Friday afternoon on Kyle field to record 12-6 and 9-0 wins over the St. Edwards University Hilltoppers.

It gives A&M a 4-0 record for the season and the hot-hitting Aggies have a team average of .340, with five starters hitting at least .400.

Coach Tom Chandler substituted midway through both games after building a 10-0 lead in the opener and a 9-0 lead in the second game.

Freshman lefthander Jackie Binks gave the Aggies something to talk about in the second game when he hurled six innings of shutout baseball at the Hilltoppers, allowing only four singles and walking one.

As in the opening twinbill with St. Mary's the A&M bats took care of any real worries for the pitchers. In the first game, the first six batters hit safely.

Butch Ghutzman started the rally with a single and then successive doublings by R. J. Englert, Dave Elmendorf and Billy Hodge, produced three runs and then a

long home run over the rightfield fence by Jim Sampson finished it off.

Sampson also keyed the third inning rally that ended in five more runs with a double and then pitcher Charlie Kelley drove him home with another two bagger. Ghutzman scored Kelley with another single and Englert plated him with his second double.

Elmendorf then followed with a triple that ended the rally.

In the second game, A&M didn't start quite as quickly as two brothers, Jesse and Juan Buentello, combined to pitch the distance.

It was the third inning that

the Ags found daylight as Englert drew a walk and then Elmendorf continued his super rally with a single and Hodge got the second straight hit of the game scoring Englert. Elmendorf scored when Sampson was on a pop up to right center but was misjudged and allowed to drop by the right fielder.

Two out later, Carroll stepped on to the scene and provided A&M with its final runs of the four-run outburst with a single.

The Aggies scored twice in the sixth with singles by Englert and Hodge sandwiched around Elmendorf and Ab Jenkins.

## Wrestlers win over UT, 34-8

The Texas A&M wrestling team Friday downed the University of Texas wrestling team by a score of 34-8.

The team is now 3-0 for its collegiate season.

Scoring 5-point pins for the Aggies were Andy Beck, captain, in the 158 pound weight class, over Bill Middleton, in the time of 4:55; Dave Herzik, in the 177 pound class, against Brad Kunze, with a time of 6:20; and Merrell Ham, in the heavyweight division, defeating Mac Greer in 3:05. They are also undefeated for the season.

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