

Aftermath of UCLA trip is 86-68 win over Bobcats

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The Texas Aggies saw the best in the business trounce them Saturday night and took it out on Southwest Texas State Tuesday night in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Victims of a 117-53 rout by the UCLA Bruins in California, A&M bounced back with an 86-68 victory over the Bobcats.

Pauley Pavilion and the top-ranked Bruins totally overwhelmed the Aggies. UCLA's wealth of talent was too much for outmanned A&M.

From the beginning, the size and ability of the Californians showed without a doubt. The Aggies were out-rebounded 67-45,

with the big factor being height. Every missed shot gave UCLA the ball, and nearly every possession gave them two points. A&M shot 30%, while the Bruins hit on 50% of their tries.

The national power was led by Bill Walton with 23 points and 18 rebounds. Keith Wilkes followed with 22 points and 17 rebounds, and Greg Lee added 15 tallies, Henry Bibby 11, Tommy Curtis 10 and Swen Nater 10, with as many rebounds.

Mario Brown and Bob Gobin had 10 points each, followed by Randy Knowles and Jeff Overhouse with nine. Knowles had 10 rebounds and Overhouse seven. Wayne Howard had five points, Rick Duplantis four,

Charlie Jenkins and Joe Arciniega two each and Brad Pauley and Bobby Threadgill one each.

But if the Aggies were gun-shy, Southwest suffered the consequences, with A&M hauling in 61 rebounds to the Bobcats' 38. The San Marcos team managed to hit 45.8% from the field, but the Aggies shot 58.1%.

A&M dominated from the beginning, starting with Gobin's layup after the opening tip. Overhouse, Brown and Howard led the first half charge, scoring 11, 10 and eight points respectively.

Brown hit an eight-foot jump shot six minutes into the contest to give the Aggies a 15-9 lead. Another six minutes passed, and the junior college transfer hit one from nine feet away, making

it 29-20.

With 2:56 to go in the period, Gobin drew a foul when Alan Rheaume charged on a driving layup. The 6-3 junior hit both free throws. Then he stole the inbounds pass and was fouled again, sinking both charity shots to make it 39-25.

A&M kept it up after the intermission, raising the score to 54-32 on another free throw by Gobin, who converted five of six penalty shots. The Aggies kept the margin in this area, leading 62-41 with 14:12 showing.

In the next six minutes they scored once on a layup by Overhouse. With the lead down to 11 with 8:25 remaining, Howard hit a short jumper to make it 66-53. The Bobcats trimmed it to eight two times, but Overhouse

hit a pair of free throws and Howard did the same. Then, Overhouse struck on a layup with an assist from Howard, and it was 77-63 with 4:07 to play.

The Aggies continued the rally with Gobin making a layup, Knowles a pair of free throws and a 24-foot jumper and Howard a free shot. Knowles put the finishing touch on Southwest with 10 seconds left, popping the net on a 20 footer from the left side.

Overhouse had 13 rebounds, Knowles 10 and Brown seven. Gobin was credited with nine assists, in addition to playing a fine defensive game.

The scoring:
A&M — Jeff Overhouse, 26; Wayne Howard, 17; Mario Brown, 16; Randy Knowles, 14;

Bob Gobin, 9; and Brad Pauley, 4.

Southwest Texas — Travis Cornett, 20; Bruce Featherston, 17; Sylvester Brown, 14; Alan Rheaume, 9; Joe Kocurek, 5; Nate Thomas, 2; and Roy McQueen, 1.

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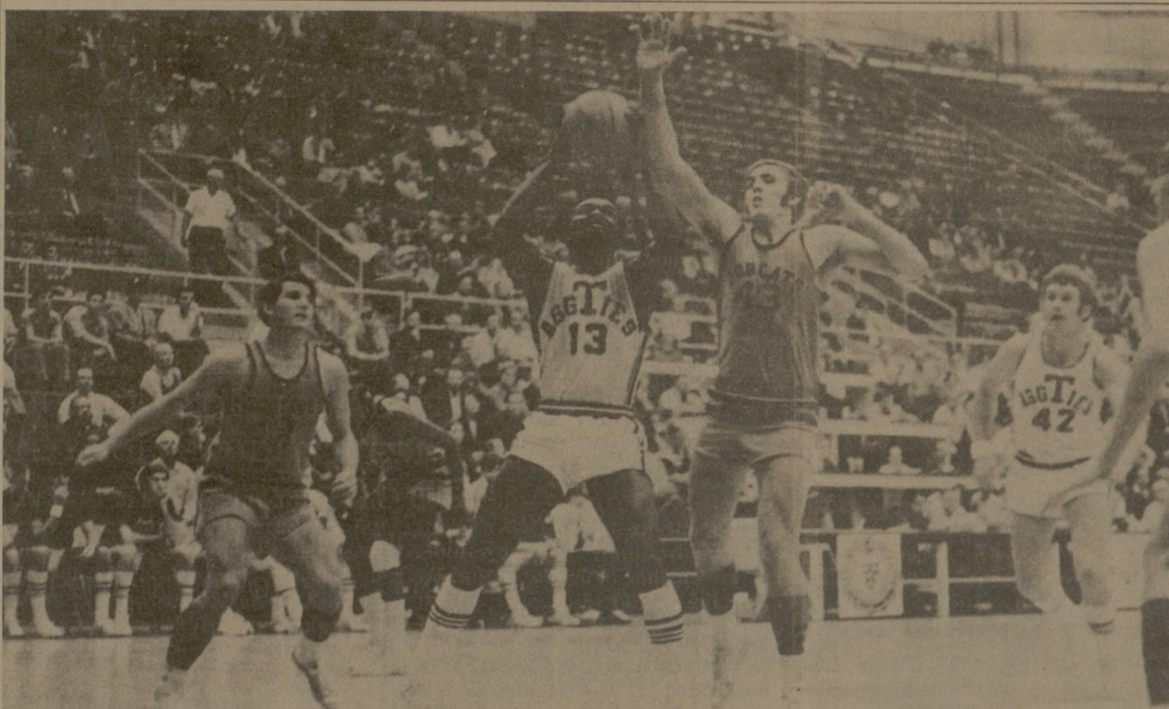
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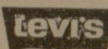
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JUNIOR COLLEGE TRANSFER Mario Brown (13) gets resistance from Travis Cornett (43) of Southwest Texas State in Tuesday night's 86-68 win over the Bobcats. Another transfer, Brad Pauley (42) is in the right of the picture. The Aggies play in three tournaments over the holidays, and they are tabbed as the underdogs in those six games. (Photo by Mike Rice)

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