

# Fish set record in crushing Wharton

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Texas A&M's freshman squad put it all together here Tuesday night against the outmanned Wharton Junior College Pioneers 110-79. The win brings the Fish's record to 2-1 and drops Wharton to 10-4.  
This point total has established a new record for the Fish.  
Mike Floyd again led with 22 points. Jerry Mercer played by far the best game in an Aggie uniform, grabbing 25 rebounds while scoring 18 points. The 6-9 Cypress-Fairbanks graduate has been slow coming around but showed the home fans some

great moves under the basket. Cedric Joseph hit only 16 points and grabbed 15 rebounds to take runner-up honors in that department.

The game was never in doubt after Wharton scored the opening bucket. A&M tied the score on the next possession. The lead built up until the Fish had a 20 point lead, 30-10, with less than eight minutes gone.

At that point the Pioneers caught fire and converted the next eight points to the Fish's two. A&M then called a time out and began to get back into early game form. The half-time

score stood in the Fish's favor, 54-38.

The second half added fire to the Aggies' furnace until they built up a 30 point lead, 87-57, with 11 minutes gone in the final stanza. With 2:08 remaining in the contest, A&M built up its largest margin, 34 points, 107-73.

The tremendous height advantage proved to be insurmountable for the Pioneers as only Ike Sojourner, 6-6, could vie with the talented Fish near the basket.

To make matters even worse for Wharton, Arthur Chappell dropped two points in the A&M

bucket while being harassed by the Fish press.

High point man for Wharton was Sojourner with 22, followed by Ken Fouts with 21. The only other double figure scorer for the Pioneers was Butch Grant with 15. Sojourner led the team in rebounds with 15.

Rebounds was indeed the measure of victory with A&M picking up 71 caroms to only 36 for Wharton. This 71 rebound total is also a record for freshman basketball here at A&M.

The Fish hit on 22 of 40 field goals the first half for 55% while Wharton hit on only 13 of 42 for 31%. Final percentages

showed A&M hitting 42 of 84 for 50% and Wharton getting 30 of 77 for 39%.

All five Fish starters hit in double figures while all but one Fish player added to the point total.

Texas A&M's next action will be January 13 against Blinn Junior College.

The scoring:  
A&M — Mike Floyd, 23; Jerry Mercer, 18; Webb Williams, 17; Cedric Joseph, 16; Dale Donaldson, 12; Isdell Birnbaum, 6; Bill Allen, 8; Tom Todd, 1; John Vaughan, 3; Lee Billingsley, 2; and James Kolar 2.

Wharton — Ike Sojourner, 22; Ken Fouts, 21; Butch Grant, 15; Steve Horner, 9; Gil Stalbaum, 8; Bobby Craig, 2; Allen Larkin, 2.

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## Williams says Rangers will hustle

**DENNE H. FREEMAN**  
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ARLINGTON, Tex. (AP)—Ted Williams, saying "I look like a Texas Ranger only from the neck up," made his first appearance in North Texas Tuesday as manager of the transferred American League club and promised

no miracle pennant—just hustle. Williams was introduced by Arlington Mayor Tommy Vandergriff who said "If anybody ever looked like a Texas Ranger, Ted looks the part."

The Thumper replied "Not from the neck down . . . I'm out of shape."

Williams, his shirt characteristically open at the collar, said he was "enthusiastic" about coming to Dallas-Fort Worth with the former Washington Senators.

"Enthusiasm has made it possible for some clubs to improve to the point where they eventually became pennant winners," Williams said. "I can guarantee you one thing as manager of the Rangers—you can bet our club will be a hustling club. Never once in Washington could the writers say our club didn't hustle."

Williams said the young Texas Ranger club will "work harder and longer on fundamentals"

than any other team he has managed.

"We hope to make a few more trades," he said. "We are always looking for pitching."

He said he hadn't heard whether slugger Frank Howard intended to return.

"Frank realizes he is getting older and heavier," Williams said. "If he could play with less weight than he had last year, he could have a good season."

Williams said losing seasons in his three years as manager made it hard for him to decide how much longer he wanted to stay around as a major league pilot.

"It's fun to manage when you are winning, but hard to be on the losing side," he said. "But if I didn't think I was getting to be a better manager I would go back to fishing. I never had to worry about cut off plays as an outfielder. There is also a trick in knowing whether a player has a future."

But Williams said realistically, "I hope we can just play .500 or better ball in 1972."

He met Penn State Coach Joe Paterno in town on a pre-Cotton Bowl trip and told him "I'm envious of you, coach. You win all the time. What's your secret? Should I buy a copy of your book?"

"Take a copy of the book and trade for Richie Allen and you'll be all right," Paterno replied.

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### Trevino named as year's sportsman

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The magazine announced Tuesday that its editors had voted the colorful Mexican-American the honor over such athletes as heavyweight champion Joe Frazier and major league baseball stars Vida Blue and Roberto Clemente.

Trevino won six tournaments, including the U.S., British and Canadian opens, and finished second on the golf tour's money list.

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