

# Holiday tournament action brings Aggies' cage record to 4-5

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The Aggie basketball team travels to Washington, D. C. Friday to play in the Presidential Classic after losing both its games in the Lobo Invitational in Albuquerque and taking the consolation championship in the Bluebonnet Classic in Houston last week.

A&M lost to New Mexico, 95-73, and to Creighton, 100-77, in the Lobo Tournament, but Jeff Overhouse was named to the all-tournament team. Turnovers were the main trouble for the Aggies, but these problems were taken care of by the time the Bluebonnet rolled around.

Overhouse earned a spot on the all-tourney unit in the Astrodome classic, as the Aggies of Coach Shelby Metcalf fell to Michigan State, 67-65, and defeated LSU, 73-68. MSU's victory was in the final seconds of the contest, which saw Overhouse sit out over 15 minutes of the first half with three fouls.

The tourney marked the emergence of Bobby Threadgill as a starter. The 6-4 senior scored 20 points and gathered 15 rebounds in the two games. Against LSU, Threadgill was credited with seven steals. His defensive play was a key to the two lowest point totals allowed by the Aggies this year. He had 13 of his points against Michigan State.

Overhouse scored 30 points in the LSU game, playing the entire 40 minutes without a substitution. In addition to his totals of 39 points and 20 rebounds in the two-day affair, the 6-7 junior blocked three shots against the Spartans.

Mario Brown, the 6-2 guard, chipped in 28 points in the tournament, 16 against Michigan State and 12 against LSU. Brown was credited with eight assists in the two games. The Michigan State game was close throughout. The contest was tied five times, with the widest margin being the Spartans' six-point advantage eight times during the battle. The Aggies hit 40.6% of their shots from the field, with Michigan State making 46.7% of their attempts.

With 6:30 to play in the game, Michigan State took a 60-54 lead. This diminished quickly, however, with Threadgill hitting a corner jump shot, Overhouse making a free throw and then popping the net on a short jumper to pull A&M within a point, 60-59.

At 3:54, Overhouse was good on a driving layup to push the Aggies ahead, 61-60. A jump shot by William Kilgore gave the Spartans a 62-61 lead with 2:18 showing, and a free throw by Michael Robinson made it 63-61. Wayne Howard's corner jump shot tied it up with 1:15 remaining.

MSU went ahead to stay with 41 seconds left on a drive by Kilgore. The Aggies made several attempts to tie it up again,

but a missed rebound was knocked out of bounds and an inbound pass after a timeout was stolen. This forced A&M to foul intentionally, and Brian Breslin made two free throws to make it 67-63 with 10 seconds left. Bob Gobin hit a jump shot at the end of the game to bring the final score of 67-65.

The scoring:  
A&M—Mario Brown, 16; Bobby Threadgill, 13; Wayne Howard, 11; Jeff Overhouse, 9; Rick

Duplantis, 6; Randy Knowles, 6; Bob Gobin, 2; and Brad Pauley, 2.

MSU—Michael Robinson, 19; William Kilgore, 13; Allen Smith, 13; Brian Breslin, 20; Tyrone Lewis, 6; Gary Ganakas, 4; and Pat Miller, 2.

The LSU game was highlighted by a large Aggie lead, then a rally by the Tigers, but the big excitement was Press Maravich's ejection from the game when the veteran coach was charged with

three consecutive technical fouls near the end of the first half.

The first half saw the lead bounce back and forth, but the Aggies surged in the last two minutes on a tip by Overhouse, a jumper by Duplantis and a pair of free throws by the 6-8 senior. Howard converted two of the free shots after Maravich's technicals, and Duplantis connected on a jumper three seconds before intermission to give A&M a 42-30 lead.

The Aggies kept pouring it on in the second period, boosting the margin to 19 on a drive by Brown midway in the half. With the score 61-42 at this point, the Tigers fought back.

Steve Chidley hit a jump shot with 2:32 left in the game to make it 66-65. Brown hit a pair of free throws, but Bill Newton matched the feat, and it was 68-67 with 2:10 to play. Threadgill hit a charity shot half a minute later to make two the margin.

With 1:10 remaining, LSU assistant coach Bill Bernbrock was charged with a technical foul, and the Tigers were given another right away. Overhouse made both the free throws, making the score 71-67. Gobin followed 20 seconds later with two more charity shots to put the game out of reach for the Bengals.

The scoring:  
A & M—Jeff Overhouse, 30;

Rick Duplantis, 13; Mario Brown, 12; Bobby Threadgill, 13; Wayne Howard, 11; Randy Knowles, 3; and Bob Gobin, 2. LSU—Steve Chidley, 13; Tyrone Lewis, 6; Allen Smith, 13; Brian Breslin, 20; Gary Ganakas, 4; and Pat Miller, 2. The Aggies play Georgia Tech in the first round of the Presidential Classic last night. They return home for a game with Trinity Jan. 11 and Texas last night.

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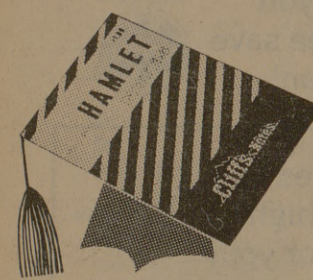
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