

Have five-game win streak

Aggie cagers improve season record to 8-5

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The A&M basketball team improved its season record to 8-5 with two victories last week, making five games in a row the Aggies have won.

An 82-74 loss to Athletes in Action, an adjunct to the Campus Crusade for Christ, will not count on the records for A&M, since the game was classified as an exhibition.

AIA demonstrated a great amount of ability in a game that proved to be an interesting contest. A&M downed Trinity last Thursday night, 98-58, and Southern Methodist, 79-71, Saturday night, leaving only conference games on the Aggies' schedule.

A&M led most of the first half, the biggest margin being twice midway in the period. Athletes in Action tied it at 24 with 7:11 showing. It jockeyed back and forth, with the Aggies taking a 37-36 advantage into the locker room.

It was more of the same at the beginning of the second half, with the score being tied seven times.

Then, with 12:32 remaining, Clint Hooper hit a layup after two follow-ups to go ahead to stay, 56-54.

They upped the margin to 13 with 3:38 to go, with Hooper putting on a crowd-pleasing display of ball-handling, agility, sharp-shooting and body control to pace the visitors.

The Aggies hit on 50.8 percent of their shots from the field for one of their better floor nights. The difference came in the rebounding department, with AIA getting 43 to 39 for A&M. Jim Soft led the Athletes with nine, followed by Hooper with eight and Matt Parker with seven.

Mario Brown led the Aggies with 12 rebounds and nine assists. A&M hit 10 of 14 free throw attempts to 14 of 24 for AIA.

A crowd of 2,158 was on hand to listen to the religious testimonials given by the former college stars after the game.

The scoring:
A&M—Wayne Howard, 16; Jeff Overhouse, 12; Mario Brown, 11; Bobby Threadgill, 10; Randy Knowles, 10; Rick Duplantis, 5; Bob Gobin, 4; Charlie Jenkins, 2; Bobby McKey, 2; and Joe Arciniega, 2.

AIA—Clint Hooper, 22; DeWayne Brewer, 19; Jim Soft, 17; Mike Basarich, 11; Steve Niems, 6; Matt Parker, 2; Ed Brown, 2; and Tom Raabe, 2.

The Aggies completely dominated the Trinity game, even without the services of Mario Brown, who was attending his uncle's funeral in Chicago. The Tigers didn't make a field goal until five minutes into the contest.

The tough A&M defense held Trinity to six of 33 field goals and five of 12 free throws in the initial period. This 18.2 field goal percentage limited the Tigers to 17 points, with the Aggies getting 47 on the 12-point first half output of Wayne Howard. Bobby Threadgill and Randy Knowles added eight each.

In the foul-fest, three players from each team fouled out, with a total of 59 violations being called. A&M dominated the boards, 74-42, while stretching the second half lead to 41 twice after the intermission.

The rebounding mark set a new school record, and the 98-58 margin was the largest since a 94-53 decision over Rice in 1960.

Brad Pauley led A&M rebounders with 15, followed by Knowles with 12. Jeff Overhouse and Joe Arciniega had eight each, with Howard hauling in seven and Rick Duplantis and Charlie Jenkins six each.

The scoring:
A&M — Randy Knowles, 21; Wayne Howard, 16; Bobby Threadgill, 14; Charlie Jenkins, 13; Brad Pauley, 11; Jeff Overhouse, 8; Rick Duplantis, 6; Bobby McKey, 6; and Bob Gobin, 3.

Trinity—Bob Murphy, 16; Randall Pugh, 12; Alan Kirkes, 10; Bill Brower, 8; Bob Brower, 7; Jon Morris, 2; Duane Henry, 1; Steve Tipton, 1; and Dennis Werner, 1.

Saturday's conference opener against Southern Methodist marked the first time in six games that the staunch Aggie defense had allowed over 71 points, but A&M's 79 stood above it for a clean league slate.

The Aggies jumped out to a

quick eight point lead two and a half minutes into the game. SMU whittled away at it until they tied it twice inside of the five minute mark left in the half. A&M retaliated with another eight point lead with 1:56 remaining to make it 39-31 at halftime.

The Mustangs were held to only 10 field goals in the first half for a 32.3 average. The Aggies were good on 16 of 42 tries for a 36.1 mark.

A&M hit 11 of 25 in the second period, compared to 14 of 31 for SMU, but fouls and rebounds made the difference. The Mustangs went to the charity line 32 times in the game, and A&M shot 44 free throw attempts. The Aggies dominated the boards again, 66-40.

SMU got close several times late in the game, but A&M came up with clutch free throws or gutty defense when they needed it. Overhouse was the leading re-

bounder with 16, followed by Knowles with 12, Duplantis with eight and Threadgill with six.

The scoring:
A&M—Mario Brown, 17; Jeff Overhouse, 15; Randy Knowles, 14; Rick Duplantis, 12; Bobby Threadgill, 11; Wayne Howard, 6; Brad Pauley, 2; Bob Gobin, 1; and Charlie Jenkins, 1.

SMU—Larry Delzell, 17; Ruben

Triplet, 16; Bobby Rollings, 12; David Miller, 9; Zack Thiel, 9; Clayton Korver, 7; and Jack Trout, 1.

The next action for the Aggies is a regionally televised game with Arkansas in Fayetteville Saturday at 2 p.m. A&M returns home next Tuesday for an 8 p.m. battle with defending champion Texas Christian.

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Spring intramurals will be getting underway Monday, Jan. 24. Volleyball will begin in all classes and several sports continuing from last semester will start again. These include Class C bowling, Class B football, Class B horseshoes, Class B handball and Class A basketball playoffs.

Teams are reminded that Jan. 24 is the deadline for wrestling entries. Feb. 18 is the deadline for softball entries. Wrestling will begin in the first week of February.

Team pictures will be taken Thursday, Jan. 20, in DeWare Fieldhouse at 5 o'clock. Any team which won a championship in any sport in any class during the fall semester should have their group picture made. Also, all-star players named to the all-intramural

teams will have a picture made the same day.

If any questions arise, come by the intramural office or call 845-2624.

Chandler president of coaches' group

Tom Chandler, baseball coach at A&M, was elected president of the American Association of College Baseball Coaches at its 27th annual meeting this week in Miami, Fla.

Chandler succeeds Frank Sancec of the University of Arizona.

Other officers for 1972 include John Winkin of Colby College (Maine), first vice president; Bill Arce, Plaremont-Mudd College (California), second vice president, and Ron Frazier, Miami (Florida) University, third vice president.

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