

Beat TCU, 81-74

Second half surge keys Ag cage win

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The Texas Aggies broke loose with 10 straight points in the second half Tuesday night to take an 81-74 win over Texas Christian University in Southwest Conference play here.

A&M connected on 15 of 29 shots from the field in the second half. Coupled with an excellent team effort and a well-balanced attack, the Aggies made their season record 9-6 and their conference mark 2-1. The Horned

Frogs stand 7-6 and 1-2.

"This was our best or second best ball game this year," Coach Shelby Metcalf said. "I'm sure TCU has played worse and won. It was a rough-played game for both clubs."

A&M started the first half in the lead, and they were up by one, 37-36, at intermission, but between these feats the lead changed hands eight times. The score was tied six times in the initial period. TCU's biggest lead of the game was a 25-18 advan-

tage with 6:20 left in the half.

The second half saw the battle remain close, but with 10:45 remaining in the game, sophomore Randy Knowles hit a short jumper from the left side to put the Aggies out in front by four, 57-53. From here, A&M made eight straight points, leading 65-53 with 8:15 showing.

This was the largest lead of the night for the Aggies, as they went on to seal the victory, never allowing the Frogs to get within seven points. A&M shot one of

its better field goal percentages, 46.3, with TCU's average being 40.9. The winners dominated the boards, 53-45.

Jeff Overhouse led the Aggies, connecting on five of seven from the floor and nine of 11 from the free throw line for 19 points. The junior forward had eight rebounds.

Rick Duplantis, the senior center, had one of his better nights, contributing 14 points on six of nine field goals and two of three free throws. He collected seven caroms.

Mario Brown, the junior college transfer from Chicago, demonstrated his prowess as a floor leader in the second half. He scored 10 points in the game, but was credited with seven assists.

Knowles was the leading rebounder for the Aggies, with 10. The Geneva, Ohio, forward came off the bench to connect on three of five shots from the field and three of six free throws for nine points.

"Jeff went to work for us tonight," Metcalf said. "Rick played his best ball game, too. (Charlie) Jenkins is looking better, also. That's the real Charlie. He's been doing better in practice, and I look for him to improve even more."

"We had such a good second half because we got plenty of shots and moved the ball better," he added. "We took over the boards the second half."

The Aggies had 30 rebounds in the second half, compared to 21 for TCU. Simpson Degrate lived up to his billing as one of the best in the league by dumping in 22 points. The 6-4 senior hit seven of 18 from the field and converted eight of 13 from the free throw line. He led all rebounders with 13.

It was a big night for the Aggies, getting them back on the winning side after Saturday's loss to Arkansas. The biggest crowd of the season, 4,562, was on hand for Tuesday night's game. The Aggie Band keyed the excitement, and the team responded with its sixth win in G. Rollie White Coliseum this year.

"I hope we have a good turnout for Saturday's game with Baylor," Metcalf said. "It made quite a difference having so many people out there for the TCU game. The Band really did a good job. We need a win streak now, so we can get some momentum."

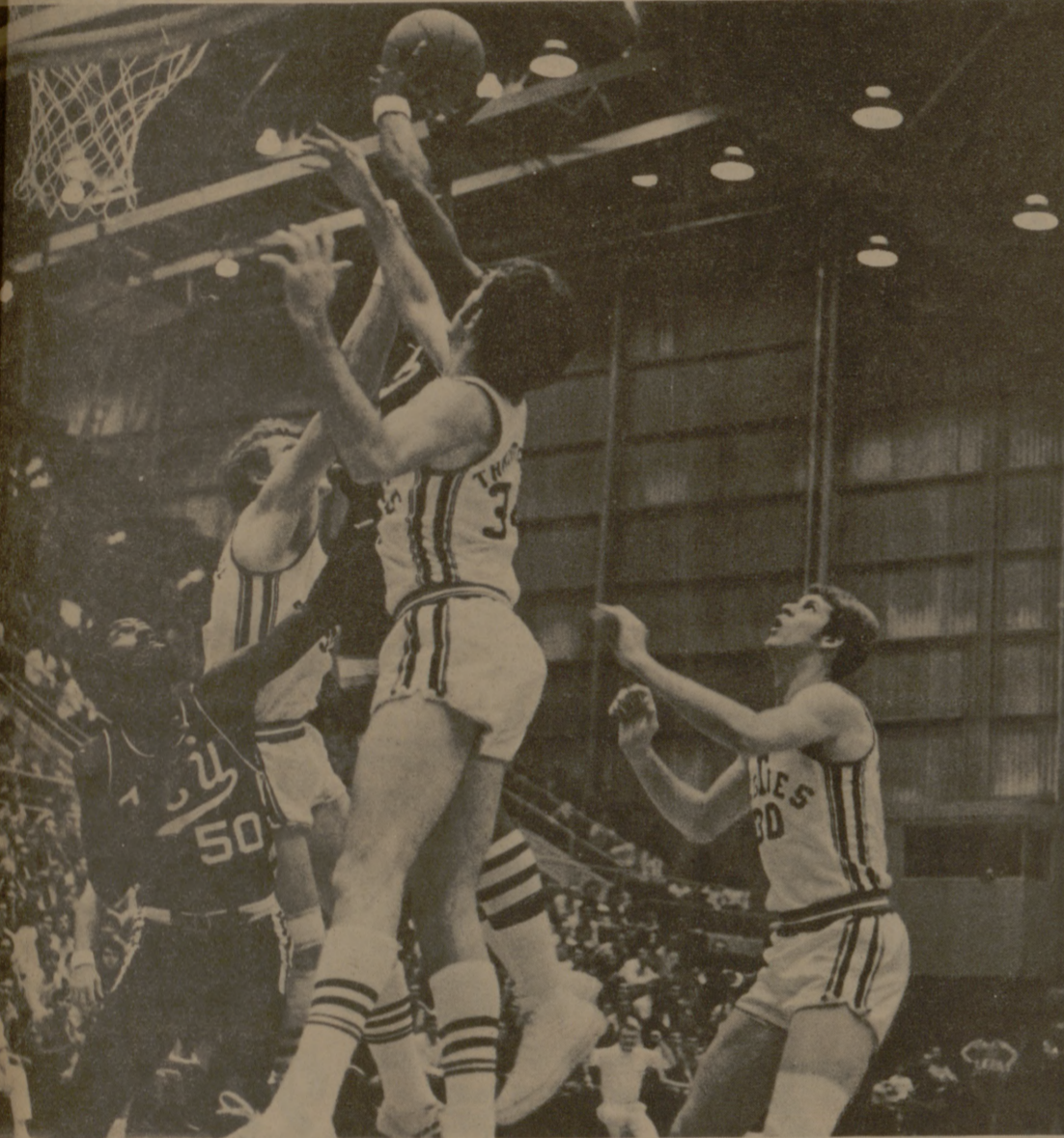
The scoring:
A&M—Jeff Overhouse, 19; Rick

Duplantis, 14; Wayne Howard 12; Mario Brown, 10; Bobby Threadgill, 9; Randy Knowles, 9; Charlie Jenkins, 4; and Brad Pauley, 4.

TCU — Simpson Degrate, 22; Evans Royal, 15; Ricky Hall, 13; Jim Ferguson, 7; Herb Stephens, 7; Mark Stone, 6; and James Williams, 4.

The Baylor game is an 8 p.m. contest, with the Fish hosting the Cubs at 5:45. In other conference action, Arkansas is at Texas, Rice is at TCU, and Southern Methodist is at Texas Tech.

In games played Tuesday night, Tech defeated Texas in Austin, 79-68, to make their conference record 3-0. Texas is 2-1. Baylor beat Rice, 88-70, in Houston, and SMU downed Arkansas, 85-71, in Dallas.



FIGHTING FOR A REBOUND in Tuesday night's 81-74 win over Texas Christian are Aggies Bobby Threadgill (84) and Jeff Overhouse (50), with Rick Duplantis (30) looking on. Horned Frogs Evans Royal (50) and Simpson Degrate (partially hidden) contend for the carom. A&M brought its second record to 9-6 and conference slate to 2-1. It was the sixth win in seven games in G. Rollie White Coliseum this year. The Aggies host Baylor Saturday night. (Photo by Mike Rice)

Aggies recruit junior college star

The Texas Aggies have signed Bob Jennings, an outstanding defensive back from Eastern Arizona Junior College in Thatcher, Ariz., to a football scholarship.

Jennings, 6-0 and 190, enrolled at A&M at the start of the spring semester.

At his hometown of Coolee, Ariz., he was an all-state high school offensive and defensive back and won the state championship in the 220-yard dash in track.

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The Oiler pre-season schedule published Tuesday also includes home games with the Chicago Bears and the New Orleans Saints and road games with the Dallas Cowboys and Minnesota Vikings.

After opening with a night game Aug. 5 against the Cowboys at Irving, the Oilers play three consecutive Astrodome games on Thursday, Aug. 10, against the Chicago Bears, on

Saturday, Aug. 19, against the Packers, and Thursday, Aug. 24, against the Cardinals. All the Astrodome games start at 7:30 p.m. CST.

After meeting the Vikings in a night game Monday, Sept. 4, at Bloomington, Minn., the Oilers conclude their exhibition season in the Astrodome against the Saints at 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10.



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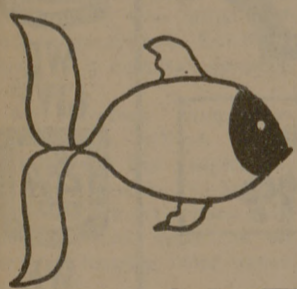
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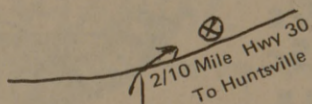


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