

Shooting gives Horns win over Ags

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One of the simplest and most basic of basketball axioms was proven in Austin Tuesday night when the Aggies lost an 80-71 Southwest Conference game to the Texas Longhorns.

To win, a team must score more points than its opponents; to score points, a team must make the ball go in the basket; and to go in the basket, the ball must be shot well.

The Aggies didn't shoot well, and the Longhorns did. A&M shot 80 times Tuesday night, while Texas tried only 58 field goals. Yet, the Steers made 31 of their shots, and the Aggies could sink only 27.

That averages out to 53.4% for Texas; not bad at all. A&M's percentage was 33.8%: not good in anyone's book. It was enough difference to make the difference between winning and losing.

The Aggies had shot well from the field in the past several games, but they had been less than torrid at the free throw line. Ironically, the cold spell they were due for on the floor reversed itself at the charity line. A&M hit 17 of 24 free throws for 70.8%, one of the best norms of the year.

However, another basketball axiom, probably started by a descendant of Confucius, says that it takes two free throws to equal one field goal, because a field

goal is worth two and a free throw one.

The frustration of the night can be seen in the individual performances. Wayne Howard hit seven of 23 from the field, Mario Brown had three of 17, Jeff Overhouse canned six of 15, and Randy Knowles sank five of 14. It was that kind of ball game.

The Texas zone defense succeeded in sealing the lane off for Brown's usually effective penetration and short jumper. The versatility of the setup showed through in the Longhorn's ability to deny the ball inside. With these two outlets eliminated, A&M's best shots disappeared. That's why Texas won.

The Longhorns wasted no time in showing the packed house of 7,500 why they were picked to win the conference title. The game began with the Steers getting a quick 12-6 lead the first five minutes. The Aggies could not manage a field goal until 14:25, when Knowles made a jump shot.

Jimmy Blacklock gave Texas the biggest first half margin with a layup a little over midway in the period, 20-13. The Aggies fought back to tie it three times and take the lead twice, but the Longhorn talent exploded for a six-point burst at the end, leading 38-32 at intermission.

With A&M employing a pressing defense for the remainder of

the night, the first six minutes of the second half were even. The score was tied twice during that time and the Aggies led once.

But B. G. Brosterhous made a layup with 13:29 left to put the Longhorns on top to stay. In the next six minutes the Steers built up to a 65-52 lead, with quick baskets coming off their impressive fast break.

In fact, they made points faster than university police could throw an Aggie student out of Gregory Gym. The cops had a better percentage, though.

Once again, the desire that has permeated the A&M team all

season came forth. The team picked on the other end of the standings from the Longhorns knocked the lead down to 72-66 with 2:06 to go in the game.

But, on a night when the Steers could do no wrong, they put it all together again, jumping to an 80-67 margin a minute and a half later.

The Aggies dominated the boards, 51-45, led by Knowles (11) and Rick Duplantis (10). Leading board men for Texas were Lynn Howden (11) and Larry Robinson (10).

The Longhorns were led in scoring by Robinson, their super

sophomore, who hit nine of 18 from the field and eight of 10 free throws for 26 points. Scooter Lenox and John Mark Wilson scored 12, and Harry Larrabee made 11.

The scoring:
A&M — Jeff Overhouse, 18; Wayne Howard, 15; Mario Brown, 13; Randy Knowles, 11; Rick Duplantis, 10; Bobby Threadgill, 2; and Bob Gobin, 2.
Texas — Larry Robinson, 26; Scooter Lenox, 12; John Mark Wilson, 12; Harry Larrabee, 11; Lynn Howden, 7; Jimmy Blacklock, 6; Eric Groscurth, 4; and B. G. Brosterhous, 2.

Emory Bellard signs 24 to be future Aggies

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Coach Emory Bellard, in his first year of recruiting as a head football coach, bagged 24 top prospects in the first official day of signing high school football players to letters-of-intent.

Four Aggie prospects are considered in the "Blue Chip" category as the state's top high school players. These include Richard Osborne, Dennis Smelser, Glen Bujnoch and Jeff Hesla.

Osborne is a 6'4", 214 lb. split end from 4-A state champion San Antonio Lee High where he took all-state, All-American and the coveted title of the most val-

uable high school football player in the state in 1971. Smelser, 6-5, 229, from perennial powerhouse Odessa Permian, was an all-state performer both ways from his tackle position and was named as an All-American and all state. Bujnoch, 6-5, 225, was an All-American pick from Houston Mt. Carmel High. Hesla, 6-3, 185, played defensive halfback for Dallas Hillcrest where he posted such honors as All-City, All-Metro (Dallas) and All-State.

Another prize catch was Pampa quarterback, Dale Ammons, who was an All-State selection at that position and is the only A&M quarterback selection on the first day.

Bellard went out of state to get top-notch runningback, Ronny Hubby who hails from Clovis, N.M. and is listed as one of the top players in the state.

Other All-State players from Texas include Bucky Sams, 5-10, 195, from Amarillo Tascosa; Ronnie Garrison, 6-1, 208, from Orange Stark High; Cliff Smith, 5-11, 215, from San Antonio

Churchill; Garth TenNepel, 6-2, 195, from Euless Trinity; Carl Warneke, 6-0, 200, from Median Valley; Alvin Bowers, 5-11, 205, from Wharton and Jim Dolan, 6-3, 215, from San Marcos.

The list also includes Charles Arndt, 5-10, 175, from Cuero; David Bialis, 6-0, 185, from Houston Bellaire; Edgar Fields, 6-3, 240, from Austin Johnson; Bill Foster, 6-6, 225, from Ennis; Wayne Ittis, 6-3, 215, from Medina Valley; Scott Knippa, 6-1, 218, from Bishop; Jim Norman, 6-1, 230, from Ennis; Henry Tracy, 6-2, 215, from Houston Sam Houston; Bruce Welch, 6-4, 250, from Houston King; Ted Ginsberg, 6-1, 200, from Tyler Lee and Kim Scott, 6-0, 200, from Dallas Bryan Adams.

Signings will continue throughout the remainder of the week with hopes of getting the bulk of the new recruits committed. Such players as Earnest (Bubba) Bean and Joe T. Washington Jr. who have verbally given a nod to Texas A&M are still being highly sought after and more than likely will not sign until a later date.

Aggies take impressive win in North Texas State tourney

In Texas A&M's first wrestling match of the 1972 season, the team took an impressive first place finish at the North Texas State tournament in Denton Saturday.

The Aggie wrestling team defeated teams from the University of Texas, North Texas State, Stephen F. Austin, Pan American and LeTourneau State of Louisiana.

A&M scored 79 points to take the championship followed by LeTourneau with 63½ and the Texas Longhorns copped third with 51 points.

The win in this tournament can be compared to a conference championship as all known wrestling schools attend the Denton classic.

At the start of the preliminaries, Pan American was eliminated by all Aggie wrestlers. This insured that no one would get under third place for the local group.

In the semifinals, Eddy Peralta (118), Jerry Jeanes (134), Bob

Fitzpatrick (158), Mike Tehran (177) and Bruce Mansfield (191) were eliminated but gave the team the extra points that won the tournament.

In the finals, second places were taken by Andy Beck (167), Lance Rutherford (142) and Frank Wienz (150). One first place was taken by J. P. Jones by a victory over his UT opponent by a referee's decision after a 2-2 tie. The other first place was taken by Jime Rike with a 4-2 win over his opponent over a North Texas State wrestler.

The deciding factor in the tournament was that A&M had more wrestlers in the finals than any other school represented.

The trophy won at the meet was the first ever received by the team. A&M has always been considered first in Texas wrestling but this was the first actual recognition.

Other matches are planned for this year but an actual schedule has not been finalized. A&M will wrestle all the schools that entered in the Denton tournament individually and is scheduled to wrestle members of a team from Fort Hood.

The team has no coach, as such, and rely on talents from the wrestling team in the P.E. department. The wrestlers also do not receive any subsidies and pay their own way to the tournaments they compete in.

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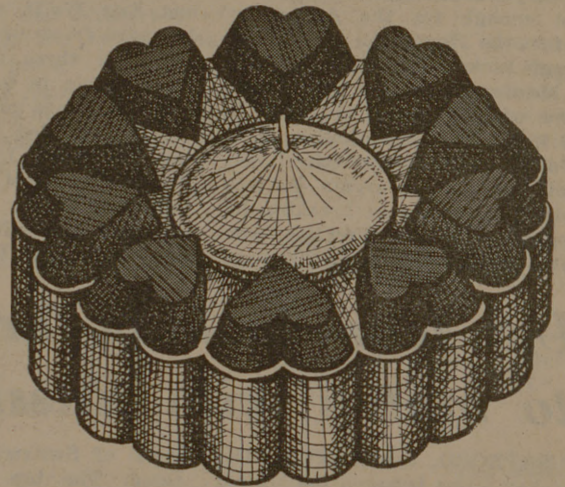
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