

Aggie cagers charitable in critical loss to Mustangs

By JOHN CURYLO

The Texas Aggies gave the Southern Methodist Mustangs a present Saturday night, in full view of 9,389 fans in Dallas—the Southwest Conference championship.

SMU, now 7-1, has a seven-game win streak, with four of the last six games on the road. A&M is 12-8 for the season and 5-3 in conference play.

The Aggies, Texas Tech, Texas and Texas Christian are all tied for second place in the league race. TCU hosts the Ponies in Ft. Worth Tuesday night, while the Aggies are at home against Arkansas.

Randy Knowles had his best game of the year Saturday night, hitting 13 of 20 from the field and two of two free throws. He led all rebounders with 16.

In the process of leading all scorers in the SMU game, Knowles won himself a starting position for the Arkansas game. The 6-6 sophomore from Geneva, Ohio, is averaging 10.7 points a game this season, and 9.8 rebounds in conference.

Also scheduled to start against the tall Razorbacks is Brad Pauley. The 6-5 junior college transfer logged 24 minutes of playing time, and he had a good night on defense.

The Aggies dominated the boards all night, hauling in 59 caroms, to 32 for SMU. A&M shot 40.3% from the field, making 29 of 72. The Mustangs were good on 26 of 60 for 43.3%.

Free throws and fouls made the difference, with the Aggies making 13 and SMU 23. A&M went to the stripe 18 times, compared to 32 charity trips for the Ponies. Stalwarts Jeff Overhouse

and Mario Brown both fouled out, as the Aggies were called for 25 personal violations. SMU was charged with 16 fouls.

The record crowd for Moody Coliseum was treated to a pendulum game in which the lead changed hands 10 times. The score was tied on seven occasions, with A&M's widest lead being nine and SMU's eight.

The Aggies led 42-40 at the half, but it took 10 straight points at the end of the period to keep A&M in the ball game. SMU led 40-32 with 3:44 left, and the Aggie defense shut them out for the remainder of the half.

Knowles kept A&M going, playing nearly 15 minutes of the first stanza. Coming off the bench, he popped the net with five jump shots from more than 20 feet away. His seven of 10 field goal attempts helped the Aggies hit 41.5% in the first

half. At this point, A&M held a 32-15 rebound edge.

The first five minutes of the second half had five ties and two lead changes, but the Aggies combined another scoring burst with a tenacious defense to lead 63-53 with 9:35 remaining. In this five-minute stretch, A&M scored 11 points to three for the Ponies.

After a 12-foot jumper by Brown put the Aggies out in front 67-58 with 7:10 showing, the Mustangs turned the tables, scoring 17 points to four for A&M the rest of the way.

SMU finally tied it at 71 with 1:59 to play, and they went ahead a minute and a half later on a pair of free throws by Ruben Triplett. Two more charity shots by Clayton Korver with two seconds left made the final totals.

Mistakes and bad breaks late in the contest put the win, and possibly the title, in the hands of

Coach Bob Prewitt and his squad.

Two questionable calls, or lack of calls, by referees Bob Smith and Paul Galvan, on a rebound by Knowles with Korver on his back kept the 74.7% free throw shooter from having a chance to win the game, and a physical steal by Triplett gave possession to the Ponies.

The Aggies weren't without fair opportunities to take command in the closing minutes, though. Playing for a percentage shot, Rick Duplantis missed an off-balance jumper from the free throw line to give the ball back to SMU.

Then, with four seconds to play and the score 73-71, Wayne Howard, whom Knowles will replace in the starting lineup, missed the first shot of a one-and-one. A&M's effort for the victory and the conference crown fell as short as Howard's hurried free throw.

Brown had an outstanding night for the Aggies, connecting on six of 11 from the field and all four free throw tries for 16 points. Overhouse added 11 points and 12 rebounds, while Bobby Threadgill contributed 11 caroms and his usual hustling defensive play.

"We should have won it," Coach Shelby Metcalf said. "We made a couple of mental errors at the end. We had the ball game won, with a two-point lead and the ball."

"The effort was great," he added. "We just made those mistakes and gave it away. This was a real heart-breaker."

The scoring: A&M—Randy Knowles, 28; Mario Brown, 16; Jeff Overhouse, 11; Bobby Threadgill, 8; Wayne Howard, 5; and Rick Duplantis, 3.

SMU—Ruben Triplett, 17; Zack Thiel, 17; Larry Delzell, 12; Clayton Korver, 12; Bobby Rol-

lings, 9; David Miller, 4; Billik, 2; and Jack Trout, 2.

In Arkansas, the Aggies will be facing a team that dealt a 100-89 loss in Fayetteville, 22. Martin Terry's 46 points the individual one-game high in season, and the 6-4 guard is second in the league in scoring, behind Tech's Greg Lowery.

Vernon Murphy, a 6-6 forward put in 25 points in the game, his best of the year. Other starters will be 6-2 guard J. Bass, 6-8 forward Dean Thomas and 6-9 center Larry Box. Substitutes are 6-7 forward Dennis White and 6-8 forward Gary Rymer.

The Aggies travel to Ft. Worth Saturday for a second meeting with the TCU Horned Frogs. Tipoff time for Tuesday night game is 8:00, with no preliminary game scheduled.

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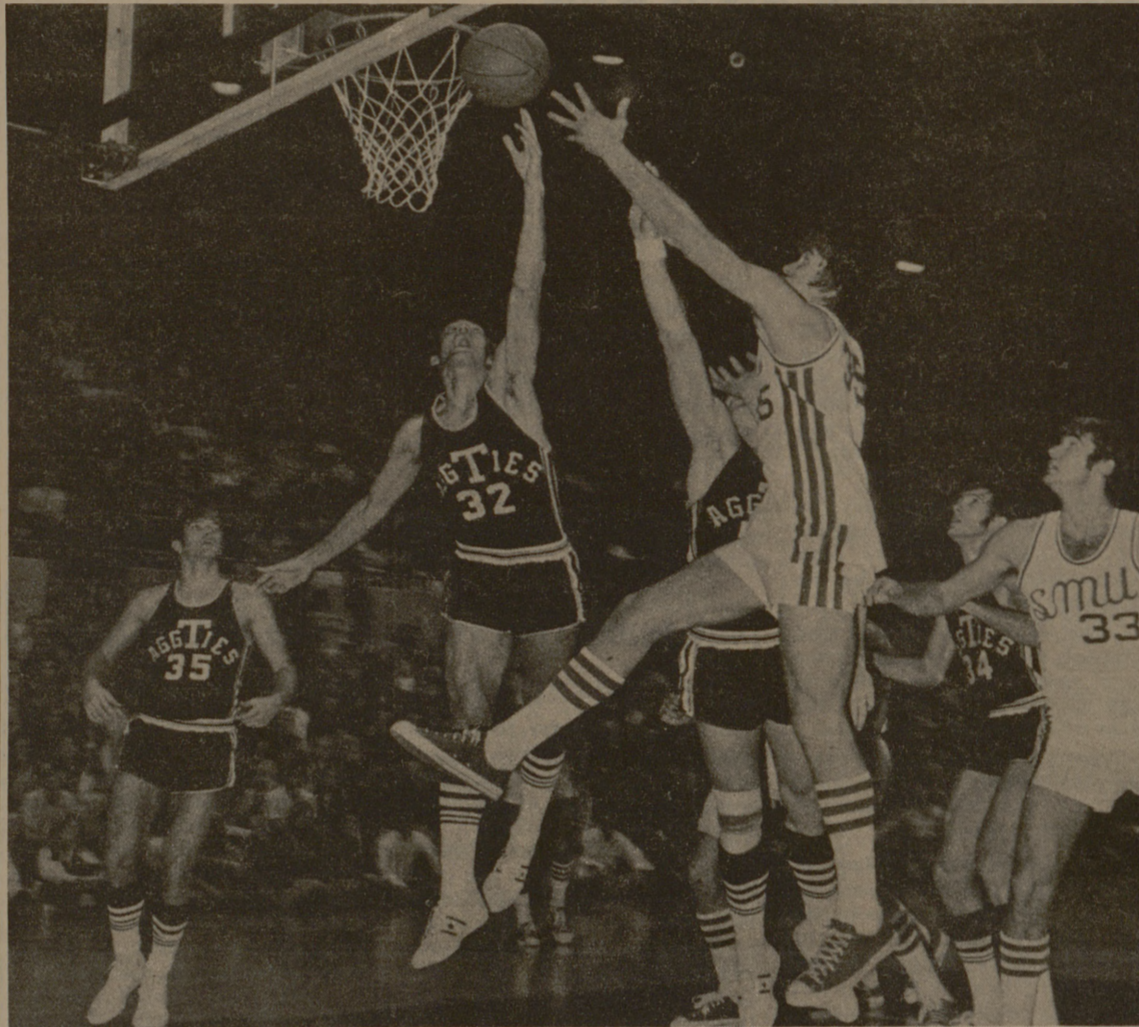
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PART OF HIS OUTSTANDING performance against Southern Methodist Saturday night was this Randy Knowles rebound in the 75-71 loss to the Mustangs. Also fighting for the ball is SMU's Clayton Korver (35), who is giving Jeff Overhouse a friendly swat in the face. Other A&M players in the picture are Wayne Howard (35) and Bobby Threadgill (34). Knowles scored 28 points and got 16 rebounds. He and Brad Pauley will be in the starting lineup for the first time against Arkansas Tuesday night in G. Rollie White Coliseum. (Photo by Mike Rice)

Intramural tennis planned for women

An open tennis tournament for women students of A&M has been announced by the intramural office.

Any woman student is eligible for the tournament which will begin around the first of March. There will be a choice of singles or doubles matches for the entrants.

Entry blanks will be available in the intramural office or the Dean of Women's office. Entries must be returned before February 24 in order to enter. Call the intramural office at 845-2624 if questions arise.

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