# Victory over Rice can move Ags toward league title

By JOHN CURYLO **Battalion Sports Editor** 

The Texas Aggies can move a step closer to the Southwest Conference championship here Saturday when they host the Rice Owls in a televised battle at

Now 8-3 for conference play, A&M is tied for the league lead with the Southern Methodist Mustangs. SMU is at Texas for

Texas A&M's Fish will take on

the Rice Owlets in a 10:45 a.m.

contest in G. Rollie White Coli-

seum Saturday. This will be the

second meeting of these two

clubs; A&M won the first match

in Houston, 92-88, in double over-

Rice will bring a 2-9 seasons

record into the game while A&M

stands in at 10-4 and a 6-2 SWC

mark. The Owlets gave A&M all

the Fish could handle in the first

The Aggies go against a team that is 5-18 for the season and 0-11 for conference play. A&M won the first meeting between the two schools, 80-70, in Houston. Mario Brown was the leading scorer with 23.

"Rice has the best last place team I've ever seen in the Southwest Conference," A&M Coach Shelby Metcalf said. "I still

meeting and will start the same

lineup consisting of Darryl

Hughes, Tim Moriarity, Mike

Clayburn, Pat Scott and Danny

Carroll. These five accounted for

Mike Floyd, A&M's top scorer

and floor leader, is back on tar-

get after almost a month's lay-

off due to a broken foot. In the

two games he has played since

returning, he has hit for 26 and

20 points against TCU and Bay-

75 of the 88 points scored.

Fish host Owlets in morning

they knock off. Don (Knodel, Rice head coach) does a good

"Rice just got caught a little short on speed," he continued. "Don has inspired his ball club by adding Leroy Marion and Don Snyder to the lineup."

The Owls have led at the half in their last four games and were ahead of Texas Christian

The physically-tough Fish are

heavily favored in Saturday's

encounter. Rice will, like most

A&M opposition, be on the short

side and under-manned. The Fish

will have a decided advantage in

the rebounding and shooting

categories but have a tendency

to commit an overabundance of

mistakes. This is evident in com-

mitting 291 turnovers to 219 for

lor, respectively.

Frogs won, 73-68.

In the game with TCU, Rice's top three scorers-Mark Wehrle, Steve Emshoff and Dan McGuire - did not play. Wehrle is a 6-10½ junior, Emshoff is a 6-9 junior and McGuire is a 5-11

Knodel will start the 6-3 Snyder and 6-4 Randy Reynolds at

The rest of the starting line-

up will include Webb Williams,

who has been playing superb the

past few games; Jerry Mercer,

who grabbed 15 rebounds in the

Baylor contest; Dale Donaldson

with a 12.3 scoring average per

game; and Cedric Joseph, who

A&M will conclude its sched-

ule Tuesday night against the

Texas Yearlings in G. Rollie

White Coliseum in a 5:45 p.m.

contest. Texas defeated the Fish

in Austin in the first match, 69-

has been a mainstay all year.

a 3:00 duel, which will also be on think they won't lose all their by five Tuesday night with a the guards. The forwards will television.

games. I just hope it isn't us few minutes left to play. The be Marion, 6-5, and John Kabbes, 6-7. Randy Youngling, 6-7, is the starting center.

Metcalf will re-insert Wayne Howard, a 6-4 wing man, into the starting five. In addition to Howard and Brown, a 6-2 point man, the starters will be 6-4 wing Bobby Threadgill, 6-6 post Randy Knowles and 6-7 post Jeff Overhouse.

"I want it understood that Brad (Pauley) has been doing a good job for us," Metcalf said, "but Wayne's defense has really improved the last couple of games."

Rice used a zone defense against the Aggies in Houston. Metcalf said that their repertoire includes this 2-1-2 zone, a 1-3-1 zone and a box plus one.

The coach pointed out that this A&M team, picked in a pre-season poll to finish last, is one of the favorite squads he has been associated with. Their season record is 15-8.

"It's a real pleasure to work with this bunch," he explained, "because it's a very unified group with a positive outlook. They haven't peaked yet, so I

Connie, The Conformirt

don't know how good they can

The last A&M-Rice contest was marred by the obscenities of the Owl student body. The atmosphere and attitude detracted from the game, and a sloppy exhibition of basketball was the result.

"I look for a better played game by both teams," Metcalf said. "I look for both coaches to be very well behaved. Don might stand up, but he'll be lonely." The last reference was to the criticism he has received for his emotional protests in Tuesday night's game with Baylor in Waco.

The Aggies have been sparked by team effort and the lack of glaring weaknesses in the starting five. Brown's ball handling, Threadgill's defensive play and rebounding support, Howard and Knowles on the outside, combined with Overhouse's inside toughness, have put together a winning unit.

Rebounding is the Aggies' ace in the hole, though. Despite having one of the shortest teams in the league, A&M is nearing a school rebound record. The Aggies need only 101 rebounds in

the record of 1,309 caron by the 1969 SWC champion

For the season, Overhou averaging 17.0 points and rebounds per game. Brown a 14.9 average, but his or ence norm is 18.1. Howard a 12.9 point average, Knowles is getting 11.9 p per game and 8.8 rebounds. sophomore wing-post man conference averages of 13.9 10.2. Threadgill is scoring points a game and getting rebounds each time out. New Braunfels senior is ave ing less than two personal per game.

In other conference a Baylor is at TCU and Arks is at Texas Tech. Tuesday, Aggies close out their schedule with an 8:00 p.m. g with Texas, while TCU Tech, SMU visits Rice and lor visits Arkansas.

Coach Jim Culpepper's host the Rice Owlets in a l a.m. preliminary game Satu With a record of 10-4, they on taled on t plete their schedule Tuesda 5:45 by hosting the Texas Yes

## Aggies, Rice in dual meet

Thirty-eight Aggie trackmen go to Houston Saturday to compete in the first Southwest Conference dual meet of the sea-

Rice will play host and try to repeat the feat it pulled off in College Station in the SWC meet last spring by beating the Aggies. The Owls took the loop crown last season by a one-half point margin when Curtis Mills pulled up lame in the 220-yd. dash.

Rice has a decided advantage in Saturday's meet with such stellar performers as NCAA pole vault champion, Dave Roberts, who has already cleared over 17 feet twice this season.

A&M will be strongest in the running events with Rice being almost unstopable in the field events. The Aggies look strong in the 100-yd. dash, 220-yd. dash, 440-yd. run, 880-yd. run, sprint relay and mile relay.

Rice should have no trouble winning the shot put, discus, javelin, long jump, high jump, 440-yd. hurdles and, of course, the pole vault.

The Owls list such stellar SWC individual winners competing as Mike Cronholm, 440-yd.

### Soccer players picked for team

Two Aggie soccer players were named to the Southern Conference All Star League of the Texpart in the TCSL's All Star game in San Antonio.

Named in the balloting by the TCSL coaches was fullback Oswaldo Cuevas to the starting team. Jose Labarthe, also a fullback, was named to the Southern Conference squad.

The All Star game will be played Feb. 26 on Trinity University's E. M. Stevens Field.

The Southern Conference team will be coached by Robert Higley and Dr. Norman Potter of Texas.

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hurdles; Jim Pearce, javelin; Ken Stadel, discus; and Roberts. Glen Ray, who now holds a new school record in the high jump

The Aggies are tabbed for third place in the SWC this season but Coach Charlie Thomas with a 6-11, is also looked upon feels they will have to fight off with a favorable eye to take his a good TCU team for that honor.

### Iowa State is first foe as baseball begins Tuesday

The A&M baseball team opens the 1972 season Tuesday at Kyle Field against Iowa State at 1:00 p.m. The Aggies are picked to finish in a tie for second place in the Southwest Conference.

A&M set a school record last year with 31 wins, and they finished second in the conference race to Texas.

Vying for starting jobs in Coach Tom Chandler's infield will be Carroll Lilly, Butch Ghutzman, Jim Hacker and Sandy Bate, along with freshmen Mike

### Krueger signs to enroll here

The Texas Aggies announced Thursday that they'll have another Krueger in their football program starting next fall. A&M assistant coach Dee

Powell signed Kent Krueger for the Aggies Wednesday night in Belmont, Calif. Kent, a 6-5, 260pound tackle, is the younger brother of two former All-Americas at A&M. Charlie Krueger, now with the San Francisco 49ers, made All-America in 1956 and Rolf Krueger, now with the St. Louis Cardinals, made All-America in 1968. Both were tackles.

Kent played both ways his sophomore year for S. F. Austin High in Bryan. He played defensive tackle for Carlmont High in Belmont, Calif., the past two seasons. He was captain of the defensive unit which, last season, held its foes to an average of less than 43 yards per game

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Schraeder and Steve Fronk. Outfield starters will come from the candidate group of R. J. Englert, Jim Atterbury, Gene Reinarz and Karl Bystron, with freshmen Mike Frazier and Ronnie Loomis in-

Competing for the catcher job will be Terry Overton and freshmen Tommy Hawthorne and Gene Edens. The pitching staff will be composed of Bruce Katt, Charlie Jenkins, now on the basketball team, Jackie Binks, Charlie Kelley and freshman Bobby Witt-

The Aggies play Iowa State again Wednesday. They travel to Huntsville March 4 to face Sam Houston, returning home again March 8 against the same Sam Houston squad. Conference action begins March 17-18 with a threegame series against Texas Chris-

## Intramural golf

event announced

An open golf tournament will be held this spring, the intramural office announced this

The single-elimination tournament will be open to any graduate or undergraduate student of Texas A&M. Entries are now being taken.

They will be available in the intramural office or at the desk in the A&M golf clubhouse. Matches will begin the first

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