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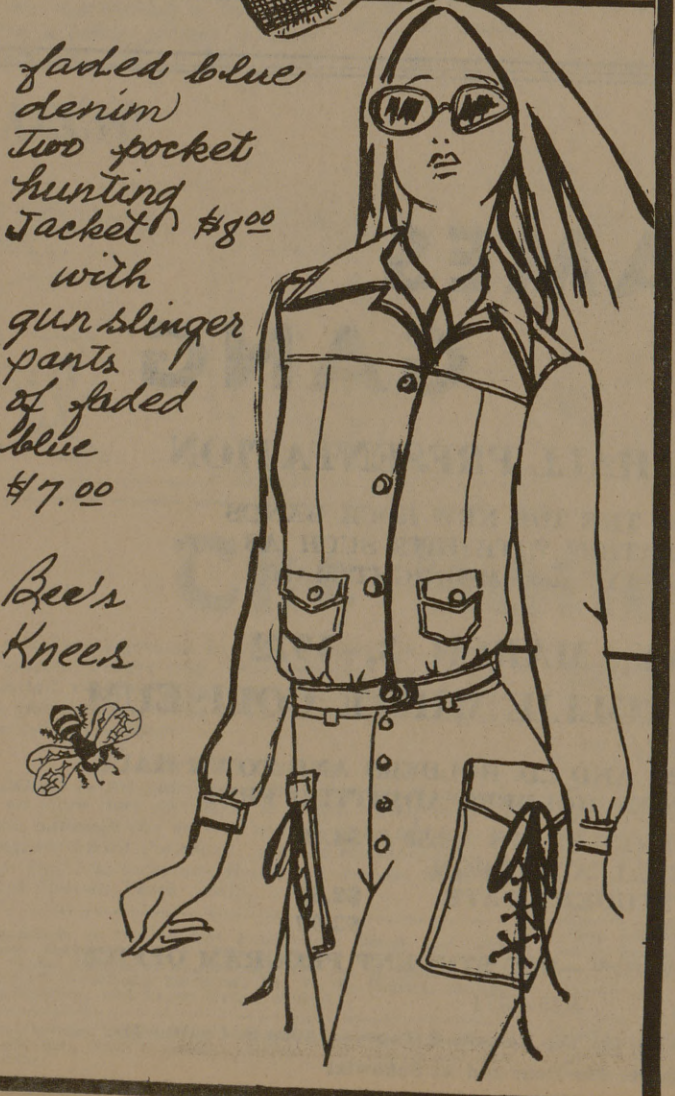
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Fish beat Rice, finish season against Texas

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Cedric Joseph scored 28 points and grabbed a team record 26 rebounds to lead the A&M Fish to a 95-72 romp over the Rice Owlets here Saturday afternoon.

The Fish will finish their 16-game schedule Tuesday against the Texas Yearlings, who stuck one of the two Southwest Conference losses on the local quintet, 69-59, in Austin, at 5:45 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Four of the five A&M starters hit in double figures with Joseph leading the cause. Mike Floyd

scored 21 points, Webb Williams got 20 and Dale Donaldson had 12. Rice had three of its starters in the teens with Danny Carroll heading the attack with 18, Tim Mortuary 16 and Paul Scott 14.

The Owlets' record now stands at 2-10 and 1-3 in SWC play while the Fish upped their season mark to 11-4 and a 7-2 conference mark.

Rice held the lead but once, 4-3, with a little over a minute gone in the first period and were never in the contest from then on.

With 15:27 left to play in the opening stanza, A&M picked up a 10-4 lead with two heads-up

steals which turned into easy fast break lay-ups. It could have been much worse early in the game except for the usual number of A&M turnovers.

Then, Owlet Coach George "Spider" Mehafeff, a basketball letterman for A&M in 1955-57, was called for a technical foul, hoping to fire up his team. It didn't work and the Fish jumped out to a 16 point lead with 2:11 remaining in the half.

The technical did seem a bit out of place since Mehafeff was sitting on the bench and not making a commotion or disturbance.

"I've had about 2,000 T's in my coaching career and that had to be the cheapest I've ever gotten," he said after the first half came to a close.

The period ended with A&M holding a 12 point bulge, 45-33.

Thirty more personal fouls were called in the second half, Mehafeff was given another technical foul and A&M had one of the greatest scoring sprees of the season.

In the beginning, it looked as though Rice was going to give the Fish a run for the money by scoring 12 points to A&M's five with 16:10 remaining and the score 50-45.

With 12:47 left, Floyd picked up his fourth personal foul. Thirty-four seconds later, Donaldson got his fourth also. Things looked uncertain as the Fish began to miss free throws after hitting 13 of 15 in the first half.

It all started with about five minutes left and A&M holding a 14 point lead, 76-62. The Fish

scored 12 straight points in two minute span with brilliant ball-stealing and heads-up passing down court on fast breaks.

When the buzzer sounded, A&M had hit on 33 of 69 shots from the field for 47%, 20 of 40 free throws for 72%, grabbed 67 rebounds and committed 25 personal fouls. The Fish also won the battle of turnovers with 22 to 15 for the Owlets.

Rice finished the contest with a 31% outside shooting average hit on 26 of 36 free tosses, grabbed by 41 rebounds and committed 24 personal fouls and two technicals.

The scoring:
A&M—Cedric Joseph, 28; Mike Floyd, 21; Webb Williams, 20; Dale Donaldson, 12; Jerry Moore, 7; Bill Allen, 3; Ronnie Cornish, 2, and Lee Billingsley, 2.
Rice—Danny Carroll, 18; Tim Moriarty, 16; Paul Scott, 14; Ken Adams, 8; Wayne Yaka, 4; Paul Inman, 5, and Mike Capburn, 5.

Netters split weekend action

After a disappointing 4-3 loss to Oklahoma University, the A&M tennis team hung on to take two out of three in the consolation bracket at the Corpus Christi Invitational Team tennis tournament.

Victories came against Lamar Tech, 4-3, and Arkansas, 5-2. The other loss came at the hands of highly-touted Oklahoma City University, 7-0.

Trinity, whom the Aggies take on Saturday afternoon in San Antonio and are ranked second in the nation, won the team trophy in the single elimination tournament. Southern Methodist took runner-up honors, followed by Corpus Christi University, whom the Aggies play in Corpus Christi Friday, and Pan American.

Against Oklahoma, the Big 8 champion, Baynton defeated Dickie Fikes, A&M, 6-4, 6-1, 7-6; Dan Courson, A&M, defeated Hughes of Oklahoma, 7-5, 7-6; Hess defeated Billy Hoover, A&M, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4; Lashly defeated Bill Wright, A&M, 5-7, 7-6, 6-3; Tom-

my Connell, A&M, defeated Quigley, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4; Fikes and Connell defeated Baynton and Hess, 6-1, 6-3, and Hughes and Lashly defeated Hoover and Wright, 6-4, 2-6, 7-6; to give Oklahoma the 4-3 victory.

In A&M's 4-3 victory over Lamar Tech, Fikes defeated Baraldi, 6-4, 6-2; Gomez defeated Courson, 2-6, 6-2, 7-6; Wright defeated Hernandez, 6-7, 6-1, 6-0; Jenkins defeated Hoover, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3; Jordan defeated Lawton Park, A&M, 6-2, 6-2; Fikes and Courson defeated Baraldi and Jordan, 6-4, 6-2; and Wright and Hoover defeated Hernandez and Jenkins, 6-2, 6-3.

Oklahoma City shot out the Aggies 7-0 with Coombes defeating Fikes, 6-3, 0-6, 6-1; Straney defeated Courson, 7-6, 6-1; Power defeated Wright, 6-3, 6-0; Argyriou defeated Hoover, 6-1, 7-5; Dawson defeated Park, 7-6, 6-1; Power and Dawson defeated Fikes and Courson, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4; and Coombes and Straney defeated Wright and Hoover, 6-3, 6-3.

Against Arkansas, A&M took a 5-2 decision with Stout defeating Fikes, 4-6, 7-5, 6-0; Courson defeated Rizza, 4-6, 6-2, 6-2; Wright defeated Borders, 7-5, 6-2; Hoover defeated Beauchamp, 6-2, 6-4; Clark defeated Connell, 6-1, 6-2; Fikes and Courson defeated Stout and Clark, 6-1, 6-2; and Wright and Mills defeated Rizza and Beauchamp, 6-1, 4-6, 6-0.

"Losing to Oklahoma really hurt us in the first round," Coach Omar Smith said. "If we would have won we would have played Pan American, whom we defeated in a dual meet once before and we would have been in the championship category. But we ended up in consolation and had to play a super-tough Oklahoma City team."

The Aggie netters' next match will be this Friday when they take on Corpus Christi University. Saturday, A&M meets second-ranked Trinity in San Antonio. Then, on Tuesday, A&M will host its first tennis match in more than a month when the Big 10 champion, Michigan, rolls into town for a dual meet.

A&M wrestlers stay in first by defeating Pan American

Pan American College fell to the Aggie wrestling team 57-0 Saturday, as the A&M squad remained in the number one spot in the state.

In an informal match, Ray Shepherd (167) downed his opponent with a pin in the second period to begin the match for the Aggies. Glen Burt, lightweight of the team then pinned his opponent in the first round.

J. P. Jones (126) and Jerry Jeanes (134) both got pins in the

second period of their matches, while Lance Rutherford (142) defeated his opponent in the only decision match of the day, 4-2.

Bob Fitzpatrick (150), Andy Beck (158), Mike Trehan (177) opened the next series, each gaining pins over their opponents. The next two weight classes were forfeited by the Pan American team to give A&M first places in all events.

The A&M wrestlers will host a double dual meet with Le Tourneau and Stephen F. Austin this weekend in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Pioneer launching postponed again

CAPE KENNEDY, Fla. (AP) — The liftoff of Pioneer 10 toward Jupiter has been postponed again, this time until Wednesday night. The National Aeronautics Administration came within five minutes of launching the explorer rocket Monday night, but a late weather report showed winds of 115 miles per hour 43,000 feet above the launch site.

High altitude winds and a power failure also forced postponement of a planned Sunday night liftoff for Pioneer 10 and its Atlas-Centaur booster rocket.

Owls edge Ag tracksters in first dual meet, 70-66

A&M almost did to Rice what Rice did to A&M last spring in the Southwest Conference track meet.

Saturday in Houston, A&M and Rice squared off in the first dual outdoor meet of the season. Rice was a solid favorite to take the honors, returning such stellar performers as Ken Stadel, Dave Roberts, Randy Wadley and Darryl Hughes.

The Owls did win, but barely, 70-66.

The biggest surprise for A&M and the biggest disappointment for Rice was in the high jump. The Owl's Glenn Ray, who has cleared 6-11 twice this year, cleared only 6-6 1/2 for a third place finish. Marvin Taylor won the event with a 6-8 1/2 jump and Johnny Mayo took the runner-up spot with a 6-6 1/2 jump, but he beat Ray because of fewer misses.

Rice took more first places

than A&M with a nine-to-seven margin. The Aggies took first in the 440-yd relay, Edgar Harvey in the 120-yd high hurdles, Doug Brodhead in the 440-yd dash, Taylor in the high jump, Willie Blackmon in the 880, and the mile relay.

Rice's Ken Stadel and Paul Geis were the only double winners in the meet. Stadel took the shot put (55-11) and discus (181-2 1/2), while Geis won the mile (4:13.5) and the three-mile (14:33).

Other blue ribbon performances for the Owls were from Jim Pearce in the javelin, Mike Cronholm in the 440-yd hurdles, Randy Wadley in the 220, Darryl Hughes in the long jump and Dave Roberts in the pole vault.

The Aggie track team returns to action this weekend when they participate in the Border Olympics at Laredo.

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