

Best in SWC

A&M Fish show style in defeating Texas Yearlings, 81-72

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Winning is never easy against Texas University but the A&M Fish showed a hometown crowd of in excess of 5,000 people that with a Southwest Conference title on the line it could be done.

It was in great style as A&M defeated the Texas Yearlings, 81-72, here Tuesday. A&M took the title by having the best season's mark, 12-4, compared to a 10-5 for Texas.

Mike Floyd took the local scoring honors by hitting seven of 12 field goals and six of 10 free throws. Cedric Joseph had 19, Webb Williams 16 and Dale Donaldson finished with 13 to round out the scoring.

High point man for the game was Texas' Chris Voegle with 22. Joseph and Mercer co-held the rebounding honors with ten. Mark Anthony led the Yearlings with

nine.

A&M won the game by having a hot hand in hitting 31 of 55 shots for 56% from the field. The Yearlings, who hit for 58% in the first half, dropped to 40% in the final stanza and an overall 47% for the night.

There was little excitement in the first stanza as both teams had trouble holding on to the ball.

The Aggies had a good spurt early in the period when they scored eight unanswered points in a three minute span of time and jumped out to a nine point lead, 20-11.

Texas quickly scored six points to bring the visitors within six, 22-16 and ten minutes to play.

The remainder of the period was spent with both teams play-

ing conservatively. Texas ran a deliberate offensive pattern coupled with a tenacious man-to-man defense. A&M countered with a fast break offensive attack and a mammoth size advantage under the backboards.

A&M finished the half with a five point lead, 40-35.

Texas started the second half with a bang, bringing the score

to 45-44 with 15:30 left in the period.

A&M countered with five straight points in pulling ahead, 55-44 with 13:50 left.

The Texas press and deliberate offensive attack began to puzzle the run-and-shoot Fish while the Yearlings began to eat away the Fish lead, 52-50, with 12:05 remaining. The Fish began

to click and drove to a 64-56 lead with 7:00 left.

With the 64th point, Joseph broke the A&M freshman scoring mark previously held by Texas freshman Coach Bennie Lenox. At that time the crowd gave Joseph a standing ovation.

Texas was never to be denied, however. A&M pulled to a ten-point lead, 68-58 with 6:00 left only to have the Yearlings pull to within four, 72-68, with 2:37 left.

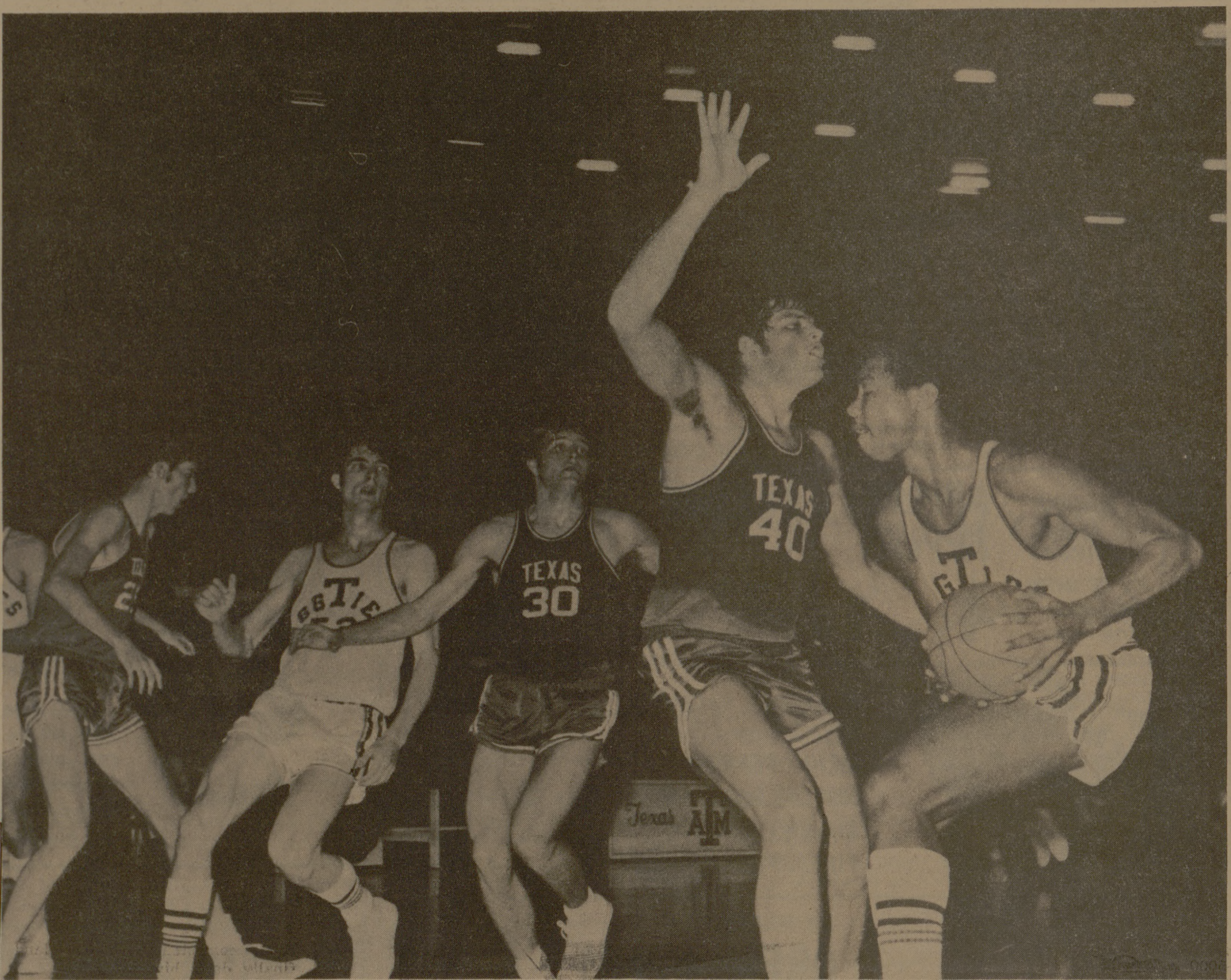
The Yearlings began to foul for possession of the basketball. This trick misfired as the Fish jumped out to a 81-69 lead, with 1:30 left.

It was a comedy of errors until the buzzer and A&M won the SWC freshman title with a 12-4 record compared to a 10-5 for Texas in the 81-72 season's finale.

After the game, Cedric Joseph was coerced into leading the massive crowd in the "Gig Em" yell.

The scoring:
A&M—Mike Floyd, 20; Cedric Joseph, 19; Webb Williams, 16; Jerry Mercer, 13; Dale Donaldson, 7; Ronnie Cornelius, 4; and Bill Allen, 2.

Texas—Chris Voegle, 22; Mark Anthony, 14; Ed Marks, 12; James Fallon, 10; Al Heilman, 8; Jay Lapeyre, 4; and Mark Nichols, 2.



CEDRIC JOSEPH, THE OUTSTANDING Fish post man, runs into a tough defense in the person of Yearling Al Heilman. Joseph set a new A&M Fish scoring record in leading his team to an 81-72 victory over Texas. Also in the picture is Webb Williams (52). The Fish finished the season with a 12-4 mark. (Photo by Mike Rice)

Sports schedule

Wednesday
Baseball: Iowa State, here, doubleheader, 1 p. m.

Thursday
Swimming: SWC meet at Lubbock
Golf: Border Olympics, Laredo

Friday
Tennis: Corpus Christi, there
Swimming: SWC meet at Lubbock
Golf: Border Olympics, Laredo

Saturday
Basketball: Texas Tech, Lubbock, 8 p. m.
Baseball: Sam Houston, Huntsville, doubleheader, 1 p. m.
Track: Border Olympics, Laredo

Sunday
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SWC standings

Team	W	L
SMU	9	4
Texas	9	4
TCU	9	4
A&M	8	5
Tech	8	5
Arkansas	4	9
Baylor	4	9
Rice	1	12

Tuesday's results — Texas 80, A&M 73; TCU 89, Tech 88; SMU 78, Rice 69; Arkansas 131, Baylor 109.

Saturday's games — A&M at Tech; TCU at Texas; SMU at Baylor; Arkansas at Rice.

Swimmers at SWC meet

Coach Dennis Fosdick and a 19-man swimming squad left Tuesday for Lubbock where they'll compete in the Southwest Conference swimming and diving championships Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

SMU is the pre-meet favorite, while Texas is the top challenger. The Aggies, Arkansas and Texas Tech are expected to stage a tight fight for third.

The tentative Aggie entry list, by events:
500-yard freestyle — Lester Hamann, Doug Meaden, Eric Jones, Steve Prentice, Greg Smith, Dan Sonnenberg.

200-yard individual medley—Kent Berryman, Doug Carson, Mike Hicks, Martin Litteken, Wade Mattingly, Steve Prentice.

50-yard freestyle—Scott Jones, Charles Puckett, Dan Sonnenberg, Steve Sonnenberg, Eric Wolff.

One-meter diving — Duncan Cooper, Thomas Faulkenberry, Greg Rippey, Clark Crownover.

400-yard medley relay—Kent Berryman, Doug Carson, Lester Hamann, Doug Meaden, Steve Prentice, Dan Sonnenberg, Steve Sonnenberg, Eric Wolff.

100 butterfly—Hamann, Jones, Puckett, Wolff.

3-meter diving—Cooper, Faulkenberry, Rippey.

400 freestyle relay—Berryman, Hamann, Hicks, Jones, Litteken, Meaden, Prentice, Dan Sonnenberg, Steve Sonnenberg, Wolff.

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