

Aggies finish season by walloping Red Raiders, 71-61

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Closing out a fine basketball season, the Texas Aggies downed the Texas Tech Red Raiders in Lubbock, 71-61, combining good ballhandling with a fine outside game and good work underneath on the boards, to finish in a tie for third place in the Southwestern Conference.

Coach Shelby Metcalf's Aggies, picked to finish last, ended the season at 16-10, with a conference mark of 9-5. Metcalf's career record at A&M is 124-100 for nine years. This season's conference record makes him eighth in league wins and percentage in SWC history.

Southern Methodist's win over Baylor and Texas' defeat of Tex-

as Christian places the Mustangs and the Longhorns in a tie for the conference championship. The two will have a one-game playoff tonight to determine the league's representative to the NCAA playoffs in Las Cruces, N. M. The SWC champion will play the University of Houston Cougars.

The Tech game was dedicated to the squad's seniors, Bobby

Threadgill and Rick Duplantis. The team responded by setting a new school record for rebounds in a season. Jeff Overhouse hit nine of 19 from the field and seven of nine from the free throw line for 25 points. He hauled in seven rebounds.

Mario Brown entertained the Lubbock crowd with his dribbling and passing, but he also managed

to add 19 points to the A&M total. The junior college transfer from Chicago made eight of 18 from the field and three of seven free throws.

Randy Knowles finished a fine sophomore year by scoring 17 points, connecting on six of 13 field goal attempts and five of six charity tries. He led all rebounders with 16. Duplantis gathered in 10 caroms for the Aggies. A&M dominated the boards, 53-43.

The Aggies hit 26 of 61 from the field, while Tech made 25 of their 66 shots. A&M was good on 19 of 31 free throws, with the Raiders hitting 11 of 19.

The Aggies led at the half, 33-30, and the game was close until midway in the second period. With a four-point advantage showing, Brown sandwiched a 10-footer and an 18-footer around a basket by Threadgill to up the difference to 10, 58-48.

Tech superstar Greg Lowery, playing with pain, led his team with 25 points. Ron Richardson and Don Moore added 11 each, as Richardson earned Raider rebounding honors with 11.

"I'm particularly proud of this team," Metcalf said. "There were so many times during the season that they could have given up and didn't. We look for a good year next season, but this squad was much better than they were supposed to be."

"I guess we can look back and say that had we beaten Rice or Texas last week the title would have been ours," he continued, "but I suppose, too, that had we not lost a game, we'd be national champions."

The scoring:
A&M — Jeff Overhouse, 25; Mario Brown, 19; Randy Knowles, 17; Rick Duplantis, 5; Bobby Threadgill, 3; and Bob Gobin, 2.
Tech — Greg Lowery, 25; Ron Richardson, 11; Don Moore, 11; David Johnson, 6; Ralph Palomar, 2; Ed Wakefield, 2; Steve Nycum, 2; and Randy Prince, 2.

Coin toss topples A&M golf team

A&M's golf team ran into a little obstacle at the Border Olympics in Laredo Saturday: a coin toss.

The Aggies finished the regulation 72-hole play with an aggregate score of 1203 and a dead-end tie with North Texas State after the three-day affair which started Thursday at Casa Blanca Golf Course.

To break the fourth place tie between the two clubs, a flip of the little shiny quarter was necessary—two flips in fact and the second one was the downfall of A&M.

The first coin flip, which Clay Dier of A&M won, only determined who got to call the flip for

fourth place and its trophy. Well, as luck would have it, A&M lost the one that counted and had to give up the trophy.

Saturday itself wasn't a good day for Aggies, especially the golf team. After Friday's round, A&M had fourth place alone at 899 followed by Houston Baptist at 907 and NTSU at 908.

A&M slumped to a 304 while NTSU had a round of 295 to catch up. In the final results, A&M will be credited with fourth place along with North Texas but NTSU has the trophy.

Tom Johnson was A&M's medalist with a four round total of 298 (10 over par).

A&M was not the only team

to have Saturday headaches. Houston, who led after Friday with 870, slumped to a 294 on the last round for a total of 1164 while its chief competitor, Texas, finished Friday at 874 only to shoot 287 and take home the top honor at 1161.

It was not Ben Crenshaw, this time, who won it for the talented Longhorn linksters. Tony Pfaff, former Abilene Cooper schoolboy, shot a five-under par 67 to win it for UT. Crenshaw finished the final 18 holes with a par 72 along with his highly respected teammate, Tom Kite.

Third place went to another

SWC competitor, SMU, with an 1197.

Crenshaw was, however, the meet's medalist with a 7-under par 281 followed by Kite with a 285 giving Texas the two best finishers. Crenshaw had rounds of 73, 66, 70 and 72 to take the top honor.

Houston's Arthur Russell finished in third place with a 72-hole total of 286 followed by two other Cougar teammates, Bill Rogers and Jim McClean at 291 and 292 respectively.

The Aggies return to links action March 21-23 in Austin at the Morris Williams Invitational.

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Maravich and two assistants axed from LSU basketball

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP)—Basketball coach Press Maravich of Louisiana State was fired Monday along with his two assistants, the school announced.

"I have reluctantly reached the conclusion that our basketball program will have a better opportunity for success with the change in the coaching staff," said Athletic Director Carl Maddox in a prepared statement.

The two assistants fired were Jay McCreary and Greg Bernbrook.

The firings are effective immediately.

Maravich is the father of basketball star Pete Maravich, who played for LSU before signing a multi-million-dollar contract with the Atlanta Hawks of the National Basketball Association.

"The action has the approval of the athletic council, the university administration and the LSU board of supervisors," Maddox said.

"I have high regard for Coach Maravich, Coach McCreary and Coach Bernbrook as persons, and each is dedicated to the game of basketball.

"I regret that a change is necessary to further the interests of a sound, magnetic basketball program at LSU," he added.

Maddox said a screening committee appointed by LSU Chancellor Cecil J. Taylor, is working to select a new head coach.

Maravich, a native of Alliquippa, Pa., took over as LSU head coach prior to the 1966-67 season. During his six seasons he compiled a 76-86 record.

His first season was the worst in Tiger basketball history. That team won only three games, while losing 23.

But with the addition of his All-American son Pete to the varsity roster the following year, LSU posted a 14-12 record in 1967-68, 13-13 the next year, and 22-10 in 1969-70.

The Bengals were 14-12 last year and last Saturday the Tigers finished their current season at 10-16.

Maravich's contract extends through April 1973. Maddox said the university will honor the commitment.

Wrestling finals set for tonight

Intramural wrestling finals will be held tonight on the main floor of DeWare Fieldhouse, the intramural office has announced.

The 7:30 matches will have members of the A&M wrestling team acting as referees. Champions will be determined in both Class A and B wrestling. These classes include both civilian and corps members. There will be two matches going on at the same time. The lighter weight classes will begin the meet with the heavyweights going at it at the end.

Over 380 wrestlers began the tournament three weeks ago. Squadron 8 leads in number of men making the finals with six. L-1 has five men in the finals. Legett and Harrell have two representatives each making the finals.

Any wrestler in the finals should weigh in between 4:30 and 5:30 today. They should report to DeWare Fieldhouse by 7:15 ready to wrestle.

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 - Tennis: Lamar University, Beaumont
- Saturday
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