

3rd place finish last season

A&M basketball promises to provide excitement, competition

Excitement is the theme of Aggie basketball, and indications are that the coming year should be even more interesting than 1971-72, which saw the cagers of Shelby Metcalf finish third after being picked to come in last in the Southwest Conference.

Newcomers made the difference, and this will be the case can rebound. On a short team

last year, he was called upon to play the post several times. This year, he will be used primarily at the wing.

One of the brightest additions again, although only two players graduated from last year's squad.

The A&M system of basketball features a dual post offense with one guard. Senior Mario Brown played that point position last

season, and his flashy style of ball handling gave fans their fill of excitement.

Two other starters return, senior Jeff Overhouse and junior Randy Knowles. Overhouse was Sophomore of the Year in the league two years ago. At 6-7, he plays a very physical game from his post position. Knowles, 6-6, specializes in 30-foot jump shots, but he handles the ball well and to the team will be 6-8 sophomore Cedric Joseph. As an Aggie Fish, he was named the Outstanding Player in the SWC freshman loop. He is expected to hold down the other post from the beginning of the season.

This leaves quite a battle for the wing position, the only starting spot to be determined. Sophomore Mike Floyd, 5-11, could play here, or start at the point, moving Brown to the wing. Floyd

Junior college transfer Chuck Tone will battle Floyd for the fifth position. He is a 6-7 shooting ace from Ft. Dodge, Iowa. With Floyd's shooting eye and ball handling, defense could be matched Joseph's 20.9 per game point output last season, but he

missed six contests with a broken foot.

Size and quality will be the trademarks of bench strength, with 6-8 junior college transfer C. W. Guthrie, from Great Bend, Kansas, being the backup man at the posts. Webb Williams, a 6-7

sophomore, will fill in at the wings. Williams may be the fastest man on the team and should develop into a fine player. Other top substitutes will be seniors Bob Gobin and Wayne Howard.

Future talent will be developed on the redshirt team, including

6-10 junior college transfer Bruce Ott and 6-8 sophomore Jerry Mercer.

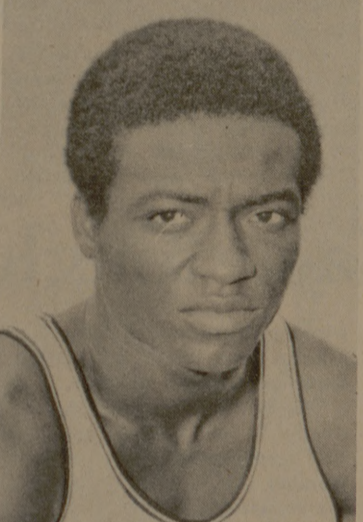
This year's schedule begins Nov. 28 with Wayland Baptist at home. Non-conference opponents include Texas-Arlington, Angelo State, Oklahoma State, George Washington and East Texas State. The Aggies play in the All-College Tournament in

Oklahoma City and the Bluebonnet Classic in Houston.

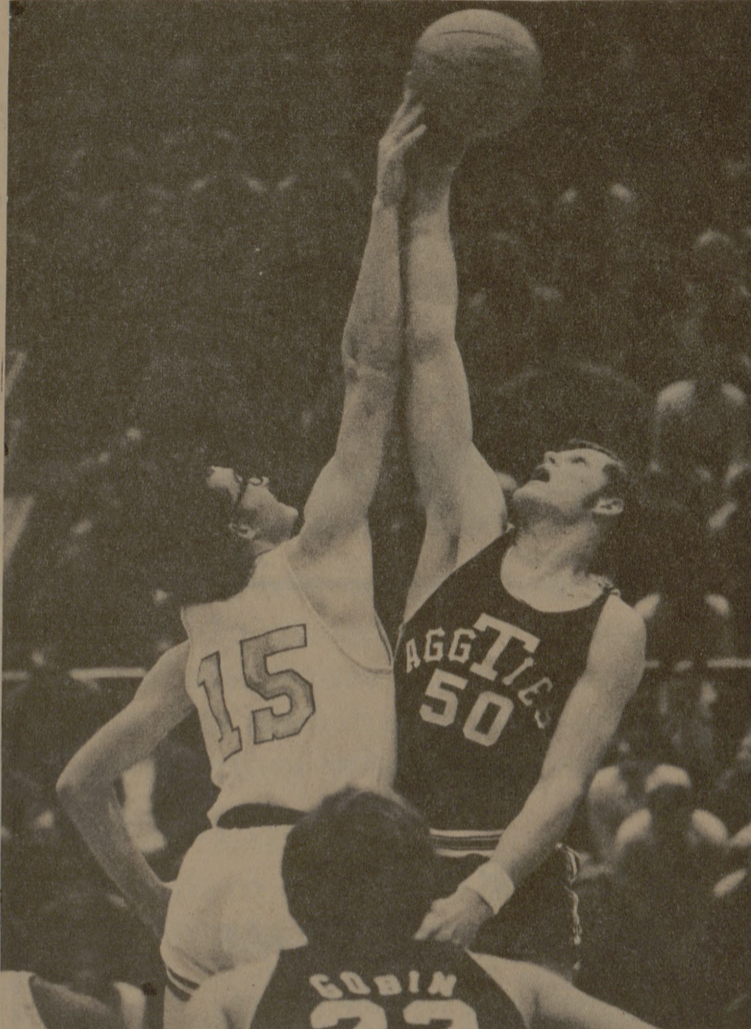
Metcalf, who is assisted by Jim Culpepper, has compiled a 124-100 record in nine seasons at A&M, best in the SWC. Aggie teams have won titles in 1964 and 1969 since he got the head job, and only twice have had losing seasons, one of the better sports records here.



Shelby Metcalf



Mario Brown



ONE OF THE TOP players in the conference is A&M post man Jeff Overhouse, shown here jumping for the opening tip. In the foreground is another Aggie senior, Bob Gobin

Recruits

NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN (High School)
Dale Ammons	QB	6-2	190	Pampa
Jim Hartman	QB	5-10	185	Luling, La. (Hahnville)
Doug Wood	QB	6-1	180	Arlington
Bubba Bean	RB	6-0	190	Kirbyville
Tony Blankenship	RB	6-2	175	New Orleans (Jesuit)
Alvin Bowers	RB	5-11	205	Wharton
Ronny Hubby	RB	5-10	195	Clovis, N. M.
Mark Martin	RB	6-1	190	Celina
Carl Roaches	RB	5-9	180	Houston (Smiley)
Bucky Sams	RB	5-10	196	Amarillo (Tascosa)
Pat Thomas	RB	5-10	175	Plano
Skip Walker	RB	5-10	170	Del Valle
Melvin Howard	RB	5-9	170	Warner Robins, Ga.
David Greeno	RB	5-11	185	Albuquerque, N. M.
Bruce Welch	C	6-4	250	Houston (King)
Henry Tracy	G	6-2	215	Houston (Sam Houston)
Carl Warnke	G	6-0	200	Castroville (Medina Valley)
Ted Ginsberg	G	6-1	200	Tyler (Lee)
Terry Crownover	G	6-2	235	Lafayette, La.
Tyrone Wright	G	6-0	185	Del Valle
Kent Krueger	T	6-5	260	Belmont, Calif. (Calmont)
Glenn Bujnoch	T	6-5	225	Houston (Mt. Carmel)
Dennis Smelser	T	6-5	237	Odessa (Permian)
Bill Foster	T	6-6	225	Ennis
Wayne Iltis	T	6-2	215	Castroville (Medina Valley)
Charles Underwood	T	6-6	280	San Antonio (TMI)
Blake Schwarz	TE	6-2	215	Houston (Memorial)
Dan Allen	TE	6-1	210	Arlington
Richard Osborne	SE	6-5	214	San Antonio (Lee)
Edgar Fields	DE	6-3	240	Austin (Johnston)
Ronnie Garrison	DE	6-1	208	Orange (Stark)
Scott Knippa	LB	6-1	218	Bishop
Jim Norman	LB	6-1	230	Ennis
Kim Scott	LB	6-0	200	Dallas (Bryan Adams)
Garth TenNapel	LB	6-2	195	Euliss (Liberty)
Gary Kern	LB	6-1	205	Columbus, Ga. (Baker)
Ed Simonini	LB	6-0	200	Las Vegas, Nev. (Valley High)
Charles Arndt	DB	5-10	175	Cuero
David Bialis	DB	6-0	185	Houston (Bellaire)
Jeff Hesla	DB	6-3	185	Dallas (Hillcrest)
Jackie Williams	DB	5-11	174	Plano
Tom O'Dwyer	DB	5-10	175	Dallas (Highland Park)

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