

Benches, Stands Empty For Game-Ending Brawl

Aggies Keep Mustangs In Conference Race

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Sports Editor
... said it couldn't be done
... could have—beating SMU
... Dallas that is. A&M had
... many chances right up
... very tragic end but did not
... advantage.

The fight erupted when A&M
had the ball out of bounds in its
forecourt with four seconds
remaining and behind by a single
point, 63-62. The ball was tossed
in to 6-8 Jeff Overhouse who was
to turn around and shoot.

That did not occur as tiny Zack
Thiel snuck in and stole the pass
away and began to zoom down-
court. Bob Gobin, who sent the
game into overtime by stealing
the ball from Sammy Hervey with
four seconds left, knocked Thiel
down.

The shot was much too stiff
and both benches, led by SMU
Coach Bob Prewitt, and stands
emptied out to the court in what
turned out to be a two-minute
melee for which Gobin was ejected
from the game with one second
left.

The game should never have
got near the overtime stage but
the Aggies played a more con-

servative, slow game than they
did in the opening period enabling
the Ponies to catch up from the
first half deficit.

A&M had a seven-point lead,
49-42, up until as late as seven
minutes left but from that point
slowed down until, with 3:31 re-
maining, SMU had tied the Ag-
gies, 50-50.

A Gobin steal gave the Aggies
another chance in the overtime
period but they couldn't find what
they had lost in the second half
as SMU drove to a five-point lead
as late as with only 1:09 left, 63-
58.

With only 49 seconds left, the
Aggies were within one, 63-62,
and after a missed SMU free
throw, A&M had the ball back
again, still down by one.

Numerous mental errors erased
any chance the Aggies might
have had as they never even got

a shot off during the rest of the
game.

The first half alone showed two
different sides of both teams.

In the early goings, SMU com-
pletely manhandled the obviously
nervous Aggies gaining a ten
point lead, 12-2, with only five
minutes gone. The Aggies then
began to play their type of game
scoring 10 unanswered points in

gaining a 14-14 tie with 11:26
remaining in the opening stanza.

It was Overhouse and Floyd
doing the most scoring damage
while Joseph and Overhouse kept
SMU's talented big men away
from the ball.

The lead then went back to
SMU with two straight baskets
by the Ponies' floorleader, Thiel,
putting it ahead 20-16 with a lit-

tle less than ten minutes left.

A&M began to catch fire again
scoring 11 straight points while
the Mustangs failed to hit for
the final five minutes of the half
as the Aggies ran up their nine
point, 33-24, halftime lead.

The Aggies played a fine first
half both offensively and defen-
sively hitting 16 of 34 shots from
the field for 47 per cent and

grabbed 26 rebounds while com-
pletely stymying the potent
Ponies.

SMU hit only 12 of 38 from the
field for 32 per cent and snatched
away 21 rebounds.

Overhouse scored 11 points and
grabbed 10 rebounds for perhaps
the finest first half of his career.
Without him, A&M never would
have had a chance.

NFL Hall Of Fame Names Inductees

CANTON, Ohio (AP)—Raymond
Berry and Jim Parker, superstars
in a victorious Baltimore Colts
era, were named to Pro Football's
Hall of Fame today along with
former Detroit linebacker Joe
Schmidt.

Selections were announced by
Dick Gallagher, director of the
shrine who said the three inductees
represent the smallest number
named in any year since the
Hall was initiated in 1963.

The 275-pound Parker, gener-
ally considered a prototype for
interior offensive linemen, was
the heart of Baltimore's offen-
sive line when John Unitas was
firing the ball to Berry in the
1950s and early 1960s.

Schmidt "quarterbacked" the
Detroit defense from middle line-
backer, making All-Pro eight
times and eventually being named

head coach of the Lions.

Oddly, a disappointed Schmidt
resigned his coaching job a month
ago and his replacement, Don
McCafferty, named Berry as his
first assistant coach.

Berry's great years were 1958-
60 when he led the NFL in re-
ceiving for three straight seasons
and the Colts won two champi-
onships. In the famous overtime
playoff against the New York
Giants in 1958, Berry caught 12
passes for 178 yards in the Colt
triumph.

Parker won the 1956 Outland
Trophy at Ohio State as college
football's No. 1 lineman and, with
Baltimore, was All-Pro four times
at guard and four times at tackle.

Schmidt was a stocky fullback
at the University of Pittsburgh,
but knee problems forced him to
make a change. Detroit didn't

draft him until the seventh round
in 1953.

He became an immediate sen-
sation at middle linebacker and
was captain of the Lions for nine
seasons. Schmidt became an as-
sistant coach in 1966 after his
retirement and was named head
coach two years later.

Berry became a Dallas Cowboy

assistant after retiring from the
Colts' active roster and then
moved to the University of Ar-
kansas before returning to the
NFL with Detroit last week.

Berry and Parker both retired
in 1967 and the 6-foot-3 former
lineman lives in Baltimore where
he operates the Parker Package
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Aaron At Odds With Rule Change

HOUSTON (AP)—The Ameri-
can League will be at a disadvan-
tage with its designated pinch
hitter rule when it comes to the
World Series, Atlanta Braves
slugger Hank Aaron said today.

"Those poor American League
pitchers will have to bat on their
own for the first time," Aaron
said while attending a sporting
goods show here.

"It won't be fair to them,"
Aaron said he saw other disadvan-
tages to the experimental AL
rule that allows a team to use a
pinch hitter for the pitcher with-

out the pitcher leaving the game.

"Pitchers won't go to bat,"
Aaron said. "That's kept some of
them from throwing at batters.
Now they can throw at anybody
they want to and not worry about
retaliation."

Aaron said interleague play
would live baseball but he's go-
ing to have to watch the designat-
ed pinch hitter rule for awhile.

"I just can't see a player go-
ing to bat, walking to the club-
house for a cup of coffee and
going to bat again when it's his
turn."

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Three of the six singles matches went to three sets during the hotly contested action Saturday afternoon at the varsity courts.

No. 2 Billy Hoover of A&M had a great comeback victory. After losing the first set, 1-6, he slowed down the tempo and rallied to win the next two sets, 6-1, 7-5.

Tommy Courson and freshman Carter Lomax won the No. 1 doubles match with a 7-6, 6-3 decision. There was only one service break in that match.

The results:

Singles

Luis Baraldi, Lamar, beat Dan Courson, 6-4, 6-4; Billy Hoover, A&M, beat Lloyd Chaisson, 1-6, 6-1, 7-5; Billy Wright, A&M, beat Gary Jenkins, 7-6, 6-4; Lawton Park, A&M, beat Jerry Gomes, 6-1, 6-7, 6-2; Kermit Smith, A&M, beat Rod Hernandez, 6-3, 2-6, 6-3; Carter Lomax, A&M, beat Randy Brown, 6-0, 6-2.

Doubles

Courson and Lomax, A&M, beat Baraldi and Jenkins, 7-6, 6-3; Wright and Park, A&M, beat Gomes and Chaisson, 7-6, 6-3; Hoover and Smith, A&M, beat Hernandez and Brown, 6-1, 7-6.

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