

# Aggies Tighten SWC Basketball Race With 76-75 Victory Over Texas Tech

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"He who lives by the sword dies by the sword," and Texas Tech, winner of four skin-tight Southwest Conference games this season, got a taste of their own medicine as they fell to the Aggies, 76-75, Saturday night. The loss didn't exactly kill the title hopes of the league leading

Raiders but it did open the door for Arkansas. A combination of two Tech losses and two Razorback victories would throw the conference race into a tie. The two teams meet tonight in Fayetteville.  
The contest was tight the whole way with A&M showing the kind of basketball it is capable of playing.

The lead changed hands 19 times and was tied on five occasions.

It was Mike Floyd who finally put the game on ice for the Aggies. He scored four of his 13 points in the last 1:11 of the game, the final two coming on a goal-tending call against Tech's 6-10½ post man Ron Richardson with just 11 seconds left. Tech got off a desperation shot at the buzzer but it bounced harmlessly away.

Floyd, whose father had a stroke Monday, was the game-ending hero but the outstanding play of senior Jeff Overhouse kept A&M in the ballgame.

Overhouse hit 10 of 20 field goals and 3-5 charity tosses for 23 points while grabbing 20 rebounds to lead both teams in both categories.

Tech jumped to a 18-9 lead in the first quarter but A&M rallied to 31-30 margin and held on, 42-41, at the half.

Tech pulled ahead 51-46 early in the second half as Ed Wakefield hit four straight jump shots.

A&M chipped away at the Raider's lead with bench help from Cedric Joseph and Webb Williams and solid performances from regulars Mario Brown and Randy Knowles.

Overhouse hit a three-point play to put the Aggies ahead 54-53 and the lead see-sawed back and forth until Floyd's heroics.

Tech outshot the Aggies, hitting 32-73 field goal attempts for 43.8 per cent compared to A&M's 31-73 for 42.5 per cent. A&M hit on 14 of 20 free throws to Tech's 11-19 to spell the difference.

"We played championship ball tonight," said coach Shelby Metcalf as the Aggies, 7-5 in conference and 15-9 on the season whipped the Raiders for the third straight year in Lubbock.

A&M makes its final home appearance of the season at 7:30 tonight against SMU.

**SWC CHART**  
Conference All Games

	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Texas T.	10	2	.833	17	7	.708
Arkansas	8	4	.667	15	9	.625
Tex. A&M	7	5	.583	15	9	.625
Baylor	7	5	.583	13	10	.565
SMU	7	5	.583	10	13	.435
Texas	5	7	.417	11	12	.478
Rice	2	10	.167	7	16	.304
TCU	2	10	.167	4	19	.174
x-Houston				20	3	.869
x-Not competing for SWC title.						

**Last Week's Results**  
Tuesday — Arkansas 96, TCU 94; Baylor 84, SMU 82; Texas A&M 90, Rice 80; Texas Tech 80, TCU 77 OT.  
Thursday — Houston 116, Trinity 57.

Saturday—Arkansas 103, SMU 96; Baylor 80, TCU 73 OT; Texas 75, Rice 68; Texas A&M 76, Texas Tech 75; Houston 76, Jacksonville 75.

**This Week's Schedule**  
Monday—Samford at Houston, 8 p.m.  
Tuesday—Texas Tech at Arkansas, 7:35 p.m.; Rice at Baylor, 8 p.m.; SMU at Texas A&M, 8 p.m.; TCU at Texas, 7:30 p.m.  
Friday—Houston at Centenary, 8 p.m.  
Saturday—Texas at SMU, 12:30 p.m. (TV); Baylor at Texas Tech, 2:30 p.m. (TV); Arkansas at Rice, 8 p.m.; Texas A&M at TCU, 7:30 p.m.

## Aggies Top Royals In Baseball Action

Texas A&M made its baseball debut in Florida a success last weekend in defeating the Kansas City Royal's Baseball Academy three of four contests in the season's openers in Sarasota, Fla.

The Aggies split Friday's doubleheader (6-3, 4-7), but stormed back to take both ends of Saturday's contests (9-5, 5-0) against a team made up of major league prospects of the Kansas City Royal organization.

A&M will play four more games against the Academy with a doubleheader scheduled Monday and another today. The team will fly back to College Station after this afternoon's contests.

It was mid-season hitting form coupled with fine pitching efforts that enabled the Aggies to take the seasoned veterans. The academy had a won-lost record of 19-1 before playing A&M.

A&M garnered 44 hits as compared to only 23 for the academy in the first four games.

The academy had entered action with only two team members batting below .300, both at .290.

The first game Saturday was a slugfest with the Aggies batting .428 as a team and scoring in every inning but one to gain the 9-5 win.

Jim Atterbury led the team, going 4 for 5 while John Woods and Jim Bratsen collected three hits each.

The second game was a pitching duel for the first four innings between Panola JC transfer Bobby Falcon and Henry Kuhl before the Aggies exploded for three runs in the sixth inning while grabbing the 5-0 decision.

In the first game Friday, Jackie Binks kept the Royals at bay until the bottom of the sixth inning when the academy picked up three runs to tie the Aggies.

In the top of the seventh, however, A&M blasted losing pitcher David Shipley for three runs to take the contest, 6-3.

In Friday's second game, the Royals jumped off to a two-run lead off Bobby Whittkamp who was having control trouble. The Aggies grabbed two runs in the top of the second for a tie until the bottom of the fourth inning when the Royals struck for five runs off Whittkamp.

San Jacinto JC transfer Jimmy Juhl finished the last three innings allowing only one hit, but A&M couldn't make up for the Royal's five-run outburst in falling 7-4.

A&M will make its home debut Friday hosting the Iowa State Cyclones at Kyle Field beginning at 1 p.m.

## Ag Tennis Team Splits With Foes

The Texas Aggies bounced back to beat 18th-ranked Pan-American College, 6-3, in a dual tennis match Saturday after having dropped an 8-1 decision to 17th-ranked Corpus Christi Univ. Friday.

Oddly, a cycle has developed among the three because Pan-Am beat Corpus Christi, 5-4, in a recent dual match.

Five of Friday's matches with Corpus Christi went three sets and four of the Pan-Am matches Saturday went three sets.

**The summaries:**  
Texas A&M 6, Pan-American College 3

Singles: Dwight Edwards, Pan-Am, beat Bill Wright, 6-1, 2-6, 6-2; Dan Courson, A&M, beat Des Early, 7-5, 6-4; Bill Hoover, A&M, beat Joe Wade, 6-3, 4-6, 7-5; Adolfe Gonzales, Pan-Am, beat Lawton Park, 6-7, 6-4, 6-3; Kermit Smith, A&M, beat Miles Reynolds, 6-4, 6-4; Mike Mills, A&M, beat Steve Heinberg, 7-6, 6-4.

Doubles: Courson-Carter Lomax, A&M, beat Edwards-Early, 2-6, 6-3, 7-6; Gonzales-Wade, Pan-Am, beat Wright-Park, 6-4, 7-6; Hoover-Smith, A&M, beat Heinberg-Reynolds, 7-5, 6-3. Corpus Christi 8, Texas A&M 1

Singles: Jorge Andrew, CC, beat Dan Courson, 6-4, 6-3; Bill Wright, A&M, beat Ken DeKonig, 6-4, 6-4; Willie Aubone, CC, beat Bill Hoover, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6; Oscar Olea, CC, beat Lawton Park, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4; Enrique Andradra, CC, beat Carter Lomax, 7-6, 6-3. Michel Quintin, CC, beat Kermit Smith, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Doubles: Andrew-Aubone, CC, beat Courson-Lomax, 6-4, 6-7, 6-4; DeKonig-Carlos Alvarado, CC, beat Wright-Park, 7-5, 6-1; Olea-Andradra, CC, beat Hoover-Smith, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.

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