

Senior-Led Aggies Nip Mustangs, 78-75

Tech Wins Conference Title Against Razorbacks

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Bob Gobin, Mario Brown and Jeff Overhouse played their last basketball game in G. Rollie White Coliseum Tuesday night and it could have been the most fulfilling for the three Aggie seniors.

Gobin hit two pressure-packed free throws with 36 seconds remaining, Brown scored 24 points and Overhouse hit for ten points while grabbing eight rebounds enabling the Aggies to nip SMU, 78-75.

Although Texas Tech won the championship crown by defeating Arkansas Tuesday night, 64-63, A&M's victory leaves the door open for the league's runner-up spot with a victory over TCU Saturday in Fort Worth.

SMU, the preseason title pick, dropped out of a possible second place finish while losing the fifth game in the last six outings since defeating A&M in the brawl at Dallas.

"This game and our game against Tech Saturday were outstanding," coach Shelby Metcalf said after the contest. "Mario's outside shooting was exceptional. He's had a virus all week and

just played outstanding. "SMU played better tonight than when they beat us in Dallas.

"The crowd was a tremendous factor to our three seniors. They have all had outstanding careers here at Texas A&M."

SMU's leading scorer was 6-7 Sammy Hervey with 24 points followed by Zack Thiel with 16. Freshman Ira Terrell set a new SMU school record with 23 re-

bounds. Hervey had 13. Randy Knowles led the Aggies with 12 and Jerry Mercer had nine.

The Mustangs were in control of the contest throughout the first 33 minutes and 56 seconds until A&M took its first lead, 69-68, with 6:04 remaining.

In the first half, SMU took the fight to the Aggies playing tough, aggressive basketball while driving to a 12-point lead,

28-16. Then Brown and Mike Floyd, who scored 18 points, began to penetrate the huge, talented SMU middle. The two Aggie guards scored 14 points between them in less than three minutes compared to SMU's six. During this span, A&M cut the Mustang margin from ten points to two and with Webb Williams' free throw with 2:24 left in the opening stanza, tied the score at

38. A&M hit another cold spell after that scoring only four points from that point to the buzzer while the Mustangs took a 46-42 advantage.

In that half, the key to A&M's misfortunes was the lack of rebounding strength as SMU grabbed 34 compared to A&M's 21.

The second half was a totally different story. Metcalf must have given his Aggies a sip of the secret formula as his Aggies refused to be intimidated and out rebounded the taller Mustangs 30-24 in that final stanza.

The final score could have been much worse in favor of A&M had the usually hot free-throw shooting Aggies hit on numerous opportunities late in the contest.

Brown hit a 20-foot jumper with 4:08 remaining closing SMU's gap to one, 74-73, then A&M missed five possible points from the charity stripe before Brown hit another long jumper gaining a one point margin, 75-74, with 2:03 left.

Floyd then hit the first of a one-and-one giving the Aggies a two-point lead, 76-74, with 51 seconds left.

The Mustangs blew a chance to tie it up with Ira Terrell on the line with a one-and-one attempt. Terrell, a 45 per cent shooter, hit the first but missed the second as Gobin was fouled on the rebound and given a one-and-one shot.

The steady senior, who scored only these two points all night, hit both to give A&M the victory.

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Rice	2	11	1	.144	7	17	.278
TCU	2	11	1	.144	4	20	.156

Tuesday's Results

Texas Tech 64, Arkansas 63; Texas A&M 78, SMU 75; Texas 84, TCU 69; Baylor 72, Rice 71.



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