



FLOYD IN LAND OF THE GIANTS—Aggie guard 5-10 Mike Floyd drives against 7-0 SFA center Kenneth Beasley last night. A&M won 87-62. (Photo by Steve Krause)

Aggies Rip Outmanned Lumberjacks

Metcalf Says Win Is Season's Best Effort

By KEVIN COFFEY
Sports Editor

"It was our best effort of the season."

So says basketball coach Shelby Metcalf as his Texas Aggies blasted outmanned Stephen F. Austin last night in G. Rollie White Coliseum, 87-62.

Balanced scoring led the attack for A&M. Jerry Mercer tallied 18 points, John Thornton 13, Mike Johnson and C. W. Guthrie, 10 each.

Guthrie was a new name in the Aggie spotlight and Metcalf was obviously pleased at his performance.

"C. W.'s play tonight was my highlight," said Metcalf. "He has overcome injury, sickness and late classes to finally round into form. We found some more depth tonight."

Metcalf was equally pleased with freshman wingman Johnson. "Mike adds movement to our offense but his defense has improved each week. It's tough for someone to come right in and learn a new system and new people but Mike is gaining on it."

Johnson said he had a special cause for the extra effort last night.

"I had to prove to the coach that I could play for him," said Johnson. "I wasn't sure if he really knew that I could play or not. He said I played good, but I can play better."

Johnson credits assistant coach Bob Gobin with helping him keep in Metcalf's favor.

"To play for Shelby Metcalf you have to play defense. Bob helped me here and now I am getting more and more familiar with all the plays and players."

For SFA coach Marshall Brown this season seems to be one of frustration. Accustomed to being one of the nation's top

NAIA teams, Brown's Lumberjacks stand 1-6.

SFA was never really in the game after five minutes had passed. A&M pulled to a 10-4 advantage, but faltered on turnovers to a 14-13 margin.

Defense then took over as the Lumberjacks were blanked for 7:02. When SFA finally hit

again, the Ags had a 28-15 lead with 6:29 before intermission.

A&M kept on top 43-27 at half as Thornton, Randy Knowles and Mercer beat the boards at both ends with relentless enthusiasm.

When the Aggie offense slowed down, Floyd or Johnson would gather the pieces for another fastbreak and score.

Guthrie started his heroics in

the second half. With Cedric Josef seeing limited action due to an injured leg, Guthrie aided the Aggie post play.

"All of our postmen played well," said Metcalf. This had been a real strong point."

The Aggies led by as many as 35 before both coaches emptied the benches.

Archie Myers led the SFA at-

tack with 15 points while Jerry Weaver hit 10. Andria Brown collected 11 rebounds and dished in seven points.

The Ags out rebounded SFA 62-46 while shooting 46 percent to the Lumberjacks 31.

A&M's injury situation is really improved as Floyd, who suffered a sprained ankle Thursday, and Joseph both saw some action.

Knowles, the team's high scorer, hit only eight points, but all rebounders with 12 career caroms. Floyd and Joseph tallied eight points. Ray Roberts hit six and Webb Williams had to round out the A&M scoring.

A&M now hits the trail to seven straight road games. The home action is Jan. 8 with Southwestern University. Conference action starts here on Jan. 11.

Texas Tech Upsets Houston

UT Loses Fifth Straight Game

By The Associated Press

HOUSTON—William Johnson hit a layup with 25 seconds left Monday night to give Texas Tech a 75-73 upset college basketball victory over highly-ranked Houston.

Houston's Lewis Dunbar missed an eight-footer at the buzzer in an effort to put the game into overtime.

Trailing 69-51 with five minutes left, Houston tied it at 71-71 with 1:45 remaining on Dunbar's two free throws.

Tech's Rick Bullock put Tech ahead 73-71 with 42 seconds left but tied it again at 73-73 seconds later to set the stage for Johnson's winning points.

Tech led 36-34 at the half and increased the lead to 12 points, 61-49 with 9:42 left in the game.

The loss snapped a Hofheinz Pavilion winning streak of 31 straight victories by Houston and only the Cougars' second loss in 66 games in the structure. Dunbar led all scorers with 28 points. Bullock had 25 for Tech. Johnson of the Red Raiders and Maurice Presley of the Cougars each had 18.

Tech boosted its season mark to 3-2 while Houston fell to 2-3.

STILLWATER, Okla.—Oklahoma State rode the hot shooting of junior guard K. C. Kincaide to roll past Texas Monday night 83-73 in a nonconference basketball clash.

Kincaide netted a career high of 27 points as the Cowboys upped their season mark to 3-2. The loss left the Longhorns 0-5.

Kincaide was followed in scoring by freshman guard Ronnie Daniels, who hit for 20 points, and Kevin Fitzgerald and Andy Hopson, both with 14. Hopson also led both teams in rebounds with 19.

The Pokes hit four straight buckets, three by Kincaide, to pull out in front by 10 points early in the second half.

Texas, which hit 49 percent from the field, started the game with a flurry as seniors Harry Larrabee and Larry Robinson gave the Longhorns a 10-0 lead.

Daniels hit back-to-back, three-point plays to close the Cowboys within six and OSU then went on to even the score with 5:27 to go in the first half in a shot by Kincaide.

Texas was paced in scoring by Larrabee and Tyrone Johnson, both hitting for 20 points. Johnson also paced the Longhorns with 12 rebounds.

Cowboys Have Playoff Fever

DALLAS (AP) — Bullet Bob Hayes says the Dallas Cowboys have the "same enthusiasm we had when we went to the Super Bowl . . . It was late coming but now we've got it."

Dallas' 27-7 victory over Washington Sunday on Coach Tom Landry's play-calling, quarterback Roger Staubach's execution, and stout play by the Doomsday Defense, has sent a surge of playoff money fever through the team.

Defensive end Larry Cole says Doomsday is playing "the best since 1970—our first Super Bowl . . . I think it's better than 1971 because that year we got a lot of offensive help."

"I think momentum is on our side now," says linebacker Lee Roy Jordan.

The Cowboys have knocked off Denver and Washington since Landry started calling the plays for Staubach. Dallas can clinch the National Conference Eastern Division title and a record eighth

consecutive trip to the National Football League playoffs Sunday with a victory over St. Louis on the road.

Asked if he thought Landry's play calling was making a difference, Jordan says, "All I know is that he's two for two."

Landry outfoxed the Redskins Sunday with numerous first down passes off play action fakes to the running backs. Staubach rolled out and had the option to pass or scramble.

"That kind of offense really suits Roger's style . . . Roger's confidence was really high," Jordan says.

Cowboy officials allowed fans to post signs and wave banners for the first time since Texas Stadium was opened three years ago. It produced a deluge of response from some of the more blase fans in the NFL.

"Skins play like Baylor Bears" was perhaps the crudest of the banners.

Another said: "Go Duane Thomas."

The controversial former Cowboy saw action briefly in the last minutes of the game as a substitute for Larry Brown and was roundly booed . . . then cheered when he dropped a pass.

The Cowboy fans are coming to life, coinciding with the resurgence of the team.

Barnes Wins Tips Award

Joe Barnes, Texas Tech's big play quarterback, has been named the winner of the sixth annual Kern Tips Memorial Award.

The award, named for the late Southwest Conference radio broadcaster, is presented each year by Exxon Co. to the outstanding senior football player in the SWC. Selection is made by a panel of sports writers and broadcasters and is based on athletic ability, academic standing, good sportsmanship and moral character.

Barnes is a dean's list student with a 3.23 grade average. He is majoring in advertising.

Other nominees were Larry Ellis of A&M, Cary Dorman of Baylor, Andy Duval of SMU, Bruce Henly of Rice, Pat Kelley of Texas, Kent Marshall of TCU and Dicky Morton of Arkansas.

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