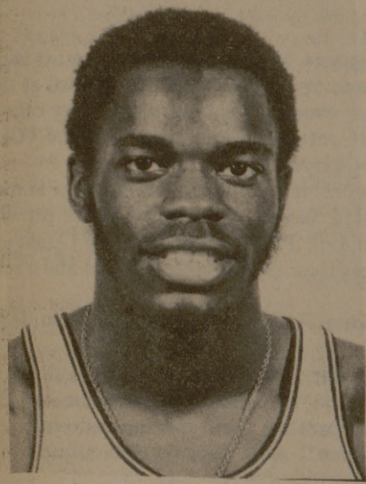


Rice returns to A&M in spoiler role

Rudder Tower Auditorium to accommodate overflow crowd

Rice invades G. Rollie White Coliseum Saturday night with hopes of becoming the spoiler for the third year in a row.



Mike Johnson

Though Rice boasts but a 3-25 record for the past two conference seasons, two of those three wins came against A&M.

In 1972 Rice could muster but one conference victory but it came against the title-contending Aggies and, to add to the insult, it came on A&M's home court. In 1973 Rice won a televised game against the Aggies.

This year the stage is set for another upset for the Owls. The Aggies are again title contenders, despite their 1-2 record thus far, and Rice is in the middle of another "rebuilding" year.

Senior guard Scott Fisher leads the Owl attack aided by sophomore Charles Daniels. Senior forward John Kabbes and juniors Danny Carroll and Tim Moriarity round out the starting lineup.

Rice also features top freshmen Bart Harrison and Jeff Tunnel

and 7-0 senior Dave Kisker, the tallest player in the conference.

"Rice really gets after it," said Aggie coach Shelby Metcalf. "They won't give up."

"I'd say we are better inside, comparable in shooting while they are better ball handlers."

Cedric Joseph starts at the post position for the Ags while Randy Knowles and Jerry Mercer are the forwards and Mike Floyd and Mike Johnson hold down the duties at guard.

Knowles is A&M's newest member of the 1,000-point club, his 24-point performance against Texas Tech in Tuesday's game pushing his career total to 1,009.

"Randy Knowles is as good as any senior we've had," said Metcalf. "He compares with Mike Heitmann and Billy Bob Barnett as a top competitor."

In addition to being the eighth

highest scorer in A&M history, Knowles is currently sixth on the all-time rebounding list and needs but two grabs against Rice to move him past Carroll Broussard and into fifth place.

Joseph and Mercer are the leading rebounders this year with 144 and 134 for averages of 10.3 and 8.9, respectively. Knowles has 105 for a 7.0 average while John Thornton has come off the bench to grab 95 for a 6.3 norm.

Johnson, a freshman from Austin High in Chicago, is the most pleasant surprise on the A&M squad this year. Averaging 10.3 points a game, Johnson hit a season high of 28 points against Denver in the Bluebonnet Classic over the holidays. Although he hasn't been able to approach the

same point total since, his exciting ball handling and outstanding defensive play has made him a sparkplug for the Aggie team.

All reserve-seat tickets for the game are sold out and a complete sellout is expected. The doors open at 5:30 p.m. for students and general admission and when the Coliseum capacity (about 8,000) is reached, the doors will be locked.

Students turned away at the door need not be totally discouraged because a closed-circuit television showing of the game is being planned for the Rudder Tower Auditorium. This is for student overflow only and will not open before the Coliseum is filled.

Tipoff is set for 7:35 p.m.

Strong Baylor team spoils A&M girls' cage debut

By TONY GALLUCCI

The Texas A&M Girls basketball team went to Waco Thursday hoping to become a giant-killer but last night at Lena-Marrs gym, the giant, otherwise known as the Baylor Girls team, proved that's not so easy.

In an historic first game ever for the A&M coeds, the Baylor full court press was more than they could handle. Baylor led by Lynell Pyron's 22 points took a 51-14 lead into the locked room at the half.

The less experienced TAMU girls were baffled by the press and turned the ball over numerous occasions on miscued assists.

A&M came back strong in the second half, replacing shaky nerves with careful ball handling and selective shooting. The Ags

held Baylor to 24 second half points but could not overcome the Bears 37 point halftime lead. The Waco giant went on to take the game, 75-34.

Baylor has fielded girls teams for eight years and the coaching experience showed.

The A&M team, the first girls basketball team to come from the College Station campus, was hampered by lack of experience. Practice started in November and the coeds arrived Jan. 14 in preparation for the Baylor game.

The girls, coached by Kay Don, range from five-feet four inches to 5-11 Sissy Auclair. Auclair, a freshman from Waco Midway led the Ag scorers against Baylor with nine points.

"It was the first half that hurt us," said Don. "We expected the press, but the girls were a little nervous." Don went on to say the loss was disappointing but some bright spots could be seen. She was very pleased with the effort and expects improvement for the Feb. 8-9 Baylor tourney in Waco.

TEXAS A&M

	FG	FT	PF	TP
Callaway	3	1	4	7
Fickey	1	1	0	3

	0	1	2	1
Priesmeyer	0	1	1	1
Horton	3	3	3	9
Auclair	0	1	1	1
Karcher	1	0	2	2
Berrier	1	0	1	2
Whitely	1	0	1	2
Moulton	2	0	1	4
Guedin	1	2	3	4
Totals	12	10	18	34

BAYLOR

	FG	FT	PF	TP
Pyron	9	4	2	22
Trimble	8	3	2	19
Speer	1	1	0	2
Hammit	1	2	2	4
Williamson	0	0	1	0
Snider	8	3	2	19
Alviola	0	0	2	0
Woody	0	1	0	1
Mann	2	1	2	5
Ballen	1	0	2	2
Totals	30	15	15	75
Texas A&M	5	9	8	12-343
Baylor	26	25	8	16-75

Baseball needs student manager

The Aggie baseball team is seeking a male freshman or sophomore to serve as manager. Anyone interested should contact coach Tom Chandler, eighth floor of the Rudder Conference Tower.

UCLA swimmers top SMU in battle of nationally-ranked

DALLAS (AP)—An impressive victory in the final event enabled UCLA swimmers to shatter the unbeaten record of Southern Methodist University 63-50, in an intercollegiate dual meet here Thursday.

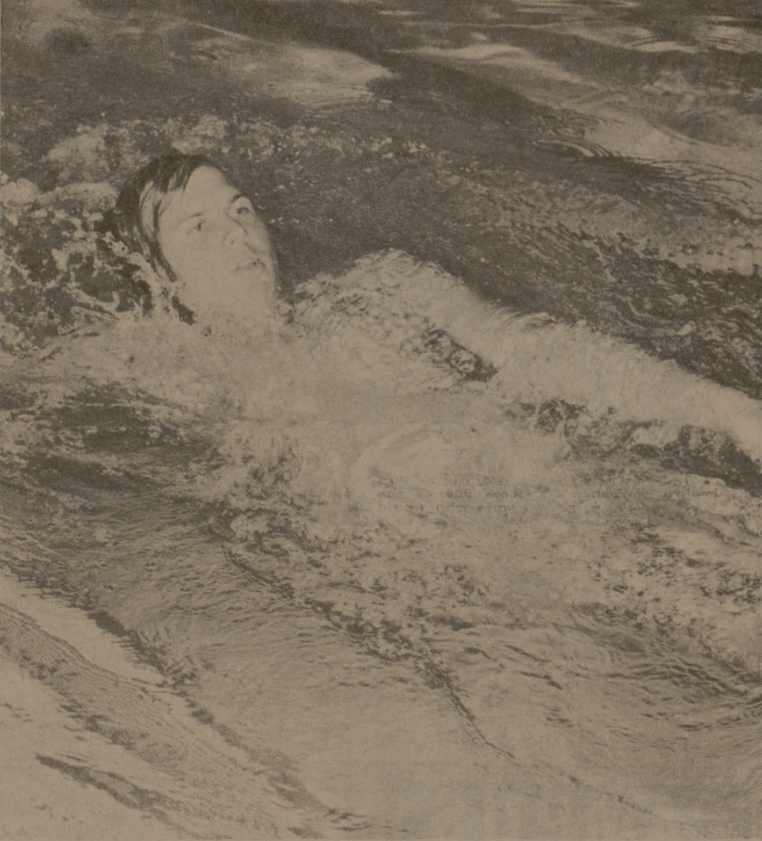
The visiting Bruins, ranked third nationally, led 56-50 entering the 400-yard freestyle relay, which is worth seven points.

The UCLA relay team then won the event by three and a half

seconds to win the meet.

The eighth-ranked Mustangs had two double winners as all-American John Thorburn took the 100 and 200-yard freestyle events and freshman Paul Hove won the 1,000-yard freestyle and the 200-yard backstroke.

UCLA Olympian Tom Bruce turned in the second best time in the nation this season in the 200-yard breaststroke, a 2:09.12.



STEVE PRENTICE works out in his specialty, the backstroke, as the A&M tankers prepare to meet the University of Houston swimmers in a dual meet Saturday in Houston. A&M takes a 4-2 record to the 2 p. m. meet.

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