

# Aggies thump Frogs, confront SMU tonight

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Followers of Aggie basketball have a saying. "If Randy Knowles hits his first shot, look out!" Knowles hit that first shot Saturday night.

Along the way the 6-6 senior hit 10 others and added five of six free throws for 27 points, leading A&M to a 90-64 win over the TCU Horned Frogs.

At times the skinny Geneva, Ohio native seemed unreal. Everything he tossed up went in. And when he wasn't scoring, John Thornton, Webb Williams or Mike Johnson was. Even co-captain Joe Arciniega scored.

Thornton pumped in 19 points while Williams and Johnson added 14 and 10 respectively in reserve rolls.

The Aggies' defense was at its best, said coach Shelby Metcalf. The Frogs managed but 24 points in the first half. A&M scored 38.

Guard play was again strong for the Maroon and White de-

spite the injury to regular Mike Floyd.

Charlie Jenkins turned in his second straight fine performance running the A&M offense. When the senior point man left with four points, six rebounds and a season high eight assists, Johnson took over. The freshman hit four quick buckets and tossed three assists in seven minutes of play.

Williams hit on seven of nine shots in his most offensive out-pout of the season.

Knowles pulled in 10 rebounds and Thornton added eight to lead a 47-36 Aggie assault of the backboards.

It was Knowles who finally broke open the low scoring first half.

The lead bounced back and forth the first 11 minutes. Knowles then hit 11 of his 13 first stanza points in a stretch drive that opened the A&M lead to 27-18.

A&M put the game totally out

of reach in the second half. Reeling off 11 straight points, midway through the period, the Ags avenged an earlier defeat in Fort Worth.

Cedric Joseph hit eight points, Jerry Mercer four and Ray Roberts two to round out the Aggie scoring.

Knowles said he halfway agrees with the first shot theory.

"I guess you can say that I am a streak shooter," he said. "My whole game seems to improve when I am shooting well."

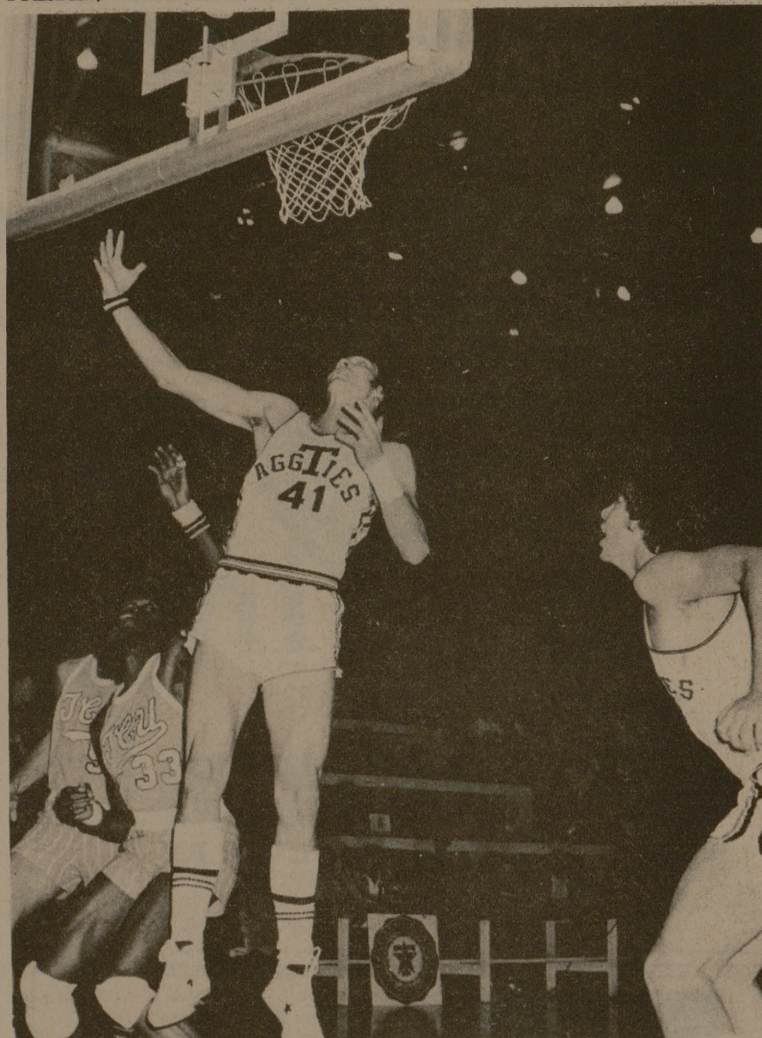
Metcalf said the team really needed the win. "This will make practices a lot better. We are just trying to improve every game now."

Tonight the Ags face giant killing SMU. The Mustangs are the only team in the conference to beat both Texas Tech and Texas. Though 4-4 in loop play, SMU is overlaid with talent.

Ira Terrell, the SWC's leading scorer with a 22 point average, and Guard Zach Theil (13 per game) highlight the Pony offense.

A&M won 90-75 in College Station earlier in the year.

Game time is 7:35 p.m. It will be broadcast over KTAM radio.



THE SECOND HALF BLOWOUT of TCU was led in part by Webb Williams (41). Here Williams hits two of his 14 points as A&M blasted the Frogs 90-64. (Photo by Kathy Curtis)

## PEANUTS By Charles M. Schulz



## Hoover, Emley pace tennis team

A&M's tennis team returns from a successful road trip to host Sam Houston State in the team's first home venture of '74.

The Ags started the season in Kingsville sweeping Texas A&I, 7-0. Bill Hoover, currently A&M's no. 1 man, shutout Jay Myers in the feature match, 6-0, 6-0. Freshman Charles Emley also registered a shutout in his first outing for TAMU.

Friday saw the Aggies in Edinburg for the annual Pan American Tournament. Hoover beat Mary Hardin-Baylor's Craig Gold in first round competition while Emley defeated Andes Johansson of Rice, 3-6, 7-5, 6-1.

The Ags finest moment came in first round competition when Dan Courson upended no. 2 seeded Ross Walker of Houston in a major upset.

Hoover and Courson were eliminated in second round competition in straight sets, while Trinity's Bill McGowen had trouble with Emley but went on to take the match, 2-6, 6-1, 6-2.

Coach Omar Smith's No. 2 doubles team defeated the top netters representing Pan Am. Courson and Emley were defeated in the first round.

A&M finished fourth in the eight team tourney, behind No. 4 ranked Houston, No. 7 ranked Trinity and unranked Mary Hardin-Baylor 11th ranked Texas finished in a fifth place tie with Rice. Pan American and Texas A&I rounded out the finishers.

"We finished in good position, it (the tourney) was a good start," Smith said. "We could have gotten farther but we lost two close matches in the second round."

The Ags will play Sam Houston today on the concrete courts

since the varsity courts are being re-surfaced. A&M will remain in College Station to play host to St. Edwards on Friday.

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