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A&M outlasts Tech in double overtime

Hot-shooting Ags take 98-95 victory over SWC leaders

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Sports Editor

Texas Tech shooters were red hot. A&M shooters were red hot. Both teams were somewhat hot under the collar.

With everyone hot, the Aggies and Red Raiders staged a real barn burner Saturday night before 6,923 fans in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

A&M blistered the nets at a 51.2 per cent clip while Tech hit a very respectable 48.8.

It took two overtimes for A&M to finally subdue the league-leading Raiders 98-95 to throw the Southwest Conference into a momentary tizzy. Tech has a one game lead and they meet Texas tonight in Lubbock.

Clutch free throw shooting by the Ags spelled the final difference. Ray Roberts, who earlier was removed from the contest for a cooling off period after a scuffle with Tech guard Richard Little, hit four charity tosses and a 10-foot jumper in the second overtime to put A&M on top.

Webb Williams had a perfect night for the Ags. The 6-7 junior hit three field goals in three attempts and a perfect four of four free shots while subbing for the

foul plagued A&M post men.

The contest, the most physical played here all season, saw six players foul out. Tech's Rich Bullock, William Johnson and Grady Newton joined A&M's Jerry Mercer, Cedric Joseph and C. W. Guthrie with five fouls.

At times the inside play looked like a roller derby. Pushing, shoving and flying elbows was the thing of the night.

A&M finished with 18 of 21 charity tosses. Tech hit 13 of 16.

With both squad's big men in foul trouble most of the night, the game became one of outside shooters.

Tech's Grady Newton, averaging 6.6 points per contest, scored 29 points. Newton constantly hit 20 footers from the right corner over the Aggie zone. Johnson and Bullock each hit 20 before fouling out.

A&M was not without its outside heroes. Randy Knowles pumped in 28 and John Thornton 26.

Roberts, Williams and Joseph each had 10 points to pace the Aggie scoring.

Mike Floyd, out of action since the Baylor game two weeks ago, handled the Tech press with relative ease. A&M committed a season low 15 turnovers.

The Aggies outrebounded the taller Raiders 48-38. All conference candidate Bullock was held

to four caroms while Knowles gathered 12 and Thornton seven.

A&M's locker room was wild in jubilation for but a few minutes. Emotionally drained, the Ags slumped into almost silence.

"It was the greatest game I've ever seen," said Knowles. "We were so clutch with free shots it was unreal."

Norman Reuther, former Tech standout and now A&M assistant coach was elated. "I'd have died if we'd lost to them, just died," said Reuther. "When we lost to them in Lubbock (63-61) I knew we had to come back and beat them."

How does this change the conference race?

"It really tightens it up again," said Tech coach Gerald Myers. "It makes our game with Texas a must."

A&M coach Shelby Metcalf disagrees. "This won't change a thing. Tech will still win it easy. I don't think Texas can beat Tech in Lubbock."

Tonight the Ags travel to Rice to face the Owls at 7:30. Floyd is still doubtful as he may have aggravated a pulled muscle against Tech.

A&M rallied to down Rice 80-79 in College Station. The Ags are 5-5 in conference with all the wins coming at Home.



WEBB WILLIAMS scoops up a loose ball from the fingertips from A&M's Randy Knowles and Tech's Grady Newton in Saturday night's 98-95 win over the Red Raiders. Looking on are John Trneak (43) and Aggie Ray Roberts. (Photo by Steve Krauss)

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Rice edges Ags in track meet

Rice dominated the discus and the distance races to post a 70-66 victory over the A&M track squad in a dual meet in Houston Saturday.

The meet was tied with two events to go but the Owls swept the three-mile run, taking the top four places, to put the meet away.

The meet was not without bright spots as the Aggies won nine of the 16 events but could not overcome the Owl's overall depth.

Freshman Shifton Baker made an outstanding debut in A&M track as he won the intermediate hurdles and the long jump and placed second in the 120-yard high hurdles to make him high point

man for the afternoon.

Brad Blair, freshman pole vaulter from Carthage, cleared a lifetime best of 15-6 to take first place in his specialty. Defending SWC champion David Peterek was third at 14-6.

Scottie Jones won the 120-yard high hurdles as expected and also anchored the 440-yard relay team to a first place finish with a time of 41.0.

Doug Brodhead edged out Rice's Lin Bingham at the wire to win in the 440 and then came back in the anchor leg of the mile relay to edge out Bingham at the wire again.

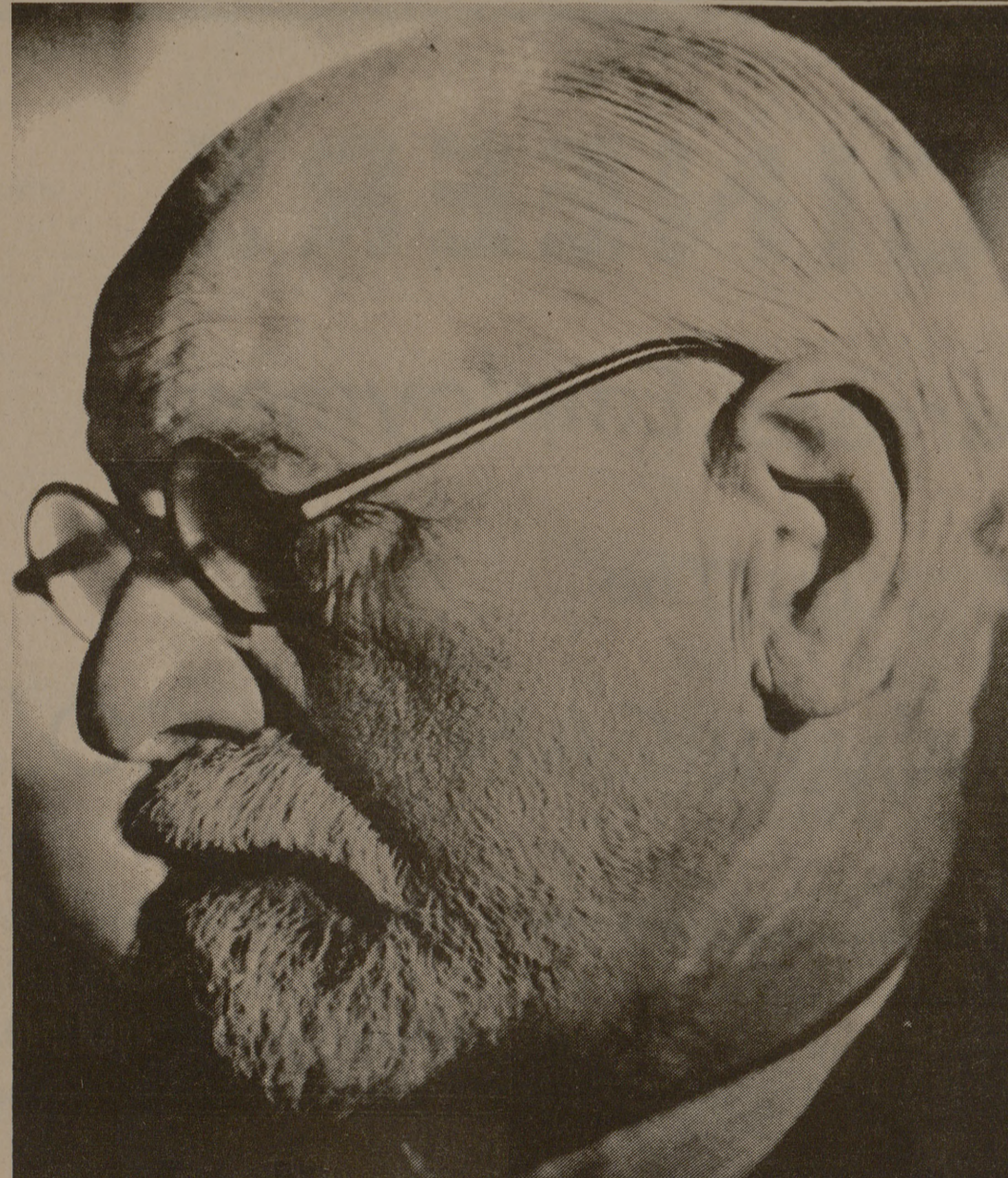
Bill Newton tossed the javelin 217 feet to easily outdistance the field while Sammy Dierschke ran away from everyone in the 220-yard dash with a 21.7, run mostly into a stiff wind.

Charles Dawson got off to a terrible start and could not quite catch Rice's Zoe Simpson in the 100-yard dash while A&M's Phil McGuire and Don Riggs took second and third, respectfully, in the high jump.

Craig Carter took second in the shot put with a heave of 54 feet while Tom Owen was runner-up in the long jump.

- Final Summaries
440 YARD RELAY — 1) Texas A&M (Gerald D'Ambrosio, Sam Dierschke, Charles Dawson, Scottie Jones), 41.0; 2) Rice (Mike Fulghum, Sam Waugh, Vern Patterson, Zoe Simpson) 41.9.
MILE RUN — 1) Jeff Wells, Rice, 4:15.6; 2) Bob Nellums, Rice, 4:16.6; 3) John Lowick, Rice, 4:16.9; 4) Jacob Yenne, A&M, 4:25.1; 5) Paul Goodman, A&M, 4:27.6.
SHOT PUT — 1) Ken Stadel, Rice, 58-1 1/2; 2) Craig Carter, A&M 54-0; 3) Buddy Briscoe, Rice, 49-10 1/2; 4) Steve Hoerster, Rice, 48-10.
JAVELIN — 1) Bill Newton, A&M, 217-1; 2) Mike Fulghum, Rice, 198-6; 3) Mike Goodwin, Rice, 198-4.
LONG JUMP — 1) Shifton Baker, A&M, 22-10 1/2; 2) Tom Owen, A&M, 21-10; 3) Jim Lemons, Rice 21-1; 4) Sam Waugh, Rice, 20-5.
440 YARD DASH — 1) Doug Brodhead, A&M, 48.1; 2) Lin Bingham, Rice, 48.1; 3) Sam Waugh, Rice, 48.9; 4) Alan Nordeheim, A&M, 51.1; 5) Jim Lemons, Rice, 51.6.
120 YARD HIGH HURDLES — 1) Scottie Jones, A&M, 14.6; 2) Shifton Baker, A&M, 14.7; 3) Mike Fulghum, Rice, 14.9; 4) Chuck Hodges, Rice, 14.9; 5) Jim McCann, Rice, 15.1.
HIGH JUMP — 1) Glen Ray, Rice, 6-5; 2) Phil McGuire, A&M, 6-5; 3) Don Riggs, A&M, 6-5.
100 YARD DASH — 1) Zoe Simpson, Rice, 9.8; 2) Charles Dawson, A&M, 9.9; 3) Vern Patterson, Rice, 10.5; 4) Frank Zummo, A&M, 10.6; 5) Gary Ordatt, A&M, 10.7.
880 YARD DASH — 1) Rory Trup, Rice, 1:54.4; 2) David Beyer, Rice, 1:56.4; 3) Pat Bradley, A&M, 1:56.4; 4) Adolph Tingan, A&M, 1:56.7; 5) Cummins, Rice, 1:58.7.
440 YARD HURDLES — 1) Scottie Jones, A&M, 53.5; 2) Craig Carter, A&M, 54.4; 3) Jim McCann, Rice, 54.4; 4) Chuck Hodges, Rice, 54.7; 5) Don McGilvary, A&M, 56.4.
DISCUS — 1) Ken Stadel, Rice, 170-3; 2) Dean Daugherty, Rice, 167-0; 3) Buddy Briscoe, Rice, 155-6.
220 YARD DASH — 1) Sammy Dierschke, A&M, 21.7; 2) Zoe Simpson, Rice, 21.9; 3) Swagerty, A&M, 22.2.
POLE VAULT — 1) Brad Blair, Rice, 15-6; 2) Mike McElvrom, Rice, 14-6; 3) David Petrek, A&M, 14-6; 4) Charles Pecheux, Rice and Don Cummins, A&M, 13-6.
THREE MILE — 1) Steve Edmister, Rice, 14:34.4; 2) John Lowick, Rice, 14:37.0; 3) Bob Nellums, Rice, 14:41.0; 4) Gary Hus, Rice, 14:52.9; 5) The Heffner, A&M and Charles Otkin, Rice, 15:00.4.
MILE RELAY — 1) Texas (Horace Grant, 49.1, Gerald D'Ambrosio, 48.4, Sam Dierschke, 47.3, Don Simpson, 47.7), 3:13.5; 2) Rice (Sam Waugh, 48.5; David Beyer, 49.3; Herb Edmister, 47.9; Lin Bingham, 47.9), 3:18.4.
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