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JC transfers shine g basketballers beat HBC, 84-77

By MARK WEAVER

Sports Editor Two Junior College transfers led the Texas Aggies to a 84-77 victory against Houston Baptist College as they improved their season record to 2-0.

Sonny Parker, a two-year Junior boards." Thornton was third leading College All-America transfer from Chicago, Ill., had 22 points and 13 rebounds to lead the Aggies in those two categories. Barry Davis, a JC not missed a free throw this season,

transfer from Galveston, Tex., was second high scorer and rebounder with 17 points and six caroms.

"Their halfcourt press in the second half caught us off guard," team captain John Thornton said. "It was a team effort keeping them off the scorer for the Ags with nine points. Chuck Tone and Mike Floyd both

extending his string to 10 straight. Jerry Mercer and Webb Williams both had six points and Cedric Joseph had five. Starting guard Gates Erwin did not play due to a

play in the game against Oral Roberts Saturday. Paige led the scoring with 25

points, hitting five of five from the free throw line. Coleman was the hamstring injury. He is expected to second leading scored for HBC with

15 points. The Huskies are now 0-3 for the season.

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When the Ags did break away from their sloppy play, Parker usually led the way. His hustle and strong rebounding performance seem to assure A&M as a strong competitor in the Southwest Conference.

The Aggies seemed to be kept alive by the hustling of Parker and the turnovers of the Huskies. Hous-ton Baptist had 31 turnovers to the Ags 18. But the Ags couldn't keep 6-11 Robert Paige and 6-9 Mack Coleman off the boards as they combined for 30 of HBC's 47 rebounds. The Ags could only muster 41 caroms, mainly due to sloppy play in the second half.

The Aggies only hit 42 percent from the field in the second half, but the Huskies hit a weak 37 per cent in a game marred by 48 combined team fouls. The first half Aggie hustle turned into second half sloppiness

"Whatever I can do to help the team, I'll do," Parker said. Whether scoring or playing defense

Lonnie Richards, head coach of HBC, said, "I felt we played good enough to win. I couldn't have asked any more of these kids.

Coach Shelby Metcalf of the Ag-gies said, "With the style we'll be playing, we'll have to use everybody. We'll play a lot of pressure defense this season.

Staubach gets start

DALLAS (AP) - Dallas Cowboy Coach Tom Landry said Tuesday that Roger Staubach will still be his quarterback in Saturday's nationally televised game with Cleveland although sensational rookie Clint "The Mad Bomber" Longley might get some action.

Longley, a rookie from Abilene Christian, rallied Dallas from a 16-3 third quarter deficit Thanksgiving Day and winged a 50-yard touchdown pass with 28 seconds left to play to defeat Washington 24-23.

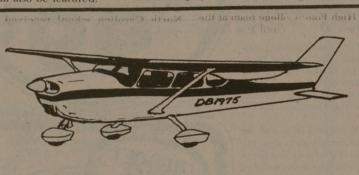


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