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## Ags hit 100 for first time

# Ragged play marks win

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Staff Sports Writer

On Thursday night the Aggies hit the century mark the first time this year with a 101-71 win over Sam Houston State and if you witnessed the game you also may have hit the century mark — in age.

The game (if that's what you want to call it) featured 62 fouls over two players of each team fouling out. It also featured 54 turnovers. In other words, it wasn't a game you'd write home about. But it was a win.

The passing was terrible, the officiating ridiculous and the team defense was almost non-existent as both teams played up and down free shooting basketball.

At the beginning it appeared as no team may score as turnovers took their toll. But with 1:49 gone in the

game, Aggie John Thornton hit a short baseline shot to put the Ags on the scoreboard.

A few minutes later the Bearkats' Skippy Black made a rebound layup with 16:45 to put Sam Houston ahead, 5-4, it would be the last Bearkat lead of the night. At the Aggie end of the court John Thornton got a rebound and put it in with 16:18 left to give the Aggies a 6-5 lead. From here the Ags never trailed.

With the score 28-19 in favor of the Aggies and only 5:57 remaining in the half some fireworks began.

The Aggies' Barry Davis was ejected from the game and given a technical foul. Davis was ejected for his roughness with the Bearkats' Melvin Moore. When Aggie coach Shelby Metcalf came out to protest the call the referees blew their whis-

ties again. Another technical.

When the first half ended the Aggies owned a 49-29 lead which tied their biggest lead of the night. The only reason the crowd of 3,516 stayed around was to see if the Aggies could hit 100 and if a new Southwest Conference record in fouls could be set.

As the second half began it appeared that the Aggies would not hit a 100 but set a record for fouls. With 6:18 gone in the second half the Aggies had only scored six points. In this time Sam Houston had cut the lead to 11, 55-44. But with an assist from Gates Erwin, Jerry Mercer started the Aggies off and running toward 100 points with a layup.

With time running out the crowd came to its feet in hopes of the 100th point. With only 32 seconds left Cedric Joseph obliged with a tip-in bucket to give the Aggies a 101-67 lead.

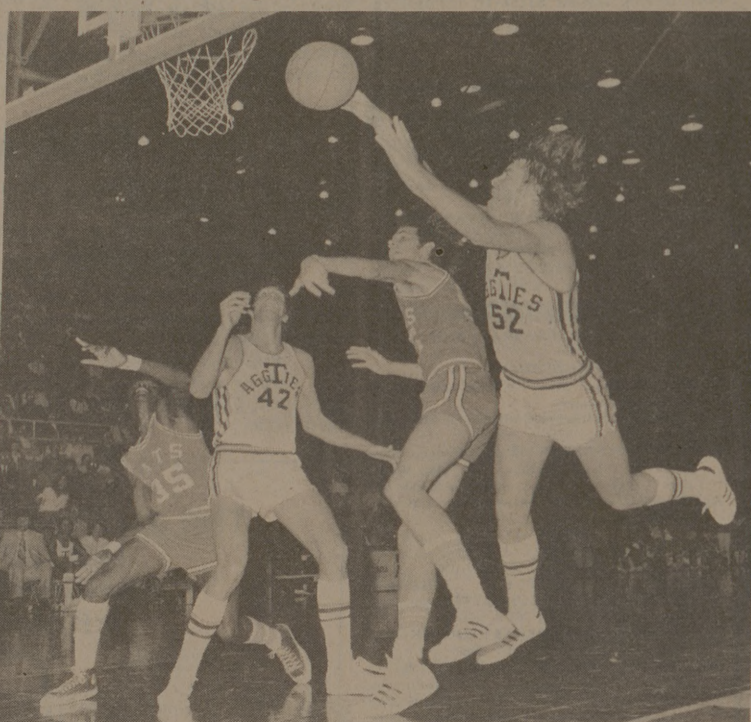
Thornton led all scorers with 19 points while Ray Roberts added 16. Gates Erwin, Mike Floyd and Sonny Parker were other Aggies to hit double figures with 12, 11 and 10 respectively. The Bearkats were paced by Don Gay who had 16 points. Melvin Moore had 15 and teammate Skippy Black had 14.

**AGGIE NOTES** — At his weekly press conference before the Sam Houston game Coach Metcalf said, "We're pretty damn good." He also mentioned that the rebounding has picked up. The Sam Houston game bears him out as the Aggies out-rebounded the Bearkats, 61-47, and

no Bearkat had more than one. "We can play a lot of people and get hurt," Metcalf said. In the Houston win 11 players saw at least 10 minutes action to show that year's squad has depth. Metcalf also brought up a point overruled by most fans and that's the influence in officiating in different parts of the country. Over the years the Aggies played teams from different conferences. Most of the conference officials let the Aggies play a more physical game. Now appears with A&M back in they they will have to play a less physical game. The Aggies were called fouls in Thursday's game while Bearkats were called for 29. The team must have gotten the whistle Christmas and needed to try to get out. . . . They work.

Sam Houston State			
	fgm	fta	ftm
Gay	5	20	6
Stewart	2	12	4
Moore	5	13	5
Holcombe	0	2	1
Black	6	11	2
Shoephire	2	6	0
Cockrel	2	6	0
Kimmell	2	3	1
Noble	1	1	2
Grothe	0	0	0
Team Totals	25	74	21

Texas A&M			
	fgm	fta	ftm
Davis	1	1	3
Parker	4	12	2
Floyd	5	6	1
Mercer	3	6	1
Thornton	5	10	9
W. Williams	2	2	2
Roberts	6	9	4
Joseph	1	2	1
Erwin	3	6	6
Tone	2	10	4
M. Williams	2	7	0
Mezger	0	0	0
Team Totals	34	69	33



JOHN THORNTON (52) drives to the basket despite the efforts of a Bearkat defender. Thornton was the leading scorer of the game with 19 points. Also pictured is Jerry Mercer (42), who led the Aggies with 18 rebounds. (Photo by Chris Svatek)

## Mayor takes on Ali for worthy charity

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP) When M. Jackson meets Muhammad Ali in the ring Tuesday night it'll be for a worthy cause — at least, Jackson hopes so.

M. Jackson is the heavyweight mayor of Atlanta. He says he'll be fighting as M. Jackson which stands for either mayor or Maynard, "whichever you like to remember me by."

There was a kind of weigh-in at City Hall Monday. No scales, but some statistics were announced. Ali wasn't there, but Jackson was.

"We all know what'll happen if he hits me," Jackson said. "I'm thinking about how I can apologize quickly if I hit him."

The "fight," scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., is a benefit performance to promote black business gains in Atlanta.

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