

# Aggies maintain SWC lead, beat TCU 81-69

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Spirited play by Cedric Joseph and Webb Williams guided the Ags to a 81-69 victory over TCU Saturday night in another Southwest Conference foul festival.

A total of 60 fouls were called, four in the first minute-an-a-half, as the Texas Aggies claimed a tie for the SWC lead with Arkansas at 2-0.

It was the best all around performance for the Aggies this season as they thrilled a screaming crowd of 7,720. They moved well on offense and played tough defense and out-

rebounded the Frogs 44-39. The A&M basketekers were below par at the charity line, hitting 56 per cent.

From the outset the game looked as if it might be a close one with the score being tied four times in the first six minutes of play. With 13:45 remaining in the first half Sonny Parker dropped a layup in the hoop

to put the Aggies out front 10-8 and the Frogs never led again. TCU failed to score on their end of the court and then the Williams, Joseph act began. In the next couple of minutes Williams hit seven points and Joseph four and after the dust cleared the Ags owned an 11 point lead, at 21-10.

The Aggies continued to pour it on with an assortment of balanced offense and tenacious defense, destroying the Frogs' pattern of play along with their zone defense. The Froggies never regrouped going into the locker room at the half trailing 35-24.

The Aggies started the second half just as they ended the first twenty minutes, despite TCU's change to a man-to-man defense. Barry Davis, who sat out most of the game with foul troubles, sank a 14-foot jumper to get the Ags rolling. TCU's Gary Landers coun-

tered drawing five fouls, including a technical on Davis, hitting six of eight free throws in the first five minutes of the second stanza.

The Frogs looked as if they meant business, as Landers aided by Eddy Fitzhugh, whittled a 14-point Aggie lead to nine. With the score 45-36 little Gates Erwin made a three-point play to get the Aggies back in gear. The Froggies never saw the light again as the Brazos valley hoopsters stayed ten or more points ahead for the remaining 14 minutes of the game.

The A&M offensive show was pleasing, but their defense was most impressive. They stole passes, blocked shots and continuously intimidated the TCU roundballers. The Ags had seven steals, two blocked shots and caused 21 turnovers.

Top scorers for the Aggies were Parker and Ray Roberts with 15 and 13 points respectively. Williams and Erwin had eight points each. The Horned Frogs had four players

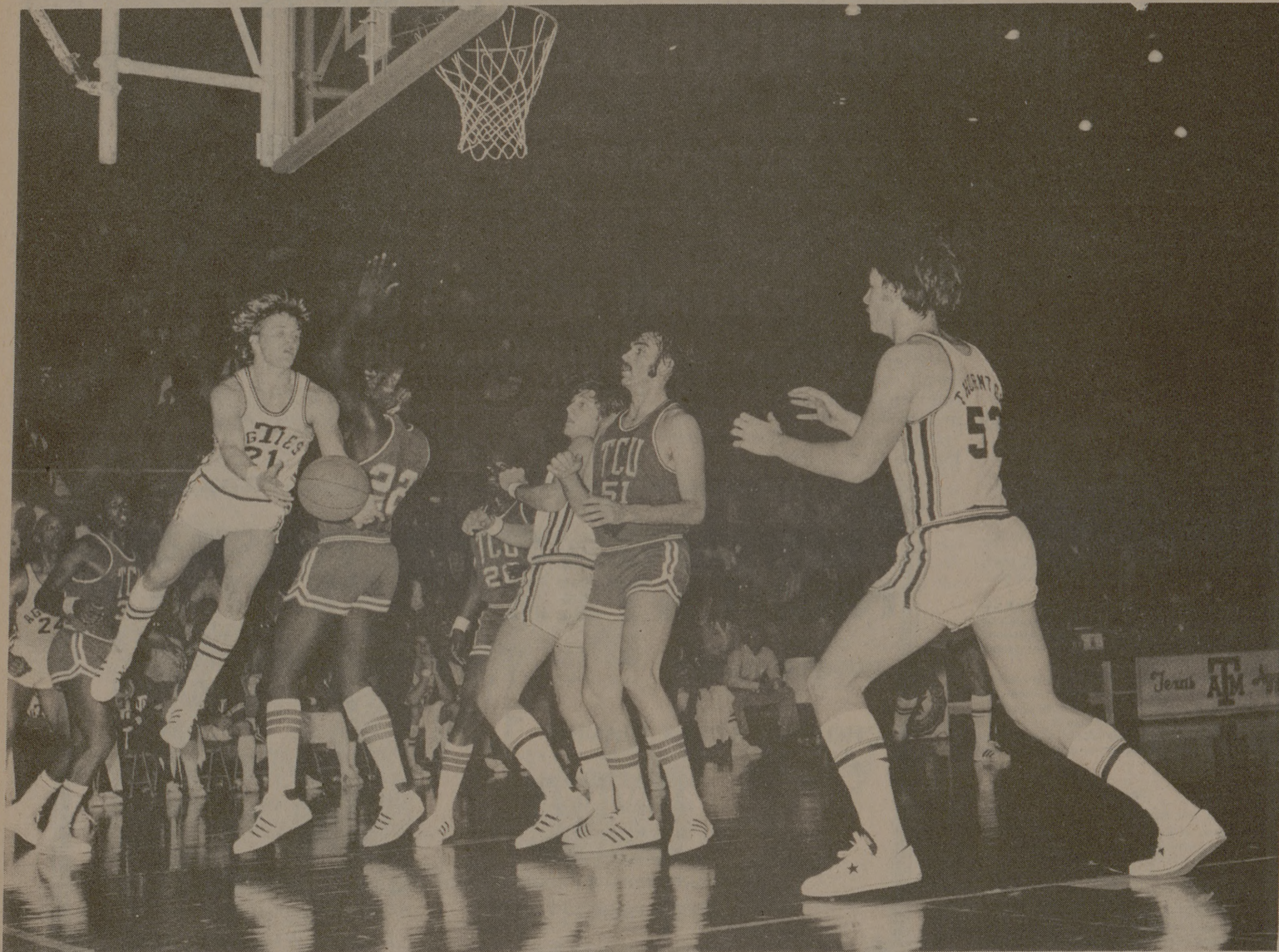
in double figures with Thomas Bledsoe hitting 14 points, Lynn Royal, 11 and Bill Bozeat and Landers with 10 each.

A&M's Jerry Mercer was the leading rebounder of the game with ten. John Thornton had seven for

the Aggies. Bledsoe and Bozeat led the Frogs in rebounding grabbing nine and eight respectively.

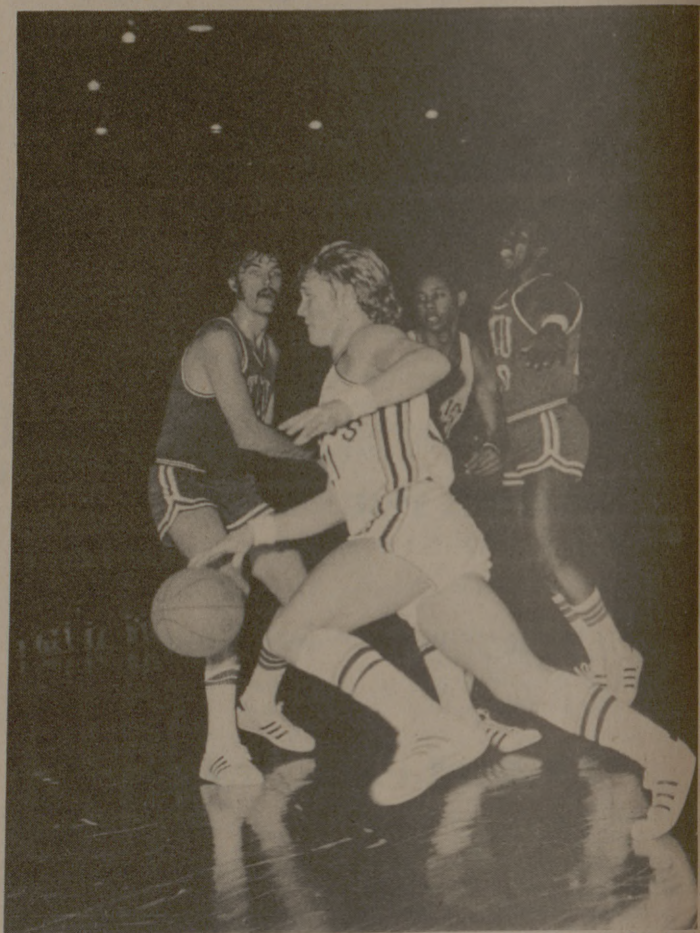
The Aggies will try to extend their conference lead tonight as they face the very tough Red Raiders, in Lubbock. Tipoff is at 7:30 p.m.

## Batt sports



Gates Erwin passed to John Thornton in Saturday's game.

(Photo by Steve Krauss)



Gates Erwin on the move.

(Photo by Steve Krauss)

TCU	fga	fgm	fta	ftm	pf	tp
Landers	4	2	9	6	5	10
Bledsoe	8	6	4	2	4	14
Bozeat	8	5	2	0	3	10
Fitzhugh	7	4	0	0	4	8
Johnson	7	2	0	0	3	4
Royal	9	2	8	7	3	11
Jones	3	0	5	4	2	4
Hensley	2	1	6	4	4	6
Hollie	5	0	0	0	1	0
Blakney	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hoyt	2	1	0	0	0	2
Team Totals	54	23	54	23	29	69
Texas A&M	fga	fgm	fta	ftm	pf	tp
Davis	5	2	4	2	5	6
Thornton	10	3	2	0	2	6
Mercer	7	4	0	0	5	8
Parker	10	7	3	1	4	15
Floyd	5	1	4	3	4	5
Williams W.	7	3	3	2	0	8
Erwin	6	2	7	4	4	8
Roberts	8	6	1	1	1	13
Tone	1	0	0	0	0	0
Joseph	4	3	6	3	3	9
Williams M.	2	0	4	3	0	3
Team Totals	65	31	34	19	28	81

## Cadets show diversity

In intramural play, the Corps upperclassmen showed their usual diversity.

Sq12, starring Craig Kittleson, took their win from K1. Sq12 used a fast break and a traditional key zone defense.

Kittleson, showing good ball handling, overshadowed his top opposition Steve Gibson. Gibson, K1, was good for a long basket shot. Scoring the 54 points for Sq12 were

Lynn White, Jim Bob Mickler, Blaine Alprin and Mark Swizer. Final score was Sq12, 54; K1, 36.

No finesse defined the Sq6 vs. F2 game. Joe Mickler shone for the squadron in all around good play. Larry Adrain, also Sq6, made 22 points. But the 'flyers' lacked organization. Only good thing was F2 had even less. Corky Ragland played a good game for F2, but the 22 point gap couldn't be closed. Final score was 52-30.

Featuring a lot of turnovers, the D2-Sq3 game, showed possibilities for improvement. It looked like field hockey under the basket with heads being pounded, ankles being kicked and general disorder.

Sq3 had the strong players. James Patterson played good defense. Scott Craig sunk 16 points and Rudy Acosta moved like slick guacamole to prevent D2 attacks. Final score was Sq3, 40; D2, 13.

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