

# Ags face 'gut check' with TCU

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Coch Shelby Metcalf said in his weekly press conference Wednesday that his Aggies were going to get a "real gut check in these last three games."

Intestinal fortitude check number one comes up tomorrow night in Ft. Worth at 7:30. Texas A&M and TCU get together in a little game of roundball that isn't too little.

For the Aggies it's a do or die situation. They are tied for top spot in the Southwest Conference with Texas Tech and are followed closely by the Arkansas Razorbacks who are only one game behind in second. Af-

ter this one only two games are left. The Aggies can't afford another loss if they are to stay in title contention.

A team like TCU could make up for a rather dismal season by knocking the Aggies out of the conference race.

If the Ags do win their final three games and Tech wins their final three the two teams would meet in a one game playoff (probably in Dallas).

But as the old cliché goes, "we've just got to take 'em one at a time." Never has this been more true in the Aggie's case.

The Aggies and Froggies got together in College Station January 25 and the Aggies won 81-69. Since then the Ags have won seven and lost two. The Frogs have taken the opposite road winning only two while losing seven.

Fort Worth has been a hard place for the Aggies to win. Since Shelby Metcalf has been at A&M his teams have won only five times at TCU while losing six.

There will be no changes for the Aggies who will start 5-10 senior Mike Floyd at the point, 6-7 senior John Thornton and 6-6 junior Sonny Parker on the wings, 6-6 junior Barry Davis at the high post and 6-9 senior Jerry Mercer at the low post. Two schools at College Station, Sonny Parker was the leading Aggie scorer with 15 points. Jerry Mercer was the leading Ag rebounder with 10.

Game time is 7:30 and plenty of tickets remain on sale at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. The game will be broadcast locally on KTAM with Mike Mistovitch doing the play-by-play.



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Roberts	23	67-134	32-42	47-2.0	166	7.2
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**Elephant Bowl '75: Zips to butt heads**

By PAUL McGRATH  
Staff Sports Writer

The elephants are dying one by one but it's first and goal on the Army two-yard-line so the funeral will just have to wait.

The seniors of the Corps of Cadets, or "dead elephants" as they are called, will be resurrected for one last kick (whoop!) to play a football game for charity.

No matter what the final outcome of the contest is, the Brazos Valley Rehabilitation Center will be the real winner. All proceeds from the game will go to the Center. Nearly \$1500 have been raised for the Center in the last three games which has seen the Army win two and the other ending up a scoreless tie.

The Army and Navy-Marine seniors will knock trunks with their comrades in the Air Force units. The Army team has been declared the home team for Saturday's grid battle.

The Elephant Bowl, which has become the official title for the game, derives its name from the A&M tradition of the Elephant Walk where "seniors gather in front of the Academic building and begin to wander aimlessly about the campus like old elephants about to die."

It symbolizes the fact that the seniors will soon be graduating and can no longer be part of the Twelfth Man.

The Texas Aggie Band will entertain at halftime. The game will be referred by members of the A&M faculty and members of the Military Science department will act as yell leaders.

The teams will don football equipment donated by the Athletic Department with the aid of Head Trainer Billy Pickard. All equipment is furnished except for shoes.

Both teams are coached by senior members of the varsity football squad and will play under the platoon system.

The Air Force will be trying to zip past the Army for the first time in the Bowl's four year history. Kickoff for the match is set at 4:00 p.m.

## Ag doubles play highlight of trip

By TONY CALLUCCI  
Staff Sports Writer

Strong doubles play and a few near misses characterized early round play in the Corpus Christi Invitational for the Ag tennis team.

Bill Hoover and Bill Wright playing the top two spots and John Kirwan all won their singles matches and Hoover teamed with Charles Emley and Kirwan teamed with Tom Courson picked up doubles wins to lead the Ags to a 5-4 round win over tough Oklahoma State.

Hoover beat Ali Khan 7-5, 6-3 in the top match while Wright took the second match over Glenn Nakajawa 6-1, 3-6, 7-6. Dean White beat Emley 2-6, 6-1, 6-3 and Harry Drumond struggled to overcome Mark Silberman 3-6, 7-5, 7-6. Mickey Cokes beat Courson in the No. 5 match, 6-2, 6-7, 7-5.

Kirwan beat Charles Lester 6-2, 6-3. In doubles Hoover and Emley defeated Drumond and Nakajawa 7-6, 6-2. Khan and Whiteaced Wright and Edwin Teran 6-3, 6-2.

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