

Alley hoop!

Texas A&M guard Gates Erwin weaves an unusual path to the bucket as he sinks a shot against Wayland Baptist. Staff photo by Alan Killingsworth

Ags clobber Pioneers 115-64 in home opener

Behind a stifling defense and the double-figure point production of six players, the Aggies made mincemeat of their first basketball opponent of the 1975-76 season defeating the Wayland Baptist Pioneers 115-64.

Barry Davis led the Ags with 20 points and collected a team high ten rebounds for the night. Senior Ray Roberts was second in both categories with 19 points and eight rebounds.

Freshman Karl Godine and former Kashmere High teammate Jarvis Williams were both impressive in their first game as Aggies. Godine hit for 13 points and was credited with three assists. Godine hit the first basket of the season for the Ags to give them a 2-0 lead. And at the other end of the game, he made the score 100-53 with a jumper from the top of the key. Williams scored 11 points, obtained six rebounds and was overwhelming in collecting three blocks.

Sonny Parker collected 17 points and three steals while in the game.

The game started on a fast note, with the Ags moving away 6-0 to start the game. Wayland called time to regroup but it did little good. Ag head coach Shelby Metcalf later commented, "They were 2-2 coming in but should have been 3-1. They lost a two-point game in the last four seconds to Stephen F. Austin. We just forced them out of their game early. The defense just pushed them out of what they wanted to do."

The defensive effort showed, forcing sloppy, panicked play and numerous turnovers.

Pioneer baskets were few, with the Ags going 3 minutes during one

stretch of the first half in building up a 28-point lead with 3:35 remaining in the half.

The Ags outscored the visitors 23-4 during the last part of the first half when the Ags took a 56-29 lead to the locker room.

Early in the first half, Davis tied the ball up on defense, followed shortly in the same maneuver by Gates Erwin. After the game, Davis said, "I was pleased with the zone press. Of all the things we did tonight, the zone press was the best. We forced them into a lot of turnovers."

The tight work of the press constricted more during the second half causing an even greater number of turnovers that resulted in the final WBC total of 31.

In building up the final 51-point lead, the Ags managed a respectable 46.7 per cent from the field after cooling a bit in the second half. Meanwhile, the Pioneers were held to 38 per cent for the game and could manage just 68.6 per cent from the line to the Ags 79.5 per cent. The Ags led in rebounds 53-40, although they held a more sizeable 32-14 lead at the half.

The defending Southwest Conference Aggies' record remains a spotless 1-0 with the victory while the loss for the Pioneers drops them to 2-3.

The next game for the Ags is Wednesday night in G. Rollie White Coliseum. A post-vacation crowd larger than the 3,497 at last night's game is expected to watch the added depth

of high-scoring power with the Aggie defense.

The next opponent is Southwest Texas State, which finished a strong 17-10 last year and is expected to be much improved this year. The Bobcats of coach Vernon McDonald lost to the Aggies, 74-65, two years ago when the teams last met.

Assistant coach Bob Gobin said, "They have a little more experience, they're a little bigger and they have some better caliber players," in comparing SWTSU to Wayland.

If the coach's view of the players doesn't change however, there is a little chance for Southwest Texas as there was for the Pioneers. "Everybody came out real intense. All the seniors had good games," said Gobin.

Of the freshmen, Metcalf said, "I was pleased with them, they have great examples to follow in the seniors. Those four seniors play with great intensity. They are the four hardest-working members of the team. I feel I have something in common with Bobby Knight (of Indiana) in that." Gobin said that the defensive philosophy is the same as Indiana's, which may not be good news as far as the rest of the conference is concerned.

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PLAYER	FGM-FGA	FTM-FTA	REB	PF	TP	ASS
Barry Davis	7 16	6 6	10	2	20	1
Ray Roberts	8 13	3 4	8	3	19	3
Sonny Parker	5 14	7 7	5	4	17	0
Karl Godine	6 11	1 3	4	5	13	3
Jarvis Williams	5 11	1 2	6	4	11	1
Steve Jones	2 4	6 8	2	2	10	0
Gates Erwin	3 6	2 2	6	5	8	3
Wally Swanson	2 6	4 4	6	3	8	1
Bob Middleton	3 4	0 0	3	2	6	0
Joey Robinson	1 5	1 2	2	4	3	2
Kevin Jones	0 0	0 0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	42 90	31 39	58	34	115	15

WAYLAND BAPTIST 64

PLAYER	FGM-FGA	FTM-FTA	REB	PF	TP	ASS
Arthur Jackson	6 11	4 4	2	3	16	2
Gary Francis	2 11	8 9	15	2	12	1
Daryl Cox	4 4	2 3	0	3	10	1
Jasper Young	2 4	2 3	5	5	6	0
Alford Jackson	2 5	2 2	4	5	6	0
Doug Berry	1 4	4 6	1	2	6	0
Gary Mills	1 3	1 3	2	3	3	0
David Mathews	1 2	0 0	0	3	2	1
Gene Strickland	1 1	0 0	2	1	2	0
Jimmy Harvey	0 0	1 3	1	1	1	0
William Langston	0 2	0 1	0	0	0	1
Harold Moore	0 3	0 1	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	20 50	24 35	40	28	64	6

Women cagers grab first victory of year

By CAROLYN BLOSSER
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A strong Aggie offense overpowered Temple Junior College 74-63 in their first home game of the year. A&M's record in this young season now stands at 1-1.

The Aggies took the lead early in the game and never lost it. They held Temple scoreless until 3 minutes and 45 seconds had already elapsed from the clock.

Leading the offensive attack for the Aggies was Cissy Auclair with 23 points, followed by Cindy Gough who scored 15 points. Diane Quitta led in scoring assists with 10.

Sally Morissey was high scorer in the first of the game with 14 points, but was forced to leave shortly after the second half began, because of an injury.

Dianne Tillman led the scoring for Temple Junior College with 17 points.

At halftime, the Aggies rested on a

comfortable 38-27 lead. However, Temple came out strong in the second half, cutting A&M's lead down to 5 points. This momentary scare didn't last long. A&M quickly regrouped and pulled way out ahead, where they stayed until the end of the game.

The Aggies played well defensively, effectively using the zone defense. Controlling the boards for A&M were Auclair and Gough, each with 9 rebounds.

Coach Kay Don was pleased with her team's performance, although she said she would like to see fewer turnovers in the future.

"We were moving a lot faster and quicker in this game," Don said. "We worked better on our offensive patterns, but we still had too many turnovers," she added.

The Aggies' next game is Wednesday against Southwest Texas at 5:15 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

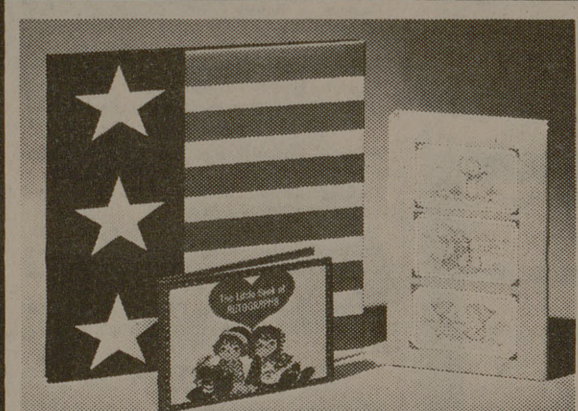
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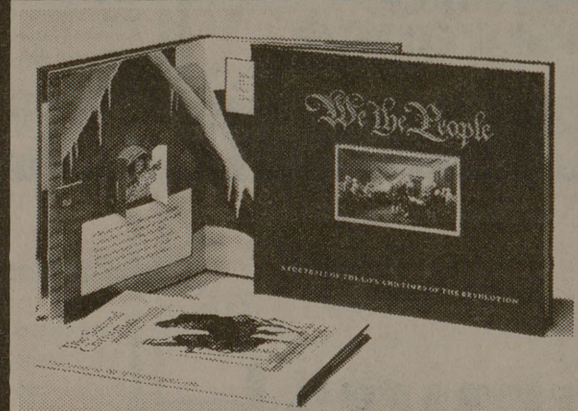
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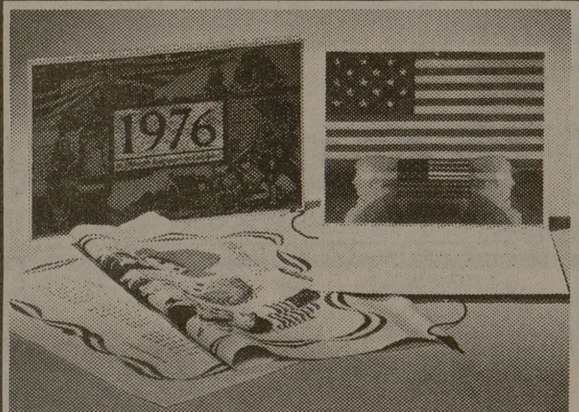
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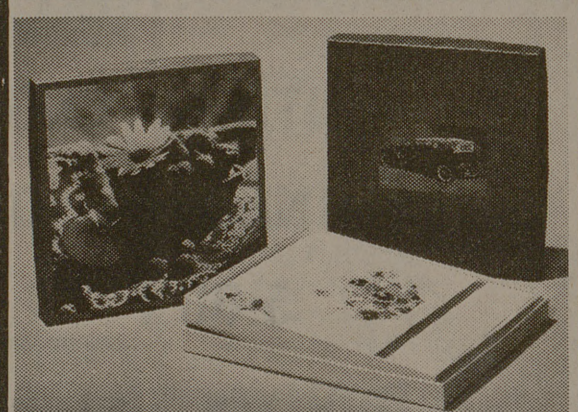
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