

Zap scoring record

# Aggies roll over Huskies

With six players scoring in double figures, three over twenty, the Aggies blitzed the record book Saturday night with a 127-80 victory over Houston Baptist University.

Barry Davis, with an awesome one-two punch of 26 points and 18 rebounds, led both categories and the team to its third straight victory in as many games this season.

The game started out on a fast pace with the Aggies taking less than five minutes to build up a 14-2 lead. At that point, the Huskies required a timeout to regroup. The margin was briefly narrowed but only briefly as the Aggies continued to build the margin until it hit a first-half high at the buzzer of 23, sending the teams to the locker room with the Aggies commanding the scoreboard 35-32.

A big difference was in the floor game, where the Huskies hit only

nine of 27 shots the first half, while A&M managed 23 of 54. HBU scored on 14 of 21 free throws, with Ags hitting nine of 11.

By the half the Ags had collected 37 rebounds to HBU's 28.

The Ags came out the second half and set a torrid pace, scoring 22 points in the first five minutes of the half. In the second five minutes they scored another 22 points. At that pace the final Aggie score would have been 143. When Sonny Parker scored on a layup after a Davis steal at the ten minute mark on the clock several things happened. The Ags had scored just 11 points less than their total first half output. It became inevitable that the Ags would get their third straight 100 game, while the Huskies were still below the Aggie first half point production (99-54), and Coach Shelby Metcalf changed the game plan a bit.

With the Ags on their record setting pace, they came out for the final ten minutes in somewhat of a slow-down game and the record seemed in jeopardy. It was two minutes and eight seconds before Ray Roberts connected on two free throws to boost the score over a hundred and it was again one minute and 25 seconds before another score came from Davis in the corner. But from there the scoring picked up again and Steve Jones tied an A&M school record for most points in a game on a followup with 2:19 remaining in the game. (Old record was A&M 119, SMU 98 in 1969.)

Joey Robinson got the honor of breaking the record when Bob Middleton fed him underneath and he got the layup with 1:59 left. Jarvis Williams scored on a followup to end Aggie scoring with 0:50 left. Robert Paige hit at the buzzer for the Huskies to give the final margin of 127-80. The highest margin was after Williams' layup that ended Aggie scoring when they led by 53 points.

Roberts was the number two scorer for the Ags with 22 points. Sonny P scored 20 points and collected nine rebounds, while Williams pulled down 14 rebounds and hit for 13 points. Karl Godine with 13 and Jones with 11 were other Ags in double figures.

For HBU Huey Smith and Robert Paige both scored 21 points to lead the Huskies. Paige also had 18 rebounds. No other Husky scored or rebounded in double figures.

For the game the Huskies hit 45.3 per cent from the floor and 83.8 from the line.

The Ags fell one short of the field goals in a game record, connecting on 48 of 104 attempts.

The Ags' tough team play is illustrated by the assist figure which shows the Ags with 25 to Baptist's 5. HBU Coach Bobby McKinley said after the game, "We're playing with five individuals, not a whole team, and we just won't win games like this."

The Aggie basketball trademark of defense is still more evident, with the Ags taking 14 steals to HBU's one and forcing 29 Husky turnovers to A&M's 13. Sonny P, Williams and Roberts each blocked a shot for the Ags, while Paige pushed one away for the Huskies.

Only twice before have the Aggies scored more than 100 points at least three times in a season. In last

year's Southwest Conference championship season the Ags scored over 100 three times, and in 1972 the Aggies eclipsed the century mark four times.

Assistant Coach Norman Reuther said, "Overall we have a chance to be better than we were last year." David said, "They (HBU) are improved over last year, but the difference is we are improved over last year. We came out ready to play. We just wanted to play basketball."

McKinley (HBU coach Bobby) praised the Ags after the game, "They've got a super team, probably the best team they've ever had." In reference to teams like UTEP and New Mexico, of whom they are recent victims, he said, "They can play with those teams, they won't walk all over them though."

## UT begins preparation for Colorado

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — The Texas Longhorns opened AstroBluebonnet Bowl workouts Monday with freshman Mike Cordaro of San Antonio Highlands moving into the No. 2 quarterback spot behind Ted Constanzo.

Constanzo, also a freshman, took over the No. 1 quarterback job after senior Marty Akins was injured in the Texas A&M game the day after Thanksgiving.

Akins was listed as "doubtful" for the collision with Colorado on Dec. 27.

Cordaro was the scout team quarterback all year, running opponents' plays against the varsity.

Texas Coach Darrell Royal said the Horns would work six days before taking off for final exams. The team will gather in Houston at noon, Dec. 26 for a short workout in the Astrodome.

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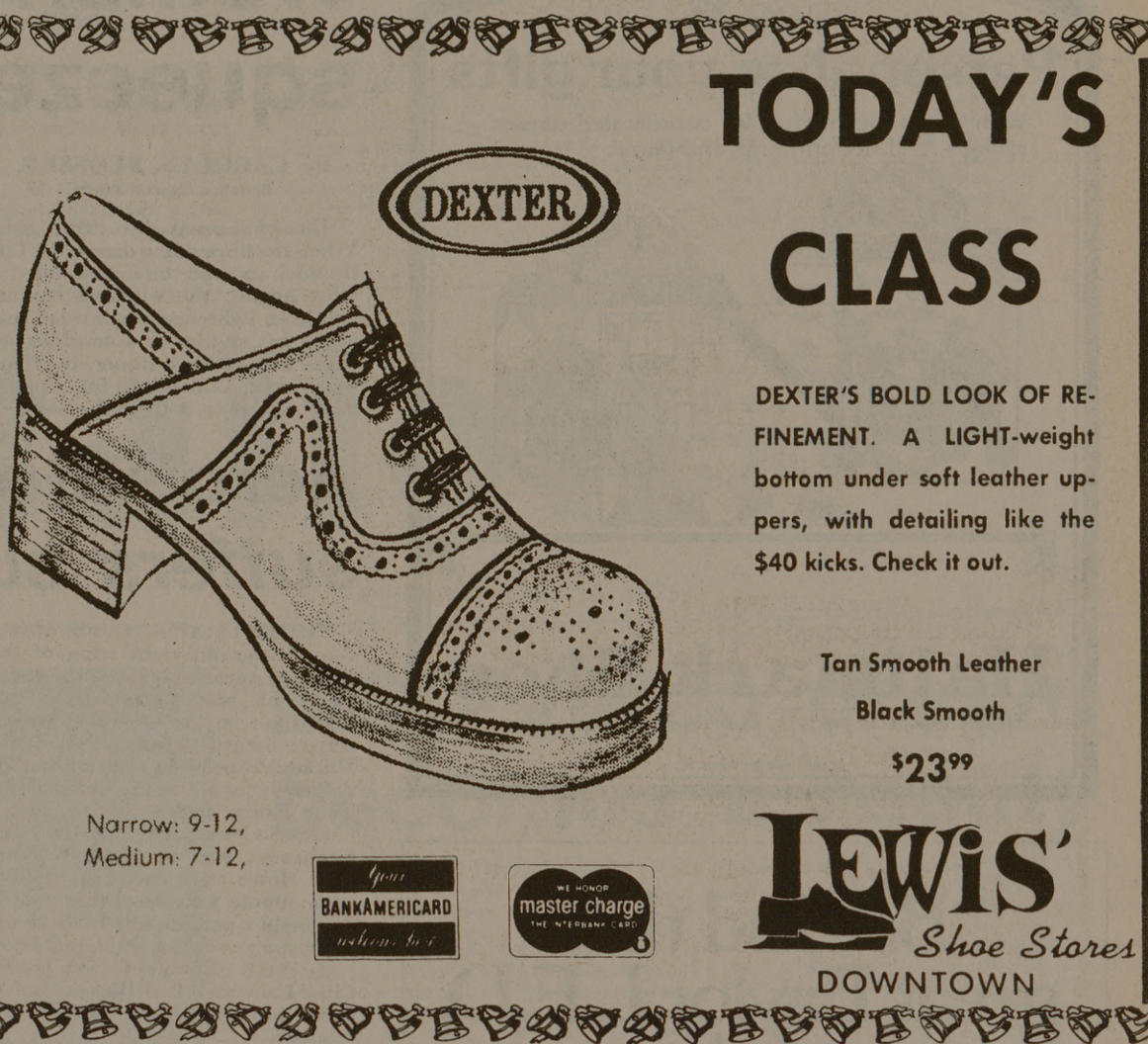
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