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Terrell, Mustangs visit Aggies tonight

By DAVID WALKER

It may seem early to pin the tag, "big game" on a Southwest Confer-ence basketball game, but that is exactly what it will be when Texas A&M and SMU get together tonight

at C. Rollie White. The defending SWC champion Aggies are 8-3 for the season and 1-0 in conference play while the streak-ing Mustangs have an 8-5 season mark with a 3 L conference mark mark with a 3-1 conference mark.

The Ponies suffered an upset loss to TCU in Fort Worth on the opening night of conference play but have won three straight, including a stun-ning 82-81 victory over the Arkansas Bazorbacks in Fayetteville. The win over Arkansas came two days after the Hogs had beaten the Houston

Cougars by 45 points. Four of SMU's five losses have come by fewer than four points. The Ponies dropped a one-pointer to St. Louis 80-79, a two-pointer to Arizona 83-81, a three-pointer to

Arizona State 88-85, and a four-pointer to TCU 79-75. All four games vere on the road.

The Aggies are 8-3 for the season with all three losses coming on the road. The Aggies dropped two games by two points to LaSalle and San Francisco. The other loss was in the finals of the Louisville tournament to Louisville 102-88.

In conference play the Aggies opened with a heart-stopping over-time victory over the pesky Baylor Bears in Waco 76-69. Regulation time ended with the score tied at 67 time ended with the score tied at 67 all. The Aggies wrapped it up in the overtime with some clutch free throwing by Ray Roberts and an un-contested lay in, also by Roberts. The Aggie defense held Baylor to only two points in the extra five min-uter beth form the foce throw Line

utes, both from the free-throw line. The Aggies enter the SMU game as the eighth-highest scoring team in the nation, averaging just over 90 points a game. They are ranked tenth in scoring margin and rebound margin.

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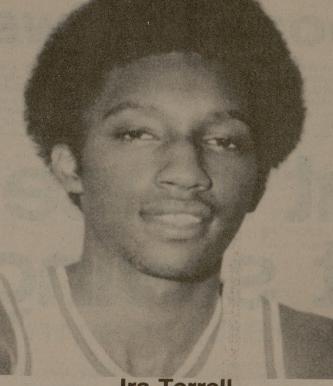
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The Mustangs are in their first year under new coach Sonny Allen who brought along the fast break to add to the SMU attack along with the return of Ira Terrell that has made the Mustangs one of the pre-season favorites to battle for the SWC

Along with 6-8 center Terrell the Mustangs will start 6-6 Joe Swedlund and 6-4 Pete Lodwick at the forwards. Guards Bob Arnold, 6-4 and Mike Jaccar, 6-1 will round out the

The Aggies will go with 6-3 freshman Karl Godine at the point. Jarvis Williams, 6-6 freshman, will be at the low post with 6-6 senior Barry Davis at the low post. Senior Sonny Parker 6-7, and 6-4 Ray Roberts will be the wing men for the Ags. Tipoff for tonight's game will be at 7:30. On Saturday the Ags travel to Lubbock to face the current co-leaders in the SWC race, Texas Tech. The contest with the Red Raiders will be telecast regionally.



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Pittsburgh line poses problems

Associated Press MIAMI — When Roger Staubach leads the Dallas Cowboy offense on the field to face Pittsburgh's Steel Curtain defense in Super Bowl X, he will have four huge problems on his hands.

From left to right, they are: L. C. Greenwood, 6-foot-6, 245

pounds Joe Greene, 6-foot-4, 275 pounds. Ernie Holmes, 6-foot-3, 260

pounds. Dwight White, 6-foot-4, 255 pounds.

They are easily the most well known front four in professional football, a frightening, formidable quartet that played a major role in delivering the Super Bowl Trophy to

Pittsburgh last January. Greenwood, Holmes, Greene and White limited Minnesota to a record-low 17 rushing yards in last year's Super Bowl, permitting a mere nine first downs. Unless they are controlled, it is entirely likely that the Steel Curtain could do the same kind of terrible things to the

Cowboys. So, the problem is how to control them. Well, the immediate job be-longs to the Dallas offensive line composed of tackles Ralph Neely and composed of tackles Ralph Neely and Rayfield Wright, guards Blaine Nye and Burton Lawless and center John Fitzgerald. All of them are veterans except for Lawless, a rookie out of Florida who will line up across from Holmes and White. That Dallas line will try to open the holes for running backs Robert Newhouse and Preston Pearson. Newhouse rushed for 930 yards dur-

Newhouse rushed for 930 yards during the regular season and Pearson, who was signed by the Cowboys after being cut by Pittsburgh, gained 509. The Steeler defensive charge

could force Staubach into frequent use of the shotgun formation which the Cowboys have employed to great advantage this season. In obvious



passing situations, Staubach drops eight yards back of the center to take the snap

The Cowboys say the shotgun gives Staubach more time to diagnose the defense and attack it. Against the Steelers, he'll be facing three top linebackers in Andy Rus-sell, Jack Lambert and Jack Ham and a secondary that includes cornerbacks J. T. Thomas and Mel Blount, the defensive player of the year, and safeties Mike Wagner and Glen Edwards.

Blount led the NFL with 11 interceptions during the regular season. He is the key man in a secondary that must defend against wide receivers Drew Pearson and Golden Richards and tight ends Billy Joe DuPree and Jean Fugett, who act as play messengers for Coach Tom Landry

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