

# Ags tackle Coogs tonite

When Houston comes to town tonight it will be the first time the Cougars have played against A&M in SWC play though the two have met numerous times in the Bluebonnet Classic. The Cougars hold a 22-13 edge in wins.

The Cougars are currently 3-2 in the SWC with the three wins, over

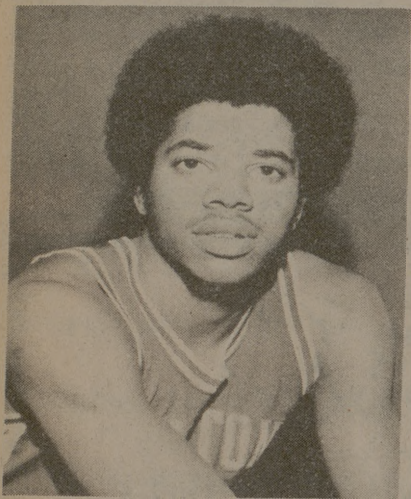
Rice, Arkansas and Texas, all coming at home. The losses have been lambastings, an 18-point loss to TCU in Fort Worth and a 45-point smear from Arkansas in Fayetteville, the worst loss in Cougar history. The return victory was a mere one-point spread for Houston. For the season the Coogs are 11-3.

The visitors will probably start All-American guard Otis Birdsong and Pan American stars Cecil Rose and Charles Thompson. David Marrs is another probable starter. At the post will likely be freshman Al Winder, a schoolboy bleuchipper.

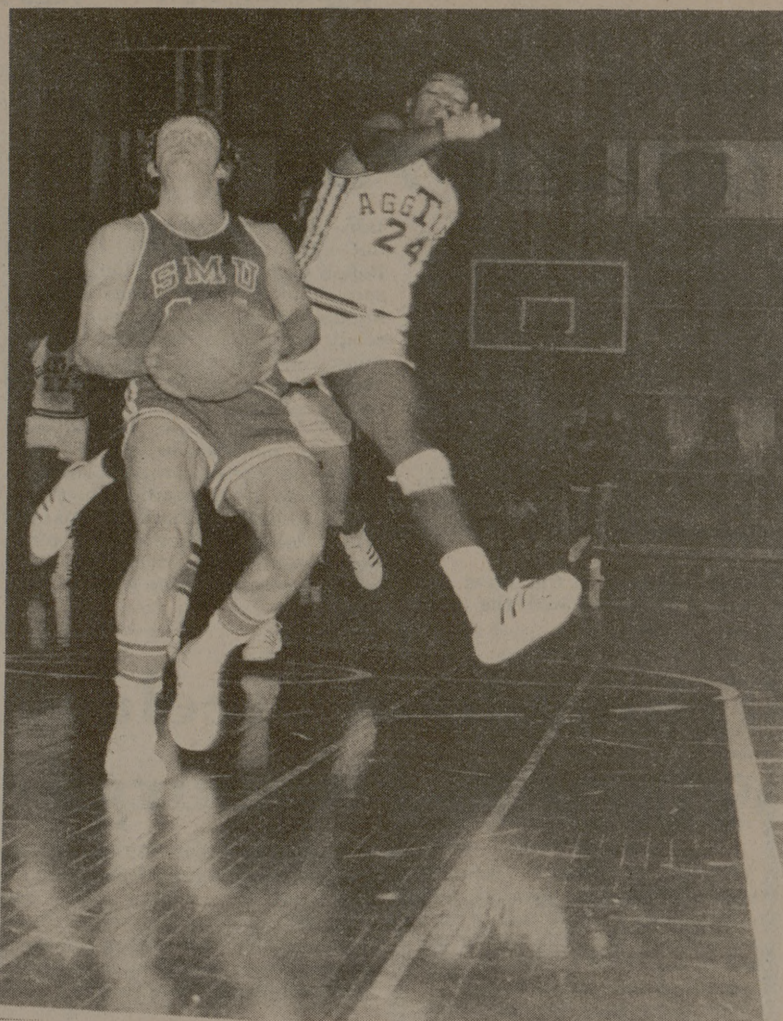
Starting for the Aggies will be Sonny P, leading scorer for the Aggies at a 19.2 clip, Davis (15.5 points per game and 10.2 rebounds), and Ray Roberts at 13.1 points per game and freshman Godine (13.2) and Jarvis Williams (9.0). Bench support will come from Gates Erwin, Wally Swanson, Joey Robinson, Steve Jones and Kevin Jones.

The game tips off at 7:30 with the Aggie females playing prelim against UH at 5:15 p.m.

A full house is expected for this first home game after the start of classes.



Otis Birdsong



Freshman guard Karl Godine comes over the shoulder of an SMU player to block a shot. Godine has been one of the key factors in the Aggies taking the Southwest Conference lead. Texas A&M faces the talented Houston Cougars tonight. Photo by Steve Goble

# Cowboys get heroes' welcome at Dallas

Associated Press

DALLAS — The Dallas Cowboys, destiny's football darlings who took a 21-17 Super Bowl X spanking from the World Champion Pittsburgh Steelers, came back to a warm welcome in a dismal drizzle Monday without a head bowed.

"It's amazing," said Cowboy quarterback Roger Staubach of the cheering crowd of some 1,000 or so who braved raw 47-degree temperatures to wait for the Dallas charter which was an hour late leaving Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

The Cowboys were tardy because a fuel truck ran out of gas which is about what happened to the team in the final period of Sunday's Super Bowl Classic.

Staubach said, "I wish I could be happier. These fans are just great. They've been a big part of us this year."

Staubach said doctors had decided he could not play in next week's Pro Bowl game in New Orleans because of damaged ribs and a sore elbow.

"Doctors advised me not to go so I'm not going," said Staubach.

Cowboy wide receiver Golden Richards, who also suffered broken ribs, said, "The fans here have been a big part of our year. They backed us win or lose. For them to come out

here to Dallas Love Field on a day like today is unbelievable."

A small band of high school students did a take off on comedian Bob Hope's theme song "Thanks for the Memories."

After the red, yellow and blue jet wheeled to a stop, the students sang "Thanks for all the things you've done . . . you'll always be No. 1."

The Cowboys, the only team ever to make it into the Super Bowl on a wild card ticket, were thought to be in a rebuilding year after failing to make the playoffs in 1974 on an 8-6 record. However, Dallas stunned both Minnesota and Los Angeles to make it into the Super Bowl.

Their underdog role week after week caught the fancy of the Dallas fans who have seen the Cowboys produce numerous championship teams.

The Dallas Morning News headlined Monday: "Slipper Didn't Quite Fit Size 21-17 . . . Cinderella Cowboys stumble at Super Ball."

Cowboy Coach Tom Landry said — with a smile — "It's amazing all these fans came out. It's been a great year for us. I'm sorry it had to end the way it did. But we had a chance. It's been a satisfying season."

"It's been a miracle season," said defensive tackle Bill Gregory. "All these fans out here must think so, too."

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