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Jump shot in final seconds helps Ags beat TCU 66-64

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The iceman cometh again. Clutch guard position shooting somewhere in the key portion of the season last year vaulted the Aggies into the SWC championship. If Karl Godine's buzzer shot against TCU didn't win the conference for A&M on Saturday night, it at least propels the Ags in the right direction and gives them momentum into their only two home-game stretch in conference play.

Coach Shelby Metcalf installed his highly touted (by Aggies) and highly scorned (by opponents playing catch up) stall routine with 5:57 left in the game and a 63-62 lead. Several minutes later, after the loss of Wally Swanson and a few adjustments in the score, the Ags went into the stall for all the chips. The score was tied 64-all and the situation was desperate. TCU coach Johnny Swain wanted his men to pressure, but they

did not go in for the foul readily, hoping probably that they would force the shot and the Ags would miss.

A&M had missed the shot after working for it in the first stall. TCU regained control and missed also. If the Ags missed this time there would be an overtime period.

The Ags did not go in, and Metcalf called a time-out to plan his strategy with 19 seconds remaining on the clock.

The strategy, later revealed, was to try to draw the Froggies out of their efficient zone defense. Then the ball would be worked in to either Sonny Parker or Barry Davis for the close-in shot that the "Sonny and Barry Show" had been pulling off as of late. If the Frogs would not come out of the zone, the plan was to load one side of the court by passing between Barry and Sonny and then feed the ball to either Ray Roberts or Godine for the final telling shot.

When the time ticked down to five seconds, Godine's number rang. He took two steps and put the ball in the air. The net barely rippled as the ball fell through just as the buzzer sounded. Few heard the buzzer though, as the half-Aggie crowd knew the game was over before the ball hit. Final score: Ags 66, TCU 64.

Assistant coach Norman Reuther said it in the locker room, "That's what makes champions!"

Godine took it in stride. "It was the one I wanted. I hadn't been hitting all night. It was either me or Ray."

It was Godine, and this game that was almost an upset could be the turning point for the team that needed little turning.

The fact that the game was so close was another matter. Metcalf said, "It's a tough bunch to play. TCU played well. What really hurt us is having Barry on the bench. If Barry didn't do anything but stand in the corner, we'd play better."

The Ags gained nothing on the pack though, as the two remaining contenders won their games, both very tough tests. SMU beat Arkansas in Dallas sweeping the Razorbacks, something the Ags won't have a chance to do this year. Tech meanwhile was the first team to ever beat Houston in Hofheinz in SWC play. Hopefully they won't be the last. The Ags have not ventured into Hofheinz yet this season.

On the home front, the Aggies play Texas in G. Rollie tonight. The Longhorns, well out of the race, will be trying to play a spoiler role after the Aggies defeated them on Horn turf one week ago.

Starting for the Horns will be Dan Krueger, John Moore very impressive as a frosh, Ovie Dotson, Ed Johnson and Mike Murphy.

Starting for the Ags will be Sonny P. Davis, Godine, Jarvis Williams and Roberts.



Sonny Parker scrambles for a loose basketball in a narrow win over TCU. The Ags face Texas tonight.

Mike Jay receives Aggie Heart Award

Senior quarterback Mike Jay received the coveted Aggie Heart Award last Saturday night by vote of the varsity football squad. Jay, who was instrumental in the 20-10 win over Texas, was presented the award by Texas A&M President Jack Williams.

Bubba Bean and Ed Simonini were named honorary captains for the past season at the annual awards banquet held in the Rudder Auditorium.

Also honored at the program were those players receiving All-Southwest Conference or All-America recognition. Included in

that illustrious group were Tony Franklin, Bruce W. Bujnoch, Jimmy Dean Fields, Richard Osborn, Schwarz, Tank Marshall, Garth Ten Napel, Robert Jackie Williams, Lester Pat Thomas.

Simonini was also plaque by Houston Post Editor John Hollis as the Player of the Year in the Conference.

Head Coach Emory Bellard special tribute in bidding his graduating seniors. "This has been the most any bunch of fellows I've ever had," said Bellard, "and always be a soft spot in my heart for this particular group."



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