Victory scratched from UT

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There were three top-notch tches on last night's fight card, but y one winner was determined.

Mike Lien and Jarvis Williams ght to a draw, with Lien gaining nts for initiative, and Williams for ting the final blow. Barry Davis d Rich Parsons also deadlocked. th lost points for shedding blood thout sending the other out for od.

Referees John Kloza and Ed Poss ened out in the battle of the whis-, while the Aggies fought and atched their way to an 85-69 vic-y over the bunch from Austin.

The iceman took over for the sec-d straight show, as Karl Godine ished an even 10 of 20 from the ld and connected on all four free rows to end up with a high of 24 ints. Godine also picked up 10 re-unds to lead all players. Sonny rker was close behind with 21 ints and eight rebounds. Gates vin had nine rebounds. Ray berts had 14 points and Davis ored 11.

Dan Krueger was high for Texas th 26, after embarassing himself in nt of the orange-clad crowd in Au-n one week ago. Krueger provided e Longhorns only second half ark, by scoring 16 of the 'Horns 35 ints in that period.

The game was much like the game Austin last week. The teams yed fairly even in the first half, though the Ags led by as much as ght. The lead was maintained from e first basket, until Parsons hit a ee throw to complete a three-point ay and the 'Horns gained their first of the game at 34-34. That was ith 30 seconds remaining. The Ags hittled away the final seconds and odine moved in for the final layup n a pass from Wally Swanson. Poss lled basket interference on an at-mpted block and the Ags took a 6-34 lead to the locker room.

Ag coach Shelby Metcalf said, We played kind of sloppy the first lf and I was kind of disappointed. ut we came back and played well in e second half and put it away."

Ran away was more like it. The gs came out running.

Anchored by Sonny P's 17 second lf points, the Ags soon com-anded the scoreboard by as much 16 points, and tinkered with that argin for almost seven minutes be-re forging the final tally of 85-69.

"We just played 15 minutes of ood basketball," said Metcalf. In ustin it was 10 minutes of good bas-tball, so the Ags took the 'Horns ore seriously this time. It was eeded.

The Ags, with the 15th ranked of-nse in the nation scored right at eir norm, while boosting their 77 oint SWC average.

Godine had his best scoring and bounding game of the season and osted his average in both tegories. All-America candidate nny P upped his scoring average ightly. He is just out of the national oring rankings as well as being on e fringes in free throw percentage.

For the game A&M outrebounded e Sips, but they only gathered in o more, 43-41. The Ags outshot e 'Horns 49.3 to 41.2 per cent from e field. The Ags outscored Texas 9-35 in the second half, while push-g their field percentage to an even 0 per cent. In the first half the Lon-horns hit at only a 36.7 pace. Both ams hit 13 free throws, but the Ag-ies took one more attempt (19) low-ering their average to 68.4 per cent to the 'Horns 72.2.

Forty-two fouls were called in the game, one of the sloppier games this season (for detailed analysis of last night's referees, see this week's Athletic Oatmeal).

In a department vitally important to the Aggie style of play, the home team was credited with 17 assists to Texas' eight. Godine, was responsible for six of those, again leading the team. Sonny P and Roberts each had three.

In other SWC action, the Red Raiders maintained their close proximity to the Ags in the race with and impressive win over Arkansas in Lubbock. Impressive because Tech was without the services of two starters: Rudy Liggins and Grady Newton who were both hospitalized. Guard Steve Dunn, who hasn't played much because of a broken nose, had to take up some of the slack in the stirring 86-78 victory.

TCU upset darkhorse Baylor 65-63 in Waco, ala Texas A&M's win over the Froggies in Ft. Worth Saturday. The Frogs, however, had to erase an 11-point halftime deficit before playing super defense to gain the win.

SMU smashed Rice 108-71 in Dallas to stay on the Aggies' trail and simultaneously not spoiling the Owls' chances of becoming the first winless SWC team in over a decade.

The Ags are at home Saturday against the Bears to complete the only two straight home games of the SWC season. The Ags must then gear up for a very tough two week schedule. They travel to play SMU, return for Tech, go to Hofheinz for UH, then return for Arkansas before jogging the home stretch against TCU and Rice.

Jim Hendrickson

Karl Godine splits between two Texas defenders to take aim on the bucket. The freshman guard scored 24 points in the 85-69 A&M victory.

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