

MU wins battle, 69-65

Ags drop into second with loss

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The Aggies dropped their second game of the year last night in a fiercely competitive game against SMU. The Mustangs won the game 69-65 before the largest crowd ever to watch basketball at Moody Coliseum, 9,876. Terrell, highly touted Mustang player led all scorers with 26 points in a late-game rally that put MU on top.

Terrell took the ball in for a layup 3-1/2 minutes left in the game and broke a 63-63 tie. One minute later he pumped in a short jumper to give the Mustangs the final margin in the game.

Referee Paul Galvan called plays the most controversial foul of the year when he whistled Barry Terrell for a charge underneath. The play was made on a routine rebound and followup. It appeared that Terrell had gone up with Davis on the shot and apparently was whistled

for the foul. But Galvan, approaching the scorers' desk, ruled the basket no good and called the charge on Davis.

Head coach Shelby Metcalf, apparently angered by the call, kicked the scorers' table and had to be restrained by assistant coach Norman Reuther. He drew a technical foul seconds later for throwing a chair on the playing court.

The three-point play expected would have given the Ags a two-point lead, but the technical, and the ensuing basket put SMU ahead by four.

Adding insult to injury, referee John Ashmore called Karl Godine for blocking just minutes later as Godine stood still on the court and was broadsided by an SMU player.

The Ags managed to survive the adversity and once again moved into a tie at 63-63 from which point the rugged SMU press took over and Aggie mistakes took their toll.

The Ags might have had one last chance, but the refs eliminated that also. Davis connected on two free throws to narrow the margin to four. The Mustangs took the ball out of bounds with 23 seconds showing on the clock. The Aggie press held the Pones inside the time line as the seconds ticked off. A whistle blew as Mike Jaccar stepped across the line and Ray Roberts wrapped his arms around him in desperation. The intentional foul was called, but the refs failed to recognize the 16 seconds it took for SMU to cross the line.

The teams played, in Metcalf's words, "extremely hard", though according to SMU coach Sonny Allen neither team played well.

The "Barry and Sonny Show" performed as scheduled with Sonny P netting 24 points and Davis collecting 19. Davis also gathered in 15 rebounds and Parker obtained nine. On one incredible Sonny P shot, assistant coach Norman Reuther com-

mented, "That was the greatest play in the history of the Southwest Conference." Nobody argued.

In the touted matchup between Parker and Terrell, Terrell won the scoring battle this time, Parker took it in College Station. Important though was the fact that Parker, an outside man, tied Terrell on the boards, each collecting nine rebounds. Davis and Swanson (10) both outbounded Terrell, the conference's leading rebounder.

As a team the Ags outmuscled the Pones on the boards, 54-43 but lost out in several crucial statistics. The Ags were outshot 44.3 to 36.5 per cent from the field. SMU choked at the line however especially in the final minutes. Despite SMU's picking up only 14 fouls to the Aggies 23, the Pones got only 15 chances at the free throw line and hit only seven of those shots.

The Aggies connected on 11 of 12. The Aggies were out-assisted 20-13 and committed seven more turnov-

ers than the home team. Both teams were credited with five blocked shots, but SMU came up with eight steals due mostly to the tough press. A&M stole the ball but three times.

Metcalf was emphatic after the game, "Regardless of what happened here, we had to beat Tech. Winning this game would've taken the pressure off us down in Houston." Commenting on the second straight Aggie shooting percentage in the thirties, Metcalf said, "I am disappointed in our shooting. I thought we played good defense."

"There were two turning points, the first when we had a three point lead. Right there we should've gone ahead and won the ball game. I doubt seriously if SMU could play us man. I don't want to take anything away from SMU, they played a very fine game."

The Aggies drop to 9-2 in conference play and are now a half-game back of Texas Tech, setting up the showdown this Saturday in G. Rollie.

Indiana, Maquette hold on to top spots; N-LV drops

Indiana remained No. 1 in the Associated Press college basketball poll Monday after edging Michigan 72-67 in overtime. Marquette held on to the second spot, but Nevada-Las Vegas, No. 3 last week, tumbled to seventh after a 23 game unbeaten streak at 23 games.

Washington, No. 6 a week ago, dropped to 10th after losing to UCLA, which had been No. 9. The Huskies were edged by the Bruins 98-87. Indiana unbeaten in 19 games this season, received 63 first-place votes and 1,278 points from a nationwide poll of sports writers and sportscasters in the balloting announced Monday. Marquette, 18-1 after beating Manhattan 78-59 and Detroit 86-56 was second with 1,093 points.

North Carolina, 18-2 and Maryland, 17-3, moved up one place each to No. 3 and No. 4 respectively, and

Rutgers, which received the only other top vote, skipped into the No. 5 spot from seventh.

North Carolina, with victories over Detroit, Georgia Tech and Furman, received 950 points. Maryland, which beat Virginia and Duke, received 772, and Rutgers, 19-0 after beating Princeton, West Virginia and Navy, received 756.

UCLA had 601 points, followed by Nevada-Las Vegas, 23-1, with 598. Tennessee, 18-2, remained eighth with 474 points after beating Mississippi State and Kentucky; Washington received 423 points for ninth and Notre Dame, 11th a week ago, moved up to 10th with 332 points after beating La Salle and Davidson.

Alabama, 15-3, moved up to 11th from 14th; North Carolina State, 16-4, dropped to 12th from 10th after losing to Georgia Tech; Cincinnati,

17-3, moved up to 13th from 16th; Missouri, 18-3 after losing to Kansas State, slipped one place to 14th and Western Michigan, 18-0, moved up two places to 15th.

1. Indiana (63)	19-0	1,278
2. Marquette	18-1	1,093
3. N. Carolina	18-2	950
4. Maryland	17-3	772
5. Rutgers (1)	19-0	756
6. UCLA	17-3	601
7. Nev.-Las Vegas	23-1	598
8. Tennessee	18-2	474
9. Washington	18-2	423
10. Notre Dame	14-4	332
11. Alabama	15-3	256
12. N. Car. St.	16-4	169
13. Cincinnati	17-3	143
14. Missouri	18-3	134
15. W. Michigan	18-0	112
16. Michigan	14-5	88
17. St. John's	17-3	79
18. Va. Tech	18-3	57
19. Centenary	20-3	41
tie N. Tex. St.	16-2	41

INTRAMURALS

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL
MILITARY: K-1 vs. F-1, 31-45; H-2 vs. Sq-4, 45-34; Sq-13 vs. Sq-6, 32-59; D-1 vs. Sq-8, 33-43; C-2 vs. C-1, 57-17.

INDEPENDENT: Lufkin vs. Dunkers, 36-62; Parkway vs. Centennials, 49-27; Sevilla vs. Hotdogs, 34-23; Hobbits vs. Craigs Cocks No. 2, Craigs Cocks forfeited; Walton vs. Animal Science, Walton forfeited; Barcelona vs. Keesee-Saints, 34-38; Vet I D vs. M. Raiders, 12-79; Dunn No. 2 vs. Dunlops, Dunn forfeited; Galaxy vs. BSU No. 4, 64-31; Naulers vs. Mexico, 61-29; BSU No. 2 vs. High Rollers, 33-63 BSU No. 1 vs. Piranhas, 40-54; Vet II vs. Old Army, 30-52; Briarwood 76ers vs. Outcasts, 46-47; Hotard vs. Ex-Jobs, Ex-Jobs forfeited; Gladeast vs. Turkey II, 47-39.

CO-REG: Dribblers vs. Refugees, 25-27; Castaways vs. Power Pak, 37-32; Vet I vs. Angola Outcasts, Vet I forfeit; IM's vs. Shorties, 38-76; JBAH vs. Wild Bunch, Wild Bunch forfeit; Little Lakers vs. Gin Fizzes, Little Lakers won by forfeit; Old College Main vs. BSU, forfeit by Old College Main; Bud's Brigade vs. No Wheels, 54-29; Hot Shots vs. Wesley Weentes, 48-47.

WOMEN: Hughes vs. Fowler, 18-12; Col- onels vs. Mosher 22-16.

Ag women netters top Rice

A&M's women's tennis team had trouble downing Rice University in a dual match played here Friday.

The Aggies defeated Rice earlier in a dual match played in Austin.

Lianna defeated Lydia Asselin 3-6, 6-2, 6-2.

Rounding out singles play, Karen Boerner beat Jenns Howell 6-3, 6-3, Gwen Thomas took her match with Sharon McGuinis 6-0, 6-0, and Paige Beasley defeated Nina Springer 6-0, 6-0.

In doubles play, Jane Wright and Dessie Samuels defeated Scott and Yeager 6-1, 6-2. Sheri Sharp and Robin Kendrick won their match with Burch and Asselin 6-4, 6-2, while Kim Bellamy and Ellen Flake beat Howell and McGuinis 6-2, 6-2.

Coach Ellen Buchanan's team will meet Sam Houston State University in a dual match here this Friday. Play will begin at 10 a.m. at the Varsity Courts.

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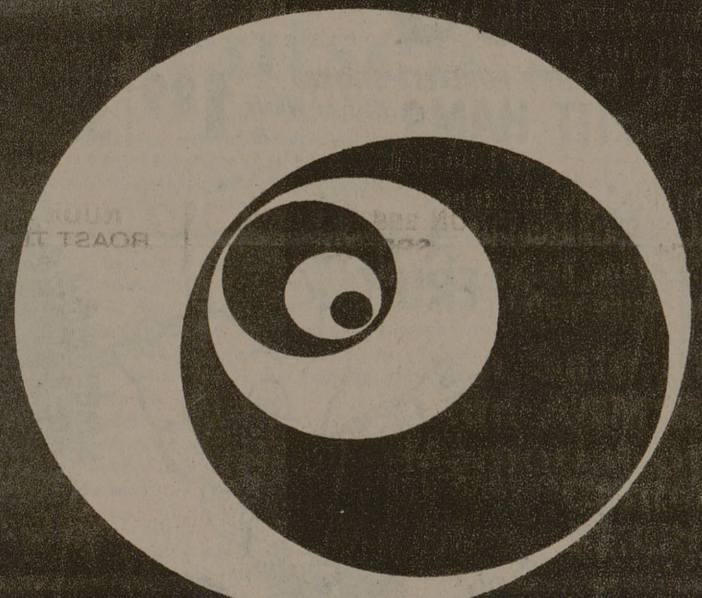
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