

Tech's Bullock, Russell get weekly SWC award

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DALLAS — Rick Bullock and Mike Russell, both of Texas Tech, have been named Southwest Conference basketball co-players of the week.

The conference office said the two were selected for their performances in victories over Baylor and Southern Methodist.

In the two games, Bullock scored 46 points and grabbed 30 rebounds while Russell hit for 38 points and collected 28 rebounds.

Also nominated for the weekly award were Barry Davis, Texas A&M; Elbert Darden, Rice; Randy Boyts, Texas Christian; Marvin Delph, Arkansas; Gary Goodner, Texas; George Jones, Baylor, and Mike Jaccar, SMU.

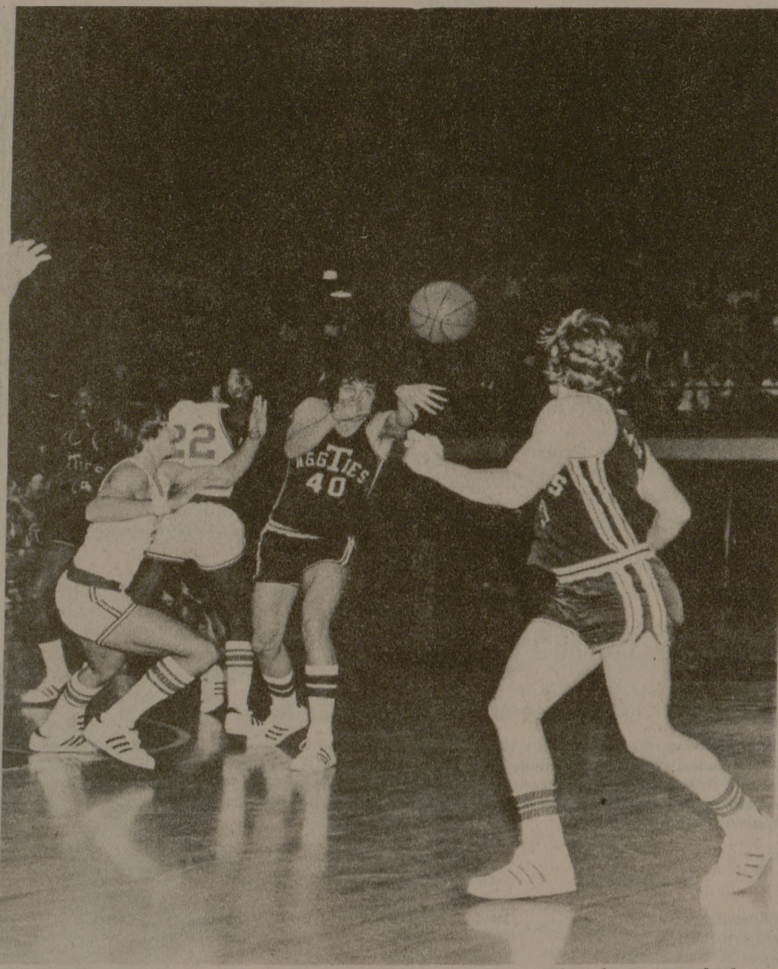


Photo by Jim Hendrickson

Joey Robinson (40) of Texas A&M passes off to Gates Erwin in the Ags' crushing 98-67 win over Rice. The Aggies won their second straight SWC crown last night.

Aggies win SWC title by crushing Rice, 98-67

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The Texas Aggies finished a controversy-filled regular season with a victory that should quiet the non-believers. The Ags devastated the last place Rice Owls 98-67, to clinch the Southwest Conference championship for the second straight year.

The upset-minded Owls savored an early lead of 4-0 when the Ags' Ray Roberts took the matter into his own hands. Roberts boosted the Ags into a 10-6 lead with less than five minutes gone. Rice called time out, but it did not slow the Ags as they romped to a 33-17 lead and went into the locker room at half leading by a comfortable 51-34 margin. Roberts scored 14 of those first half points before taking a seat on the bench and watching the margin stretch.

With their 51 points in the first, the Ags broke the school scoring record. They ended the night, having

established that record at 2210 points for the season.

Roberts scored 22 for the game, the high amongst all scorers. All-America candidate Sonny Parker had 15 points, Jarvis Williams had 14, Karl Godine and Steve Jones each had 11 and Barry Davis had 10. Jones and Wally Swanson each had 12 rebounds and Williams had nine.

Elbert Darden was Rice's leading scorer with 16 and Pete Meyers, Frank Jackson and Dave Louwerse each had 10 points. Darden had 14 rebounds.

The Aggies outrebounded Rice 62-43 as the Ags extended national ranking in rebound margin. The Ags also out-assisted the Owls 14-9 while shooting at a 45.5 per cent clip.

"It feels great, yeah, it feels real good," said Davis. The senior co-captain is not satisfied though, his goals are higher yet. "We don't want it to end. We want to go further. The championship means a whole lot, but we all feel like we can advance in the playoffs."

As for being 16th in the nation, an honor bestowed Monday by United Press International, "It's a real good feeling. I'm glad somebody recognized we can really play basketball," said Davis.

Queried as to whether or not he can consider this his finest team ever, coach Shelby Metcalf could not restrain his pleasure. "Yeah, they are." And so the winningest team in A&M school history must sit back and wait for two things.

They have a 10 day waiting spell before the finals of the first South-

west Conference Tournament only a day before they find out the fate of Williams and Godine. Houston Thursday another of the SWC fathers will determine whether or not the freshman will play any more this year.

The Aggies have ended the season with a 21-5 record, 14-2 in conference play.

To gain that record the Ags have undergone what Metcalf called "harassment" in any of the seasons. "The possibility of ruling out Godine and Williams ineligible for an as yet pending marijuana case, Metcalf's involvement in an athletic violation, the threat of a lawsuit by the SMU case and most recently the threat of a lawsuit by the SMU guard at UH all have taken their toll on the Ags. The Ags remained daunted except for Metcalf's anger over a call that penalized the Ags one of their five losses.

The two conference losses to Arkansas in the 93-91 double time thriller and to SMU in another thriller 69-65. The other losses were all in non-conference play to La Salle and San Francisco each by two points and to Louisiana State by one point. The Ags outshot Louisiana State from the floor but the Cardinals won three times as many free throws.

The Aggies were allowed to play in the SWC play, Texas Tech finished second with a 12-3 record in conference play. SMU in Dallas 107-101 finished third with a 10-6

Ruggers axe CC Middies

The Texas A&M Rugby team came one step closer to the state playoffs last Saturday with its 40-4 defeat of Corpus Christi's Naval Base team.

Wayne Womac of A&M began the scoring, earning four points on a run into the end zone. Other goals were made by Tim Fitch, John Wyble, Tim Field, John Rayton and Phil Cook. Bruce Mills earned ten points on five conversions and kicked a field goal for three more points. Rayton executed a three-point drop kick from 20 yards out to top the victory. Navy's only goal was scored on the opening play of the second half.

The Ruggers now stand 4-0 for the season and 3-0 in Central Division League play. This Saturday's game against San Antonio begins at 2 p. m. on the Main Drill Field.

"We've got a lot of confidence now — we stand a good chance of winning state this year," said rugby player John Lipscomb. If the team wins the Saturday game, A&M will go to the state playoffs in Dallas on April 3 and 4.

— Mary Alice Woodhams

By The Associated Press
DALLAS — The Southwest Conference announced Monday it would televise two games Saturday in the first round of the SWC basketball tournament.

The host team in one game will be Baylor, and in the other Southern Methodist.

Heading into the final two games of the regular season there are still 13 possible pairings in the format that matches the second place team against the ninth, the third against the eighth, and so forth.

SMU will be at home against either Texas, TCU or Houston. Baylor could host Houston, TCU, Texas, or Arkansas.



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Sonny Parker (left) and Coach Norm Reuther celebrate the Aggies' victory with champagne toasts.

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