

Metcalf gets coaching honor

Parker chosen as player of year

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Sonny Parker, who led the Texas Aggies to their second consecutive Southwest Conference basketball title, heads the Associated Press 1976 All-SWC team that features plenty of rebounding muscle and power.

Parker was selected Player of the Year. It was the third time Terrell had made the AP All-SWC club. The only year he missed was last season when he was declared ineligible. Terrell established a SWC career rebounding record. Rick Bullock, Texas Tech's 6-foot-9 rebounding and scoring machine, lacked just one vote from also making the unanimous selection roster. Bullock also was a repeater on the team like Parker and Terrell. Dan Krueger, Texas' classy guard, again made the mythical dream team

and was joined by high-scoring Otis Birdsong of Houston, the only junior on the first five. Birdsong, who led the United States team to the gold medal in the Pan American games at Mexico City in October, was the first Houston player to be honored because it was the Cougar's first year of competition in the SWC. Texas A&M Coach Shelby Metcalf nipped SMU's new coach Sonny Allen for Coach of the Year honors. Sidney Moncrief, Arkansas' jumping jack guard from Little Rock, was voted Freshman of the year.

The second five consisted of Moncrief, and SMU's racehorse guard Mike Jaccar on the outside, and Texas A&M's Barry Davis, and Arkansas' Marvin Delph and Darryl Saulsberry on the inside. Metcalf said during the season that Parker was "the best player I've ever seen in the Southwest Conference. If he doesn't Make All-America, you guys (sports writers) aren't doing your job." Metcalf led A&M to a 14-2 regular season which was marked by controversy over the eligibility of

freshmen Karl Godine and Jarvis Williams. Both Godine and Williams were later suspended from the playoffs and the 1977 season. Texas Tech had been the pre-season favorite to succeed the Aggies as regular season champions. Moncrief beat out Baylor's Larry Spicer and Godine for frosh honors. **FIRST TEAM** Outside—Otis Birdsong, Houston, 6-4, 190, Jr., Winter Haven, Fla., and Dan Krueger, Texas, 6-0, 177, Sr., Stevens Point, Wis.; Inside—Ira Terrell, SMU, 6-8, 200, Sr., Dallas; **SONNY PARKER**, Texas A&M, 6-6, 200, Sr., Chicago, Ill. and Rick Bullock, Texas Tech, 6-9, 230, Sr. San Antonio. **SECOND TEAM** Outside—Mike Jaccar, SMU, 6-0, 165, Sr., Ravenswood, Va., and Sidney Moncrief, Arkansas, 6-4, Little Rock, Ark.; Inside—**BARRY DAVIS**, Texas A&M, 6-6, 210, Sr., Galveston, Tex., Marvin Delph, Arkansas, 6-4, Soph., Conway, Ark., and Darryl Saulsberry, 6-8, Sr., Socorro, N.M. **PLAYER OF THE YEAR**—Parker, Texas A&M. **FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR**—Moncrief, Arkansas. **COACH OF THE YEAR**—Shelby Metcalf, Texas A&M.

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Thomas turned in superb performances as the Texas Aggies needed from their usual early in problems to a pair of victories at Sam Houston State University, 95-83. The Ags have trailed in all but one of this year, yet have maintained a 3-0 record. Tom Chandler summed up the team's dilemma, saying, "I'm not really sure what that program may not be getting loose before the start of the game." Farmers won the first game starting pitcher David Lockett by the way. The senior gave up four hits and two runs during his winning performance. Cheatham got things rolling in the Kats as he rapped a double to teammate David Mire in the ninth.

Cheatham added another tally in the third when shortstop Steve Ramsey sent him home on a single. The Aggies remained scoreless for three innings before Winston Whiddon and Robert Verde scored on a pair of errors to even the game at 2-2. The fifth inning was filled with excitement for both squads. The Aggies exploded for six runs, as Campbell ripped a triple to score Bonner and Raymer. Lockett batted for Blanchard, and was intentionally walked. Freshman Mark Thurmond then bunted and the Bearkat pitcher

overthrew the first baseman. Campbell and Lockett scored while Thurmond advanced to third. Thurmond scored when the Sam Houston hurler threw a wild pitch. Craig Hodges scored when four Aggie batters reached base on walks. SHSU moved the score to 8-5 in the same inning when Ramsey tagged Aggie reliever David Mocio for a three run homer. The Kats scored in the sixth on a wild pitch and a single by Cheatham, which tied the match at 8-8. The Ags continued their unbeaten

streak in the final frame, as game winner Hodges scored the game winner. Whiddon opened the inning with a walk and Hodges bunted to sacrifice him to second. But the second baseman mishandled the ball and Whiddon ran to third. Buster Turner was intentionally walked and Hodges advanced to third base on a forceout on Whiddon at home. Raymer then hit a grounder that the first baseman hesitantly fielded and Hodges crossed the bag for the clinching run. Thomas again relieved the last inning and recorded his third win of the season. The Aggies host Louisiana Tech today at 1 p.m. and begin conference action Friday against Texas Tech.

A&M wrestlers take second at state meet

The Texas A&M University wrestling team took second place at the state wrestling tournament last weekend in San Marcos. The Aggies finished with 62 points behind first place Richland Community College, which amassed 78 points. Blair Monhollon took first place in the 167 pound division. Monhollon, who was also state champion last year, was named most outstanding wrestler in the tourney.

"I felt the team did an excellent job," Coach Jim Guinta said. "They gave 100 per cent and we looked good even when we were losing." A&M wrestling may be moved to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) level next year, Guinta said. Then they will need an NCAA sanction to send finalists to nationals. Guinta says he expects heavy recruiting next year.

INTRAMURALS

Pill Poppers vs. Hoops, 41-76; J.T.'s vs. Utay, 64-30; Parkway vs. Vet III (crum), 55-38; Sq-8 vs. N-2, 32-37; Sq-2 vs. F-1, 36-42; Valley Rats Plus vs. ABC, 68-63; Slammers vs. Nailers, 49-77; Barcelona BA vs. Walking Wounded, 63-35; D-2 vs. Sq-11, 36-27; E-1 vs. L-1, 31-57; Gulf Coast AC vs. Gladeast, 61-44; Roosters vs. 3rd Floor Bandits, 42-66; Centennials vs. Bearkats, 36-73; Sig Eps vs. Piranhas, 43-50; Over the Hill Gang vs. Crusaders, 36-40; Mogollon Nugget vs. Fire, 42-58; Bjj-ins vs. PE Majors, 57-40; Hustlers vs. Pero, 40-27; Fur Burgers vs. IM Shafted, 38-68; High Rollers vs. Keese Saints.

Richland Community College	78
Texas A&M University	62
Texas Tech	59
Letourneau College	54
North Texas State University	45
Southwest Texas State	32½
University of Texas at El Paso	18½
University of Texas at Austin	16½
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University of Texas at Arlington	2
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