

# Ags ready for Bad News Bears

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The Baylor Bears, who helped the Aggies ascent to stardom, inside College Station tonight at 7:30. They will have on their minds in facing a 60-59 loss suffered in Waco a month ago.

Since that heartbreaking defeat, the Bears have lost six out of the seven games they have played. The only victory for Baylor in that seven game stretch was against Rice in Waco.

The Bears were a conference favorite at the beginning of the season. But five games into the conference schedule, coach Carrol Dawson resigned from his post. Assistant coach Jim Haller barely had his legs warmed as the new coach, former star-forward Tony Rufus quit the team and headed home for Memphis.

It's obvious that the Bears have had their problems," coach Shelby McCall said, "but we look for them to play us a tough ball game."

The last time the teams met, the Aggies were an obscure group of players expected to finish in sixth or seventh place in the conference race. That all changed when Steve

Jones sunk a 30-foot jump shot sending home 9,000 disappointed Baylor fans. The Aggs currently ride in fourth place and are looking to improve upon that position tonight.

"We think we can finish second to Arkansas," a confident Steve Jones said. "We're going to take them one at a time starting tonight with Baylor."

Jones is fourth in the conference in scoring averaging over 17 points a game. He has been the most consistent outside shooter for the Aggies all season. The senior forward from Houston has also played well on defense. Jones will be guarding Sherman Patton tonight.

An outstanding player for the Bears is sophomore Larry Spicer. The 6-8 forward from Memphis averaged 15 points a game as a freshman. Spicer is currently fifth in the conference in scoring averaging almost 17 points a game.

Doug Pederson and Willie Foreman held Spicer to just nine points in the Waco contest. This outstanding defensive effort must be repeated for the Ags to defeat the Bears again.

A&M must also stop the inside game of Arthur Edwards. Edwards, who will be guarded by Wally

Swanson, was the main offensive weapon in the first meeting between the two teams. In that contest, the San Antonio junior scored over 20 points.

Swanson will be an important figure in the Aggie attack. Not only will the Aggie forward need to play a tough defensive ball game, but he will need to rebound effectively as well. Wally is currently second in

the conference in rebounding, averaging over nine carems a game. He is second only to the Red Raiders' Mike Russel.

This is a very important game for the Aggie basketball team. A&M is only a half-game behind Texas Tech, and one game behind second place Houston. A victory over Baylor would help the Aggies in their battle for a fifth place slot.

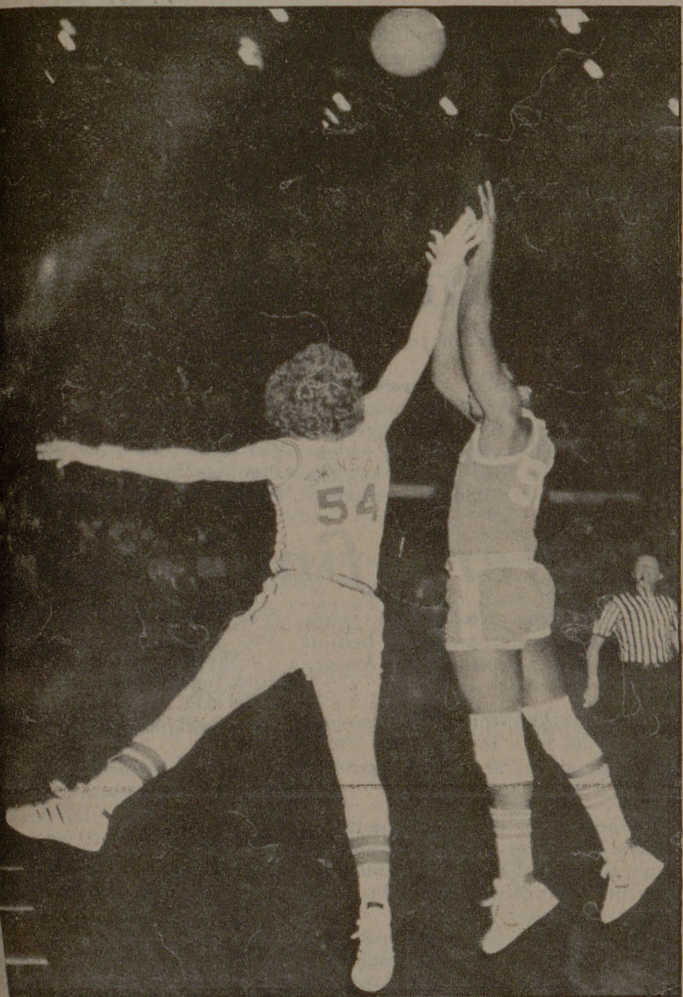
## Ags split openers

Defense dominated the scene as the Aggie lacrosse team split weekend games, losing the opener to Texas Tech 7-5, but rebounding to defeat the LSU Tigers 4-3.

In Saturday's action, the Aggies and Red Raiders exchanged goals for three periods before Tech edged into a 6-4 lead early in the final period. With eight minutes remaining, the Aggies narrowed the lead to one goal. Hopes of winning the game, however, were destroyed when Tech put the game out of reach, 7-5, minutes before the final whistle.

On Sunday the LSU Tigers invaded Aggieland for the first time in Aggie lacrosse history.

The Aggies completely dominated play during the first half yet failed to break the game open. The score was 3-1 at half time. The Tigers carried the action to the Aggies in the second half, tying the score 3-3 midway in the final period. Not relishing the thought of an overtime game, the Aggies executed a picture book goal, with Steve Emrick scoring with three minutes remaining in the game.



Wally Swanson goes high in the air in an attempt to block Rice center Wayne Roger's shot. The sophomore from Illinois is the second leading rebounder in the conference averaging 4.3 rebounds a game. The Ags next game is Tuesday night against Baylor.

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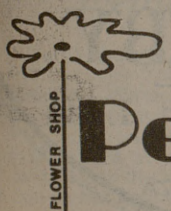
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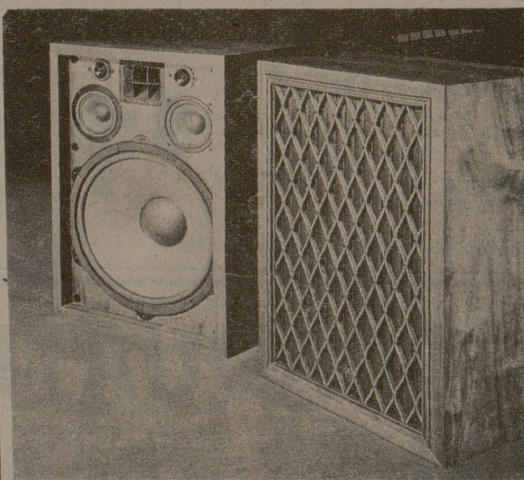
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