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Aggies gain needed experience

Battalion Sports Editor The Christmas Holidays have ment games. A&M won three and lost three, raising its overall record

The most consistent player in the tournament tour was freshman Vernon Smith. Smith is averaging more than 17 points and nine rebounds a Willie Foreman also played well, but the most pleasing sign for coach Shelby Metcalf is the im-

vis Williams.

been busy ones for the Texas A&M basketball team. In just 14 days the Aggies participated in six tourna-was tough on the boards and he is justed after sitting out a year. Jarvis our best defensive player.

The tournament play helped the rest of the team as well. The competition was tough, with A&M doing

well in all but one game.
"I think we accomplished what we wanted," Metcalf said. "There is no doubt in my mind who our

players are and who to substitute. It may be the end of the first round of conference play before we're the club we want to be. But if we can keep the attitude we have now and get in some real hard work, we may come on faster.'

The Ags will need to come on as fast as they can. A&M opens its week. Southwest Conference season

way of saying, "Thanks Ags.

HAVE LUNCH

against the surprising Baylor Bears.
Led by junior college all-American
Vinnie Johnson, the Bears have a
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Johnson is averaging 25 points a game, including 45 against San think is still learning from game to game," Metcalf said. "The second

calf said. "I know a lot of people tried to recruit him. In a case like this one we just have to concentrate on the other four on the court. Johnson is going to score his 25. Our job is to stop everyone else.

After the Baylor game, A&M comes home to play the Houston Cougars. The game is scheduled for Jan. 12, and will be seen on regional television. The Aggies play host to SMU on Jan. 14, and then play Arkansas and Texas Tech the following

The Aggies could very well be 2-4

progresses. Foreman is the only senior of the starting five.

about is the guys' attitude. If they maintain the attitude they have We have a young team that I now, then the season will be a good

A&M may still be one year away

should give every team in the newn ference a good game. And holessors end of the season Metcalfs wes ref may surprise some of the bigh

That's when the surprise will very much needed.



Bennett

hind them, the Texas Aggies begin Southwest Con-

ference play against Baylor Monday in what shapes

up as a wild and wooly championship race.
Under coach Jim Haller, the Bears have been the

surprise team of the league thus far. Baylor is 6-3

with losses to Notre Dame, San Francisco (by five points) and Long Beach State (by one at the buzzer)

Baylor beat North Texas 104-74, Oklahoma 75-69, Memphis State 106-87 and Drake 87-77. Junior





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transfer Vinnie Johnson had 43 points against San Francisco and is averaging 25 points per game.

Following Baylor, the Aggies make their first total first downs, 24 first downs rushing and 486 home appearance in a month against Houston Jan. 12 at 8 p.m. on regional TV. A&M hosts SMU Jan.

14 then goes to No. 3 ranked Arkansas Jan. 17 and Texas Tech Jan. 21. The Aggies are 7-3 for the season after splitting six road games which included appearances in two tournaments. The wins came over Oral Roberts, Samford and Oklahoma City with the losses to

Florida State, Miami (0.) and Austin Peay. A&M beat Oklahoma City 84-79 in the final game of the All-College Tournament and put coach Shelby Metcalf in a more positive frame of mind.
"I think we accomplished what we wanted," Metcalf said. "There is no doubt in my mind who our

players are and who to substitute. It may be the end of the first round of conference play before we're the club we want to be. But if we can keep the attitude we have now and get in some real hard work, we may come on faster."

The most pleasing thing to Metcalf was the play-

ing of Karl Godine and Jarvis Williams against OCU. Karl and Jarvis played well. It's hard to get

adjusted after sitting out a year. Jarvis was tough on

Aggie notes the boards and he's our best inside defensive player." Godine had 21 points while Williams had 14 points and 13 rebounds.

Freshman Vernon Smith continues to be A&Mi most consistent player. The 6-7 Dallas product i leading the team in scoring with a 17.6 average an rebounding with 9.0 per game.
Texas A&M's 47-28 loss to USC in the Bluebo

net Bowl was a disappointment as the Aggies lost of 7 fumbles but the offensive display left A&N rooters with high hopes for the 1978 campaign.

The Aggies set Bluebonnet Bowl records with 2

yards rushing. And, only two seniors - center Mai Dennard and tackle Frank Myers - were in the starting offensive lineup. The group's third senior quarterback David Walker - saw limited duty late. Junior fullback George Woodard rushed for yards and freshman quarterback Mike Mosley r for 180 yards. Halfback Curtis Dickey gained split end Darrell Smith had 38 yards on an en

around and halfback Adger Armstrong ran for The replacement for Dennard at center will l the big offensive chore in spring training. Curb Jennings played well behind Myers at tackle thi season while Mosley proved himself at quarterbac Another freshman - David Beal also is a fine qua

The Aggies lose only four defensive starters tackle Steve Spitzenberger, end Phil Bennett, connerback Mike Williams and linebacker Keyin Monk. The returning defensive hands should sho great improvement after spring training and two-day drills next fall.



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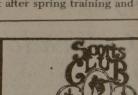
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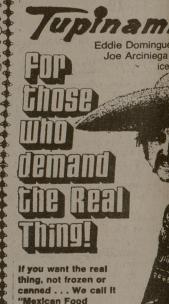


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