

Ags lose to Horns in overtime 79-77

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Texas forward Tyrone Branyan took the endbounds pass, wrapped his arms around the ball and waited for the final three seconds of the game to disappear from the clock. When the buzzer sounded Branyan jubilantly threw the ball high

into the coliseum air and headed to the dressing room, leaving a stunned Texas A&M team in his wake. The Ags stared at the scoreboard in disbelief. It shined Texas 79—Texas A&M 77.
"It's hard to lose a game like that one," guard Dave Goff said. "We had the chance to win it at the end

of regulation play, but we just couldn't make the shots."
At that time it was 65-65. A&M had the ball with 13 seconds remaining in the game. Steve Sylestine missed a 15-footer from the corner, Swanson grabbed the rebound and missed a 10-footer from the side. Sylestine found the loose ball, put

up a shot and made it, but time had already expired.
"We had two excellent chances there at the end," coach Shelby Metcalf said. "I thought our shot selection was good, we just didn't connect on either one. I'm as proud as I've ever been of a team that lost a game."
"We got 100 percent from every-

body who set foot on the floor."
Two people missing from the line-up were Karl Godine and Jarvis Williams. Neither man saw any action.
"I played the best nine men on our team," Metcalf said. "Right now Karl and Jarvis are not in that nine."

They are not being punished. We just feel that the nine men that we played tonight are the best we have. I think they proved that fact."
One of those men who played a good game was Joey Robinson. The junior from Tulsa was A&M's leading scorer with 23 points. Robinson's outside shots was the key factor in keeping A&M abreast with the Longhorns.
Another man who had a good game was Wally Swanson. He had 15 points and seven rebounds.
"I was surprised at how well Wally played," Metcalf said. "It

looks like he is finally coming into Swanson's play was a pleasant surprise. The junior from Tulsa played with the intensity he has as a freshman. This style of play will help A&M in its remaining games."
The Ags travel to Ft. Worth to play TCU this Wednesday night. The Longhorn game should be a confidence builder for the Ags.
"I think tonight's game definitely helped us," Metcalf said. "It was the confidence we will need for our remaining games."

Abe's army pleased with victory

By DAVID BOGGAN
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Honest Abe Lemons, noted sage and head basketball coach for the University of Texas, didn't exactly call his 79-77 overtime victory against Texas A&M last night a miracle, but he didn't deny outside help either.
"I think what happened," Lemons postulated, "was that I talked to Oral Roberts today. I think that might have helped us."

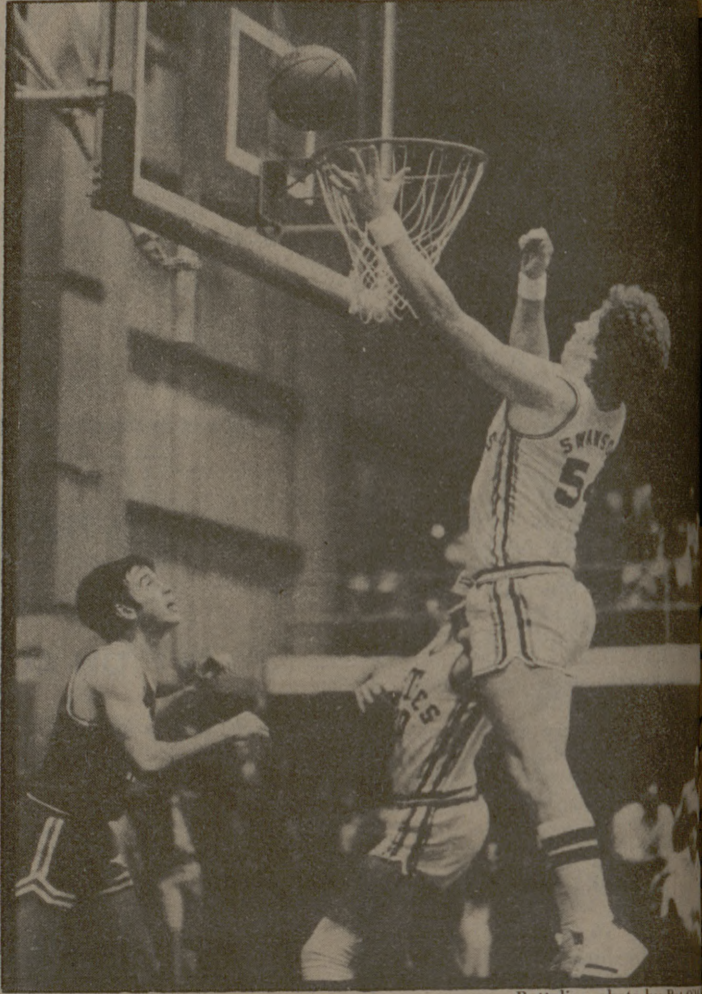
Well, it sure didn't hurt. What did hurt the Longhorns was their first half performance.
"We had a miserable first half," Lemons said. "We were shooting hoping to get free throws that didn't materialize."
The Horns shot only 29 percent from the floor in the first half. Jim Krivacs, who kept Texas in the game the first half, made only five of 15 field goals.
"We knew we weren't shooting good in the first half," Krivacs said.

"But A&M was getting off some jumpers in the first half that we really didn't know they could hit."
Down by a score of 35-27 at the half, Texas came out and gradually narrowed its deficit.
"There's no doubt we were resurrected in the second half," Lemons said. "I believe in life after death."
In the second half we pulled it outside and tried to get out of that mess inside. It wasn't a good shooting night for us, but when you win

you really don't care."
The Longhorns did manage to help their shooting percentage in the last period. Krivacs, who along with Ag guard Dave Goff played the entire 45 minutes, scored 26 points while Ron Baxter added 22 points to the Horns' winning effort.
"I'm putting Krivacs and Baxter in for a purple heart," the Texas coach said. Baxter was Texas' leading rebounder with 10, although, the Aggies had a better night on the

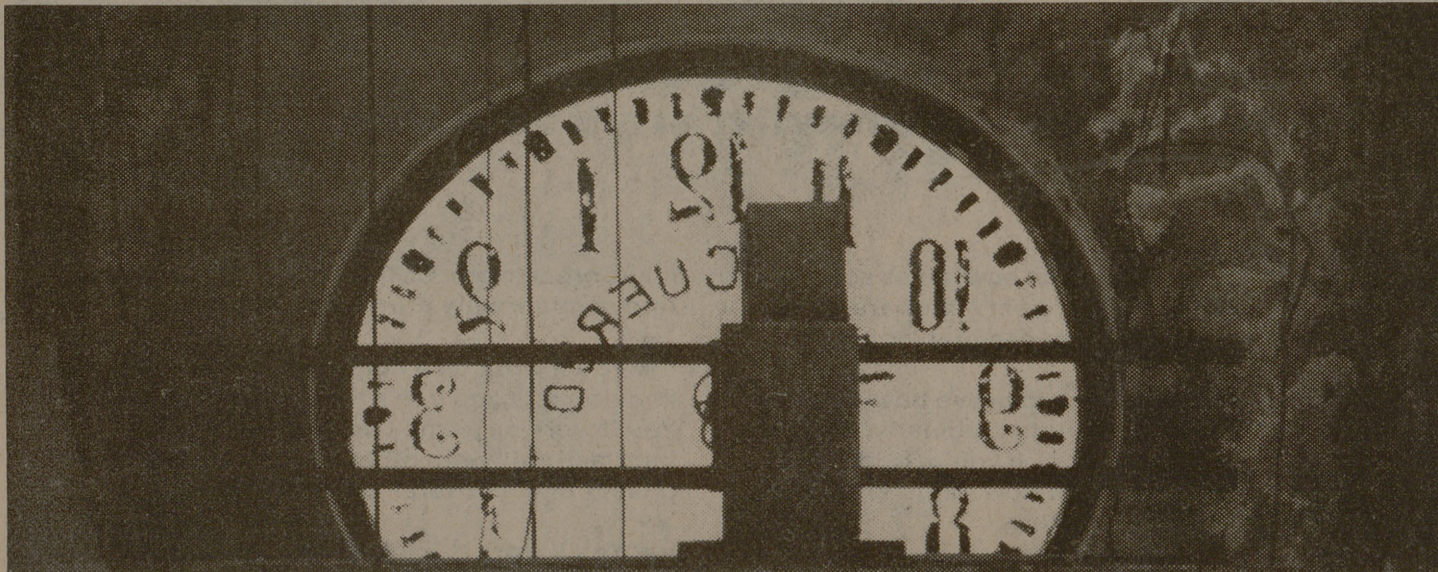
boards with 55 rebounds to the Horns' 38.
"In the second half we went through our bread and butter," Baxter said. "John Moore's three-point play (that tied the score late in the game) was a playground play. We made it up on the bench. It was just pass, pick and shoot."
"Just hard work and execution got us the win," Krivacs added. "We couldn't have won if we had one without the other."

After the game Krivacs wanted to know if he could ride home with his wife.
"Sure," Lemons said, "just don't get killed. We don't have anybody to replace you, yet."



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A&M forward Wally Swanson tips in a shot while Texas guard Jim Krivacs looks on. Swanson had his best night of the season scoring 15 points. The Ags lost to the Horns in overtime 79-77.



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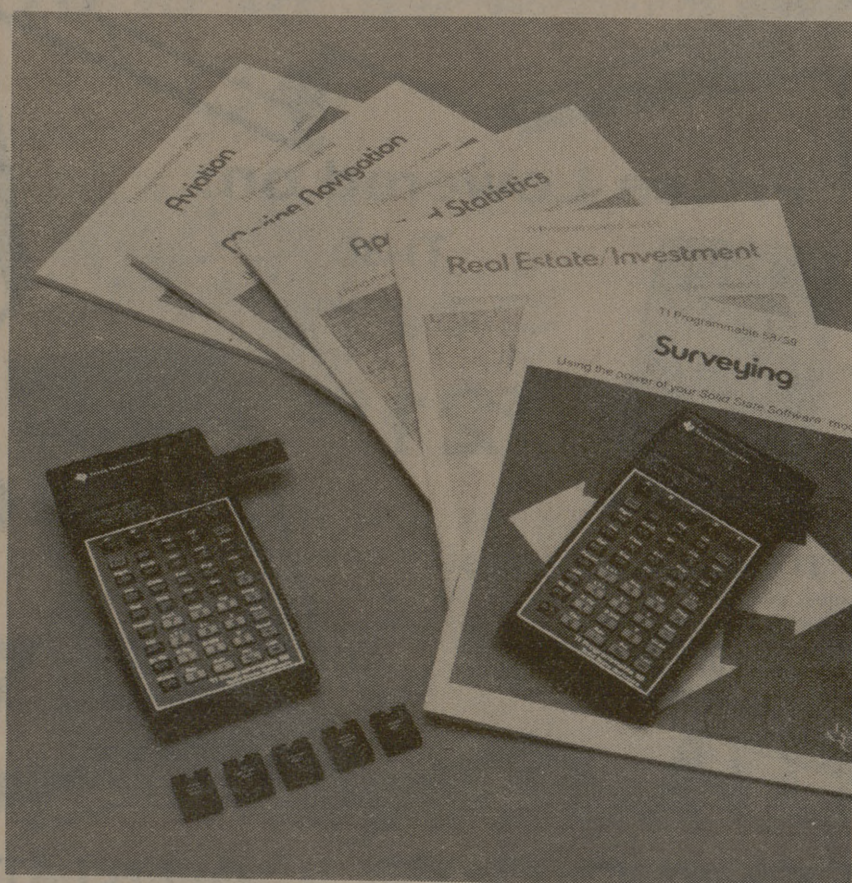
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