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Aggies will try and stop slide against the Rice Owls

By PAUL ARNETT
Battalion Sports Editor

The Texas Aggies lost to TCU and halted, then began, the longest losing streak in the Southwest conference.

"I'm mystified," coach Shelby Metcalf said. "Losing in the manner that we are losing is a totally new experience for me. Of course if I knew the answer I could write a book

and it would become a best seller."

Metcalf had better find an answer by tomorrow afternoon. The Rice Owls have a 2-5 conference record and were able to defeat two teams (Baylor and TCU) that A&M could not defeat.

"Mike (Schuler) has done a great job of coaching," Metcalf said. "They haven't been beaten badly this year. We're going to have to get ready and

quick because Rice has a smart ball club."

The Rice head coach utilizes all of his players. Schuler will be constantly making lineup changes. It is his belief that a fresh player, no matter how good or bad he is, is better than a tired player.

"Mike has been accused of doing a lot of crazy things," Metcalf said. "But he has turned that program

around down there. He is a good coach and will become a great coach gets the right combination of players."

Coach Abe Lemmons does not approve of the methods.

"The guy must want to set a record for most substitutions," Lemmons said after the Aggies defeated the Owls. "It's like the three-ring circus, with a lot of clowns."

Schuler had his own assessment.

"When I get the right combination of players, I can go to win more," Schuler said. "Right now we may not win, but we're going to be close."

One of the men who has helped the Owls stay close to the top is Elbert Darden. The senior from Baytown is the Owls' leading scorer, averaging 12 points a game. He is named the most valuable player of the club last year.

"Darden is an excellent shooter and a great rebounder," Schuler said. "He is a good center shooter and is tough on the rebound. When ever we need a rebound, we go to Elbert."

Another man the Owls are counting on in tough situations is Frank Richardson. The senior from Richardson is the Owls' leading scorer on the team, averaging 12 points a game. He is named the most valuable player of the club last year.

"I think 'Tank' is one of the underrated players in the support role," Schuler said. "When we would have no real team, 'No 1' ship. Jackson is our team leader. We're going to miss him this season."

Alan Reynolds, Mark Loomis and Tony DeCello are the Owls' three starters for the team. Reynolds is let that fool you. Schuler said they are them out of there in a hurry. Reynolds aren't going just right.

"Obviously we substitute the players to make up for a lack of talent," Schuler said. "If I had a lot of stars, I would leave them in there, but I don't. So I keep the team balanced."

A&M has appeared to be in a race much of the season. It is interesting how the Owls handle the shuffle.

Pete loves New Orleans

United Press International

NEW YORK — The people aren't wearing coats there now and it's more like springtime than winter, but Lewis Schaffel doesn't care what Pete Maravich says, he's not going to Iraq.

First of all, it would take him anywhere from two to three months to get a tourist visa if he planned to make the trip by himself, and second of all, the young general manager of the New Orleans Jazz is perfectly happy right where he is — in New Orleans.

So is Maravich. He isn't going anywhere either, which suits him just fine, and if he's looking for any confirmation, he has that, too, from one of the Jazz' principal owners, Sam Battistone, Jr., who says, "Pete is staying with us. We have absolutely no plans to trade him to anyone."

Maravich, the NBA's leading scorer last season, also is on top again now with an average of 28 points per game. He's right up there in the salary department also, earning something like \$600,000 a year.

The whole business between him and Schaffel started last week when a New Orleans newspaper ran a story saying the Jazz were investigating the possibility of trading their flamboyant 29-year-old superstar.

Maravich was born in Aliquippa, Pa., but considers New Orleans his city. He has called it "the greatest city in the world" and feels as passionately about it as Al Hirt and Pete Fountain do. Maravich was the first player the Jazz ever acquired when they were awarded a franchise in 1974 and he's so in love with New Orleans that he insisted on a no-trade clause being put into his contract when he signed it.

Hearing the report he might be peddled elsewhere, he burned, saying he knew for a fact the Jazz were trying to trade him and if that was the case, Schaffel could forget it because he had no intention of going anywhere.

Then Maravich got in a couple of zingers. Schaffel, he said, didn't "know the difference between a basketball and a turkey bladder" and he suggested the Jazz' first-year GM take "a vacation in Iraq."

Back in the old days, no player, not even one of Maravich's stature, could get away with that kind of talk about a general manager. But these aren't the old days and besides Maravich has that contract on his side. Ostensibly, he also has the present support of the team's owners, for publication, anyway, although it is highly unlikely a general manager would ever initiate trade talks, especially for someone like Maravich, without the knowledge and blessing of those who own the club.

The Jazz have won their last six straight. They're in fourth place in the Central Division behind San Antonio, Washington and Cleveland with a 22-24 record and although that doesn't seem like too much of an accomplishment, were the playoffs to begin today, the Jazz would be the wild-card representative.

The last game they played, in the Superdome at New Orleans Tuesday night, they beat Boston 96-91, with Maravich scoring 30 points. Before the game began, a couple of fans hung up a banner which said: "Trade Schaffel."

Schaffel, 33, is a former players' agent who represented 30 athletes, including Tiny Archibald, Austin Carr and Phil Chenier among others, before coming to New Orleans. The Jazz' owners hired him because they wanted someone with experience in dealing with player contracts.

Since taking over this season, he has done a good job picking up players. The first one he got was Truck Robinson, who leads the league in rebounds and made the NBA All-Star team for the first time this season. Schaffel signed him as a free agent. He also added Joe C. Meriweather from Atlanta and Slick Watts from Seattle.

At his first press conference after being named general manager, Schaffel made what amounted to the customary incoming speech. He said "We will leave no stones unturned when it comes to improving this team."

That's okay with Maravich. Up to a point. If Schaffel wants to turn around some of the other stones, fine, but if he has any idea of budging The Big Boulder, he can go try it someplace else, like maybe Iraq.

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