

# Ags defeat Owls, stop losing streak

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The spotlight is upon them anytime Karl Godine and Jarvis Williams set foot on a basketball court. Everyone expects the men from Houston to play like the Harlem Globetrotters, UCLA and the Boston Celtics all rolled into one.

Saturday afternoon against the Rice Owls, Godine and Williams quietly led the Texas A&M basketball team to a 74-70 victory. The duo weren't flashy, just good.

"I'm proud of the way Karl and Jarvis handled themselves in those final six minutes," coach Shelby Metcalf said. "I'm particularly

proud of Jarvis. This is by far his best game of the year.

"He played with more intensity than he has all season. He set himself up for some more playing time."

Williams played just 18 minutes yet scored 17 points. He made six important free throws in the latter stages of the game, but said the pressure situation didn't bother him.

"Not really," Williams replied to the pressure situation question. "I just wanted to play and not make any mistakes. If you do your job, then you don't think about pressure."

Godine, Williams' counterpart, played for the first time since the

Texas Tech game. The A&M crowd roared its approval when Godine entered the contest. The Kashmere product scored nine points and played hard on defense.

"Karl showed the desire to play so we let him," Metcalf said. "He made some good plays, but he still needs to pick up his intensity. The lay-off has hurt Karl on defense."

Godine agreed that the lay-off has hurt him.

"Not playing in two games hurt me at first," Godine said. "I was tight, but relaxed as the game went by."

The entire A&M team appeared to be tight at the beginning of the game. The Ags scored only 27 points in the first half. The inability to score in the first 20 minutes has plagued the Aggies all year.

"This game scares me," Metcalf said. "We had to play as hard as we could to beat Rice by four. If they're a bad ball club, then we're in more trouble than I thought."

But a win is a win, and it could be the spark A&M needs entering into the second round of conference play.

"This game definitely helped us," Willie Foreman, who led A&M in scoring with 20 points, said. "We needed to win to get things rolling and now I think we'll be ready for the second round."

A&M opens the second round against Baylor tonight at 7:30. The Ags were beaten badly by the Bears in Waco, but feel they're ready for them this time.

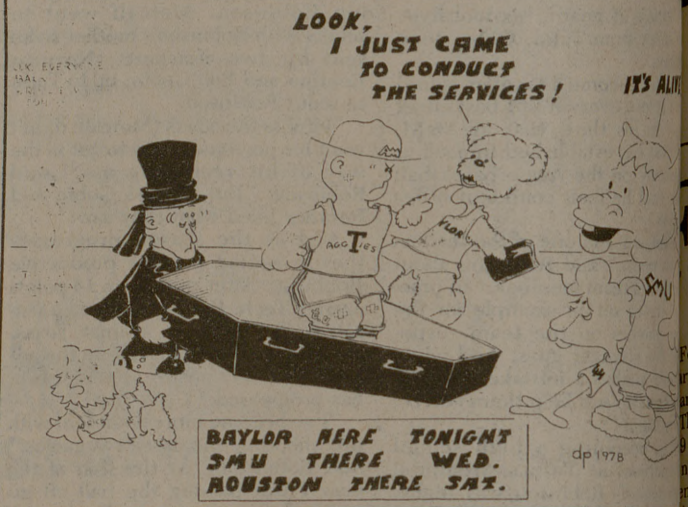
"They are a good team, but I think we know what to expect from

them this time around," guard Dave Goff said. "Vinnie Johnson is good, but you can't just concentrate on him. They have other guys who can hurt you as well."

Johnson is the leading scorer in the conference, averaging 23 points a game. The Ags did a fair job on him in the first game, but let the rest of the team kill them.

"Baylor is a smart club," Metcalf said. "We tried to cover Johnson last time around and they hurt us with the rest of the team. This time we'll try to be the smart ones."

A&M needs to play smart if they entertain thoughts of beating Baylor. Now that the air is cleared and the Godine-Williams duo are moving in the right direction, maybe A&M can show what kind of basketball team they really have.



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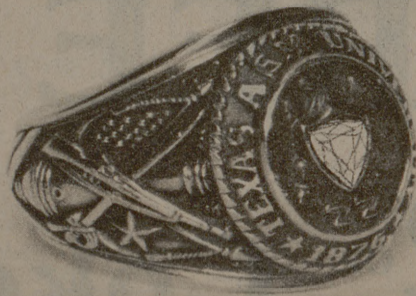
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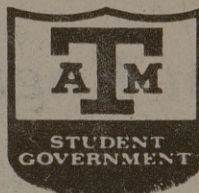
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## Aggie Ladies win 21st game of year

By JANA THIEME

Three hundred fans, five yell leaders and Reville, watched the Aggie Ladies win their 21st game of the season in G. Rollie White Coliseum Friday night. The final score was 91-78.

Aggie coach Wanda Bender said both her team and herself appreciated the support of the crowd and yell leaders.

"I really feel it helps the team with their spirit," she said.

Although the women controlled the game from the start, they had a scare late in the second half when McLennan Community College pulled to within three.

Bender said there was indeed a momentum change late in the game.

"The girls felt they had the game won and relaxed their playing," she said. "MCC is too good for play like that. They average 80 points a game. Luckily, our players tightened up fast."

Jackie Swain, from McLennan, was the high scorer of the game with 25 points, but the Aggie women came up with some very impressive statistics of their own.

Five girls scored in double fig-

ures. High scorer for the Aggie was Julia Crawford with 19 points. Sheree Christian and Margaret Byrne each had 14.

The Ladies finished the game with a 53 percent shooting average.

And if you think that's good, the Ladies hit 85 percent of their free throw attempts. Bender said she did not understand the high percentage because they hadn't worked on free throws in the workouts.

"But," she said, "I was very happy with it."

When asked about the high scoring in the game, Bender said credit was due to a new practice routine.

"Each girl must make 50 shots under pressure before we go on anything else," she said. "We've created our shooting percentage over 44 percent per game."

Von Bunn, a 5-5 sophomore from Victoria, had 10 assists and six steals in the game. Bunn earned the honor of All-Tournament guard in an invitational tournament over the Christmas holidays.

The Aggie Ladies' next game will be against Lamar University on February 7 in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

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