

Technical kills Ags

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A missed shot during a timeout caused Texas A&M's 94-89 loss to the Houston Cougars. It sounds impossible, but here's out it happened.

The score was 81-81 with 3:47 remaining in the game. The Aggies had the ball and were moving up court when coach Shelby Metcalf called timeout. A&M forward Willie Foreman had just received a pass from Dave Goff and hadn't heard the whistle.

Foreman missed a slam-dunk attempt much to the delight of the crowd. He then ran over to the bench when he realized that time had been called. During the timeout Houston coach Guy Lewis motioned for a meeting with the officials. After a brief discussion the officials called a technical foul on

Foreman for dunking the ball during a timeout.

Houston converted on the technical, then got the ball out of bounds. The Cougs connected on the next shot giving them an 84-81 lead.

A&M was awarded another technical when assistant coach Bob Gobin said a few choice words to the officials. Houston converted on both foul shots, and for all practical purposes the game was over.

"Willie didn't hear the whistle," Metcalf said. "We didn't know a technical foul had been called until after the timeout. What makes me so mad is they didn't call it when it happened; only after some prodding by some interested parties."

Foreman described the situation in a more direct manner.

"They screwed us," Foreman said. "I didn't hear the whistle. All I was doing was going in for my shot. The crowd was so loud that I

couldn't hear anything."

According to Dave Goff one official didn't know what had happened, even after the call had been made.

"While they were attempting the foul shot I asked one official what happened," Goff said. "He said that he didn't know that the other official had called it."

"All I know is Willie couldn't hear the whistle because I called timeout and I barely heard it. Willie was way down court driving for the basket. It's really a shame because we played a great game."

The Aggies played their best game of the year. They shot 56 percent from the field and grabbed 41 rebounds. It was only the second game this year that A&M has shot better than 50 percent.

"We played a tremendous ball game," Metcalf said. "I don't know how the guys can play any better. In our last six games, only the one in Ft. Worth has been poor. I'm really proud of our guys."

Freshman Vernon Smith led the

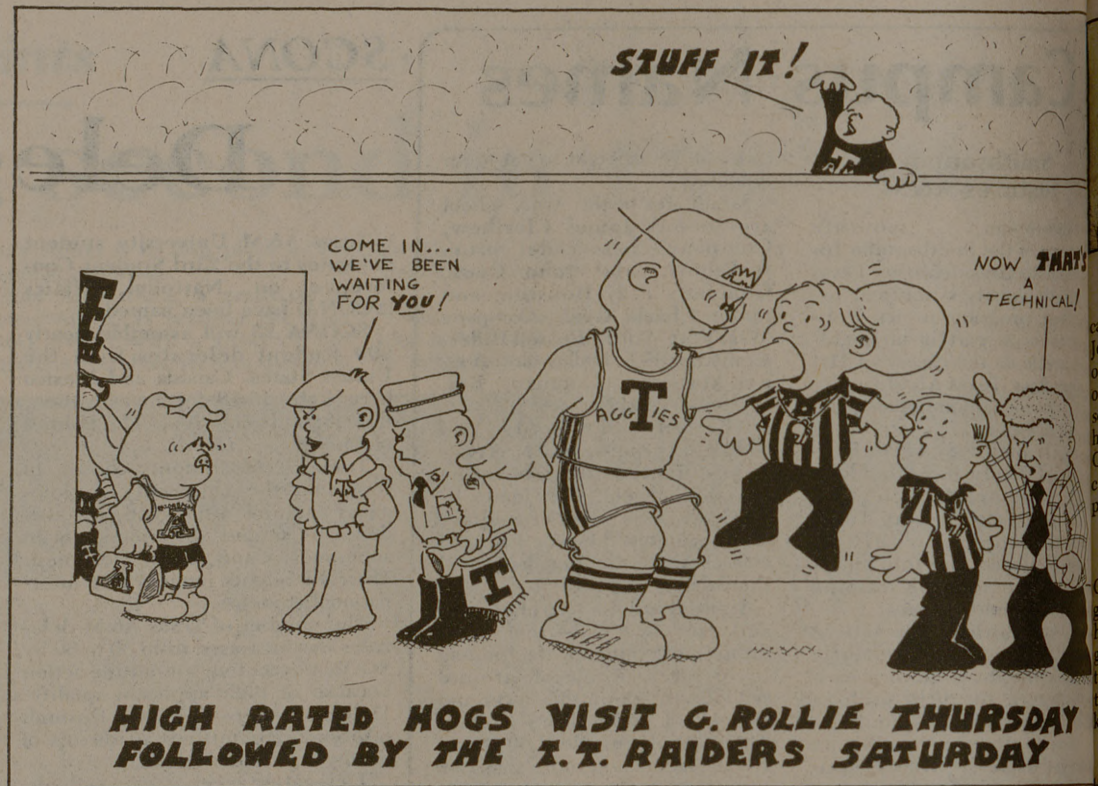
Aggies in scoring and rebounds. The freshman from Dallas had 31 points and 12 rebounds.

"This is our best game of the year," Smith said. "I have improved on offense since the first time we played them. I don't think that they were ready for our game. Mike Shultz didn't bother me this time like last time. I just concentrated on my game and forgot about him."

Smith may have forgotten about Schultz on offense, but not on defense. The Houston star had only six points and four rebounds. Schultz is the leading rebounder in the conference.

"Vernon had a great game," Metcalf said. "He just keeps getting better and better. Tonight he concentrated on getting open down low. He is deadly from 10 feet and in."

The Ags' next game is this Thursday against Arkansas. They may surprise the Razorbacks if A&M plays like they did Saturday night. One thing is for certain. They won't shoot any shots when time has been called.



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Houston Cougar bench credited with victory

By DAVID BOGGAN

The general consensus in the Houston locker room after the Cougars' narrow 94-89 victory over Texas A&M was that a basketball team is only as good as its bench.

"Thank God for the bench," said Cecil Rose, who started for the Cougars and played a tiring 36 minutes.

From the Cougar bench came the spark that gave Houston the winning edge, in the form of Ken "Juice" Williams. The 6-foot-1 inch sophomore ignited the Cougars' efforts with 21 points, two rebounds, six assists, one blocked shot and two steals.

"Ken controlled the game for us," said another Houston starter, Ced-

ric Fears. "I was almost out of the game because I was having fun just watching him."

Williams attributed his performance, which included nine free throws in nine trips to the foul line, to working hard in practice on a play that would get him open more often.

"I was fired up," said Williams, who once hit 69 points in a high school game. "We played sloppy in the first half, but this is a great win."

Houston coach Guy Lewis would not argue that his team desperately needed a victory over the Aggies.

"It meant a lot for us to beat the Aggies," Lewis said, his thoughts dwelling on a home court advantage in the SWC post-season tournament. "This means that A&M can't

finish higher than us because we've beaten them twice now.

"This was just a good, straight physical A&M-Houston game. I was afraid it was going to be this. We before it even started because we are two good basketball teams. Today the fans will wake up and realize that there are more than just a few good teams in this conference."

At one point in the second half the Aggies had an eight point lead but the Cougars quickly demonstrated the Aggies' advantage and went on to win the contest.

"That (comeback) showed character," said Lewis, "because it does take long to catch up and go ahead. And you know who was in there? The time? Williams, (Darnell) Rose, (Chuck) O'Neal — the bench."

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*Student Senate Mtg. -
Wed., Feb. 22
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For further information: Contact William Altman - Chairman - Blood Drive Research Committee
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