

Razorbacks pay visit to Aggieland

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They're not flashy, just good. Against a poor team they'll play like sweatshirts, against a good team they'll play like the Arkansas Razorbacks, the No. 3 team in the basketball nation. Whatever it takes to win is what the Hogs are able to do.

"Arkansas is the best team in the conference," coach Shelby Metcalf said. "There is no better threesome in the country than Ron Brewer, Sidney Moncrief and Marvin Delph. It's hard to stop a team that can beat you three different ways. And don't forget Jim Counce and Steve Schall. They played well against us earlier in the season."

A&M lost the first encounter with the Hogs 84-68. That contest witnessed Brewer at his best. The guard from Ft. Smith did whatever he pleased against A&M's Dave Goff.

"I had a short man covering me that game," Brewer said. "I just took him down low and connected on the short jump shots. The team depended on me that game because Sidney and Marvin were in foul trouble."

That wasn't the only trouble in the game. With 10 minutes gone in the first half, A&M and Arkansas decided to take up boxing. The brawl which ensued cost A&M the

game. A&M said Arkansas started it. Arkansas said A&M started it. The refs agreed with the latter.

"We were right in the game at that point," Metcalf said. "After it was decided that we started the fight our guys got down and never recovered."

But Arkansas claims the zone defense they employed upon completion of the fight was the cause of A&M's demise.

"We played man before the fight and zone afterwards," Arkansas coach Eddie Sutton said. "They couldn't work the ball down inside and they couldn't hit from the outside. And that's what beat them."

However, all of this occurred in mid-January and many happenings have crossed over the basketball bridge. Arkansas has had a long season. Road games and the constant pressure of being the best have taken their toll on the highly-ranked Hogs.

"We're a tired ball club," Sutton said after the game with Baylor. "Our guys are sluggish from all the travel. If we can get some rest, then I think we'll be OK the remainder of the season."

The trip will not be the only problem facing the Razorbacks tonight. In this decade Arkansas has won only once in G. Rollie White Col-

iseum. That occurred last year when the Razorbacks defeated the A&M 61-60. In that game A&M employed a press that rattled Sutton's crew.

"We'll press if we have to," Metcalf said. "The reason it worked so well last year was because it sur-

prised them. I don't think they'll be surprised this time."

The press won't surprise them, but A&M's improvement may. And if the Razorbacks take the A&M lightly, they may find sweatshirt basketball to be a losing occupation.

Women rugby team takes second in tourney

The Texas A&M women's rugby team finished second in the Mardi Gras tournament this past weekend. The Aggies' record for the year is now 21-1.

In the opening game of the tournament against Michigan, A&M center Cindy Gillespie scored the first try. The Aggies held their 4-0 lead throughout the first half. The second half found the Aggies scoring two more times. Gillespie and Christine Haijun each scored a try as A&M defeated the Wolverines 12-0.

The University of Chicago was the next opponent for the A&M. No one scored in the first half, but there was more than enough action in the second. A&M wing Cathy Charles went in for an apparent score early in the period, but the referee signaled a penalty.

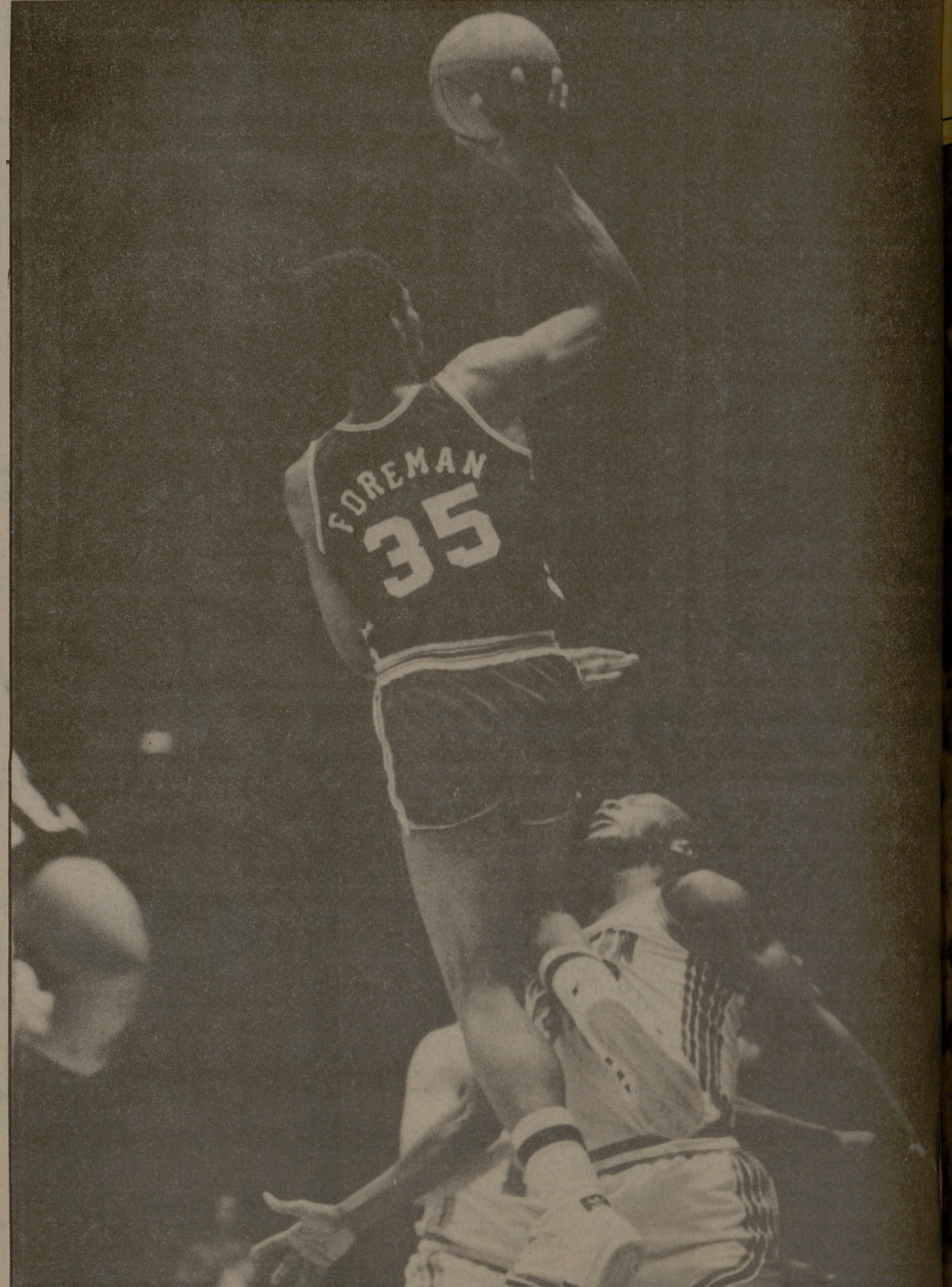
On the next play Haijun carried the ball in for a score giving the A&M a 4-0 lead. Susan Stabler scored for

the A&M on the ensuing kick and A&M held on to defeat Chicago 8-4.

The next day A&M faced Indiana. The forwards, led by Patty Rand, played an outstanding game. The Aggies got the break they needed when Haijun picked up a loose ball and passed it to Lisa Stolize. She carried it in for the first try. A&M defeated Indiana 16-0.

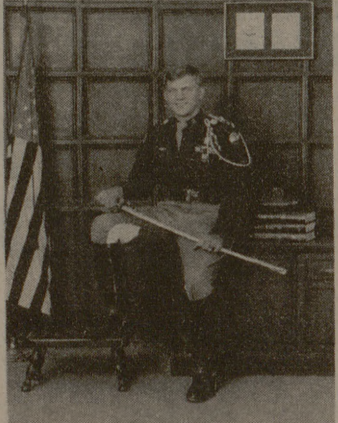
In the championship game the Aggies played the University of Ohio. The first half was scoreless; each team missing opportunities to score. The second half was just a repeat of the first, but Ohio scored on the last play of the game. Haijun cut the Ohio player in half, but she was able to inch her way across the line for a controversial try.

The A&M fared well in the east and will now try to make a trip out west to play teams from California. On the year A&M has outscored its opponents 300-15.



A&M forward Willie Foreman drives in for a shot against Mike Schultz and the Houston Cougars. Foreman and company face another tough challenge tonight at 7:30 against the Arkansas Razorbacks. Battalion photo by Pat O'Malley

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