## Metcalf pleased with debut

It was a tired but happy Shelby letcalf who returned to the metplex Monday after a week-long ip to the Alaska and the Sea Wolf classic. It was there that the Aggies book two out of three games to finish with the consolation prize in the tigious tournament.

"We learned more about our m in three games up there than we did in six weeks of practice," Metcalf said. "Before the tournanent we had gone as far as we could

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DALLAS — Baylor coach Grant
eaffused a weeklong psychological

fort, highlighted by a surprising ploy moments before kickoff, to prepare his team for what turned but to be a stunning 38-14 triumph

ver the Texas Longhorns last

"I worked on the players and my-elf all week," Teaff admitted

of image and you start to think of

His plan was climaxed just sec-onds before the team took the field saturday when Teaff dropped a weinch worm into his mouth to

phasize a story he had told the

"When you just say I put a worm my mouth it sounds crazy," Teaff id. "But you have to look at the

whole context of the thing. We had ost our first five games by 22 points, e had been plagued by turnovers d when we lost to Rice (the week

re the Texas game) it was the

lose it is easier to lose more.

would use running back Mickey am at quarterback, a decision that aid off handsomely during the

and trying to make them mad at me." said Teaff. He told all of his

"I thought they would be mad,"

hat way. They were all anxious to

ressed all week.

am the night before.

nday. "Sometimes you get a bad

Baylor worms its way

out of loser's image

go working against ourselves in practice. We need game experience that we can't get against ourselves. Games are the only place we can get the work we need to improve."

The Aggies had three chances in Alaska, facing North Carolina State in the opening round and Indiana and Alaska in the consolation bracket. The Aggies dropped the opener. ket. The Aggies dropped the opener to the Wolfpack 81-65 but rebounded to take a 54-49 decision against the Hoosiers and a 100-70 win over the host team, Alaska. "We didn't have any problems or

have any areas of concern that we shouldn't have at this point in the year," Metcalf said. "Besides block-

that kind of a defense. And we need to develop more speed and quickness on both offense and defense. We'll take a look at the players we left at home and see what we have in

Metcalf took 11 players up to the three-day tournament. Getting the starting nod in the three games for the Aggies were Dave Goff at point guard, David Britton and Vernon Smith at the wings, Rynn Wright at the high post and Rudy Woods at the low post

Coming off the bench were Joey Robinson, Roy Jones, Steve Sylestine, Doug Pederson, Jarvis Williams and Bruce Baird.

"Our starters had a real fine tournament," Metcalf said. "And Joey (Robinson) and Boy (Long) ways the

(Robinson) and Roy (Jones) were the best for us off of the bench. Against Alaska Joey went six for six from the field and four for four from the line. And Vernon went 13 for 13 in the same game. That's some pretty good

Goff and Wright were named to the 10-man all-tournament team and were the most consistent

weekend tourney. Woods is the player most teams are looking at as the key to the Aggies' season. In his first games as a college player Woods played as his coach had ex-

"He might be 6-11 but he's still a young man inside," Metcalf explained. "He has so much to learn, but he still has that real good at-

aganst 7-footers and one guy 7-foot-4 up in Alaska. All he needs to gain is confidence in himself, and he did with each game he played in

Before the season Metcalf made the statement that this year's team, with the pre-season schedule it has,

played two powerhouse teams. At this point the team has done better than I could have expected.

opener for the Maroons. Tipoff is at 7:30 in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

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bink of you that way, but if you on't you will find some way or somehow to win. That's what we in America. "That's where the worm thing came in. I told them a story about two Eskimos in the northland who were fishing.

makes the difference.

re-establishing confidence, being physically and mentally tough and doing that little extra something that

"So many times we an were just an inch or six inches away or one batted down pass or one play away

from being one of the six top teams

They went out on a frozen lake to They were 10 feet apart and used the same type pole, same type line, same size hook, same bait, ev-erything. But one fisherman caught fish every day and the other one did

"Finally the unsuccessful fisher-man went to the successful fisher-man and said, 'Hey, I want to know

"And the successful fisherman reached in his mouth and pulled out a worm and said, 'you have to keep the worm warm

"Anybody who has been around is game knows that when you win this easier to win more and when "The point I was trying to make was that the successful fisherman was that little bit extra."

"On Saturday morning, after our team meeting and devotional, I aWf "We knew that in order to beat Texas we would have to turn this team around mentally. You could drove all over town to find a place where I could find a worm. I finally found a box of those big old whope it each week. We were getting to that depressed state. This hole week was based on restoring pers. I chose one that was about half as big around as my little finger and four or five inches long. I took him in my office and washed him up real

Teaff began his campaign on the unday night following the Rice Then I got a vase from our "I met with the team for an hour ad a half, just on a gut level," he aid. "The team made some strong trainer and put the worm in the vase and put the vase in my pocket.

Teaff then went out to watch his team warm up for the game.

"Every now and then I'd look to see if he was OK, but the rascal died on me. I had left the rest of the warms in my control." mitments to me and to each other that they would be willing to play the best they could possibly Teaff also decided on Sunday that

orms in my car. "Five minutes before the game we called the team together, I reemphasized all the points we had talked about all week and then I told umped on them real good trying to make their attention away from Rice and trying to make their attention away from Rice warm'

'Then I cocked my head back and ed the worm in my mouth. I ayers they would have to shave off didn't swallow him, though. The team went beserk. One of the coaches said when they walked out of the locker room they looked as if eaff said. "But it didn't work out the weight of the world had been lifted off their shoulders.

Aggie notes

## Ags win consolation

ent over the weekend.

The Aggies defeated Oklahoma

Texas A&M lost in the opening matches this fall.

Tound to Southern IllinoisCarbondale 70-64. Again Bunn led do us good," said the Aggies with 18 points. In the second game the Aggies defeated aremore College 89-48. Peggy pe was high scorer for Texas

The Texas A&M women's basket- A&M with 20 points. The Aggies are ball team won consolation in the southwest Missouri State Tourna-Geore West Tournament this weekend.

Max King and Hendrik Roller will represent Texas A&M in the NCAA Indoor Doubles Tennis Tournament University in the consolation game 52.45. The victory was a team effort as the Aggies' leading scorer was Yon Bunn with only 10 points.

Max King and Hendrik Roller will represent Texas A&M in the NCAA Indoor Doubles Tennis Tournament Friday in Wichita, Kan. The team qualified by winning eight of its nine qualified by winning eight of its nine

"The national exposure is going to do us good," said Aggie coach David Kent. "It is going to be tough competition but I think they can play with anybody or they wouldn't be

ing out on rebounds we need to learn to run our offense against a pressure defense, something we haven't been able to work against in practice. We don't have the depth we need to run it in practice.
"The three teams we faced all ran

myself. The coaches were on the road recruiting. We had been talking all week about three basics —

players for the Aggies, Metcalf said. But the man in the bubble is freshman Rudy Woods, who made

titude. He wants to learn.
"People need to be patient with
him. Rudy needs experience, experience we haven't been able to simulate in practice. He went up

has the potential to become a good team. After their showing in Alaska, Metcalf maintains his earlier opin-

"We're not a good team yet, but we still can be," Metcalf said. "After this weekend we know what we have and what we still need to work

But hey, we're 2-1 and we've

The Aggies put their winning record on the line Saturday against Southwest Texas in the home



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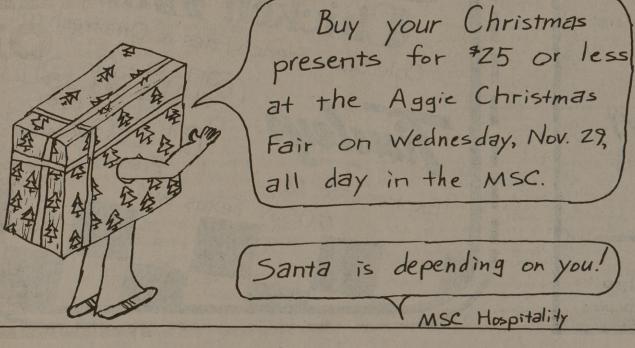
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