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Ags slam-dunk Kats

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There was no winning final shot at the buzzer. In fact, the Texas Aggie basketball team so dominated the Sam Houston State Bearcats that everyone but the 12th man scored as the Aggies routed the Kats 107-74.

"This is the best team the Aggies have had for years," Sam Houston coach Dennis Price said. "We just couldn't stay with them on the boards. That could have made the difference in the game."

The Kats couldn't stay with the Aggies on the scoreboard either as seven Aggies scored in double figures.

Sophomore Rynn Wright led the Aggies to their first 100-point plus output of the season scoring 17 points and getting three rebounds. Rudy Woods continued to fit himself into coach Shelby Metcalf's scheme and scoring 13 points and grabbing six rebounds. The young freshman from Bryan also fouled out of the game with over 13 minutes left in the game, although it didn't really matter.

"Rudy plays aggressively and goes for the blocked shot alot," Metcalf said. "This game gave him a chance to open up and go ahead and play that way. But he's coming along real well. He'll correct some of his mistakes and be ready to play."

"Coach Metcalf is getting Rudy ready for league play right now," Price said. "That's what I would do if I had him."

Vernon Smith scored 11 points and had three rebounds. Point guard and quarterback on the floor Dave Goff scored 12 points. Sophomore Albert Culton scored 10 points and led the Ags in rebounds crashing the boards for 11. Steve Sylestine started to regain confidence in himself after a slow start by scoring 14 points and grabbing three rebounds.

"I was real pleased with the way Steve played tonight," Metcalf said. "He just keeps getting better and better. His ball handling ability has really improved and we need someone besides Goff to move the ball. He is probably the most dedicated athlete I've seen."

"It's hard to say how well we played against a lower caliber team like Sam Houston," Sylestine said. "I'm very happy about the game because I'm really getting my confi-

dence back. I'm finally getting my shot back too.

"I sank my first jump shot against Oral Roberts and I think that got me out of my slump," he said.

Freshman Roy Jones also scored in the double figures with 10 points and five rebounds.

"I like Roy's composure on the floor," Metcalf said. "He is really going to help us down the stretch because he's a very good athlete and just needs a little playing time to settle down."

"I haven't got my jump shot back yet but I'll get it back before the conference games," Jones said. "This game was great because it gave me a chance to prove myself. I'll really get down on Prairie View A&M." The Aggies host the Panthers next Tuesday.

The game got out of hand quickly as the Ags hounded, pounded, and poured over the 0-7 Kats. The Ags out-rebounded their visitors 55-31, outscored them and kept defensive

pressure on all night. The only ray of success the Kats had all night was a press that gave the Aggies a little problem.

"If they are going to have any problems down the line it will be with the press," Price said. "But Dave Britton and Goff are good enough that I think they can handle it."

"We needed a game like this," Metcalf said. "It gives us a chance to play everyone and see what we have. So far I would have to say I'm very pleased with the way we've played so far." The Aggies have won their last six in a row after losing their season opener to nationally ranked North Carolina State.

The Aggies will take on Prairie View A&M Tuesday in a game that coach Metcalf promises to be "a spectator's game."

"I haven't seen them (Prairie View) play yet but I would be willing to bet that they are fast, they run, shoot and can jump like crazy."

Ladies beat Kats, too

For the second time this week, the Texas A&M women's basketball team easily defeated its opponent. Wednesday night the Aggie Ladies beat Sam Houston State University 76-50 in C. Rolie White Coliseum.

"It was a little easier than I thought it would be," said Aggie coach Wanda Bender. "I think our trap (defense) got to them and caused them to lose their poise."

Bender explained that the Aggies used two different traps against the Bearcats and both were effective. The Aggie coach pointed to other factors that increased her team's season record to 10-2.

"We worked hard on our fast break," said Bender, whose team had a 40-23 lead at halftime. "We finally got that down and running quick. We've got our post-to-post

feeding working. And I thought our defense was pretty tenacious tonight."

Peggy Pope is hitting her turn-arounds much better. She is improving with every ball game."

Pope led the Aggies with 17 points while Susan Kimbro scored ten points. SHSU's Cathy Hooks was the leading scorer in the game with 23 points. Cindy Gough had 13 rebounds for Texas A&M.

Tuesday the Aggies host Tyler Junior College, which beat Texas A&M in the championship game of the George West tournament.

"The Aggie Ladies are determined that a junior college team is not going to defeat us Tuesday night," Bender insisted. "We are going to play top-notch basketball. We didn't play well against them Saturday."



Battalion photo by Steve Lee

Vernon Smith takes a shot in Wednesday's game.

Red Raiders on the run

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This is the fifth in a series of articles profiling Texas A&M's 1979 Southwest Conference basketball moments.

BUCKBOCK — Without question this is the year for the new look around the Southwest Conference and the Texas Tech Red Raiders are leading in line.

Tech would be the last place in the league to expect something different. For years coach Gerald Myers has had a club built around a big center and a deliberate style of play that emphasizes good shots and good defense.

It will look a little different in the Bock Municipal Coliseum this season, however, because the Red Raiders are going to run.

"At least that is what Myers says. This team will be completely different from any team I've ever been around," the coach said. "We have a real strong man inside. For the last six or seven years we've had Bullock and Mike Russell in here."

"But now we are going to have go with more balanced scoring. We are not as big or physical as we have

been. But we are quicker and faster.

"I think everybody is going with quicker teams in the conference this year and in workouts we have been successful. It will be interesting to see if we can be successful against other teams."

"We are not going to be a power team so I guess we will be a finesse team."

The only senior in Tech's starting lineup will be Geoff Huston, a steady guard who will help run the Raiders' offense. And Myers is hoping for a lot of help from the man who he says is the most improved player on his team, 6-9 sophomore Ralph McPherson.

Myers indicated his decision to change his style of play was made in part to attract better players.

"I think the fans will enjoy it," he said, "but we hope it helps recruiting, too. Other teams have been hurting us in recruiting because they have been saying we play a slow style."

"We recruited with the idea of being a running team. We told the guys we recruited that this is what we would be doing."

One of those players Myers recruited this year was Jeff Taylor, a

spring-legged 6-4 product of Hobbs, N.M.

When Baylor coach Jim Haller was speaking of a leaper that he recruited, Terry Teagle, he also had something to say about Taylor.

"If you think Teagle can jump," Haller said, "wait until you see Taylor. That guy can leap."

Myers admitted Taylor's jumping ability was extra special.

"He might have a verticle jump of 36 inches," said the Tech coach. "I know that he plays above the basket. But right now he weighs only 165 pounds. He might get broken in two in some games."

Tech is being generally overlooked in the preseason speculation this year. But Tech has finished no lower than fourth during the past six years and during his tenure Myers has posted a 140-67 record.

Myers has a reputation of being able to get more out of a team than any other coach in the league and with that in mind it might not be too wise to forget the Red Raiders this season.

Texas Tech, which hosts Colorado State tonight, has a season record of 3-0.

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