

# Ladies beat TJC; prepare for holidays

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There is quite a difference between the two early-season basketball contests matching Texas A&M's Aggie Ladies and the Apaches of Tyler Junior College.

In the teams' first meeting, in the finals of the George West Tournament on Dec. 2, Tyler's Bonnie Buchanan scored 25 points and pulled down a game-leading 19 rebounds. The Apaches' starting five were the only players to see action for TJC. And the ladies from the Rose City walked away with the big trophy, defeating the Aggies 71-54.

The story was somewhat different Tuesday night in G. Rollie White Coliseum. Texas A&M's Peggy Pope was the game's leading scorer with 24 points. The tired Apaches had to go to their bench for help this time. And the Aggies won an easier-than-score-indicates game 68-63.

Texas A&M's coach, Wanda Bender, attributes the difference in the two games to her team's defense.

"We ran the press the way it is supposed to be run tonight," Bender said after the game. "We put the type of pressure on them that we wanted to put on them in George West. Tonight we were determined to do it and do it right."

"We ran a different defense tonight than we ran in George West. It's called a box-in-one defense and it kept one guard on Bonnie Buchanan all the time."

The new defense must have worked because Buchanan was held to 17 points and grabbed only 12 rebounds.

The Aggies, who held a 17-point lead midway through the final half, allowed TJC to come back late in the game.

"I don't like to see that," Bender said. "We got ahead and relaxed and I can't stand that. If we'd had any more time on the clock we wouldn't have had the lead."

The win brought Texas A&M's season record to 11-2. The Aggies now begin a holiday tour that will include stops at Colorado State University, the University of Wyoming, San Francisco State University, Arizona State University and University of Nevada-Las Vegas, where the Ladies will play two games.

"Colorado State will not be any stronger than Sam Houston was," Bender said. "Basketball isn't that old in Colorado." The Aggie coach also indicated that Wyoming, San Francisco State and Arizona State should be relatively easy games. UNLV, however, will be another story, according to Bender.

"If we can stay on the floor with them I'll be happy," she said. "They average 96 points a game; their opponents average 68. Teams go out there to get exposure; they know they're not going to win. Las Vegas has lost only 11 games in three years and they've never lost on their home court."

With the odds in Las Vegas' favor, Bender has set a realistic goal for the Aggies, who return to G. Rollie White on Jan. 8 to host Baylor.

"I hope we win four out of six games on this trip," the Aggie coach said.

# Enthusiastic Owls want circus to end

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This is the eighth in a series of articles profiling Texas A&M's 1979-80 basketball season.

HOUSTON — Mike Schuler made quite an impression on the Southwest Conference last season when his Rice Owls basketball team did not.

Schuler, who came to the SWC from the Atlantic Coast Conference, inherited a low amount of talent but turned that group into as good a team as it could have become.

In addition Schuler substituted so often — sometimes more than 100 times a game — that other coaches began to comment on his motives.

"It was a circus," said Texas coach Tom Lemons after his team had played Rice. Then, when Lemons took his team to Rice to play more than 200 spectators came dressed as clowns.

But now Schuler has a few more people who can play — having gone out and recruited seven freshmen, and the opposition may find the Owls somewhat tougher to deal with this year than the club that went 4-22 in 1977-78.

"This team is much better today than the one that has been here the last two or three years," said Schuler. "We are playing better in practice than we did at any time last year."

There is no question that our team will be the youngest team in the United States. Of our top nine players we will have seven freshmen and one sophomore.

And those seven freshmen are good players that can play in this conference. In two or three years we will be able to compete for the top spot. We don't want to take a back seat to anyone in this league."

Youth, however, will cause Schuler some problems for a while.

"Because we are so young we might lose some games we could have won otherwise," the Owls coach said. "But our enthusiasm will cause us to win some games we might not otherwise."

Elbert Darden, a 6-3 senior, and Tony DeCello, a 5-10 sophomore, will be the only experienced players at Rice this year. And the most talented of the newcomers will probably be 6-10 Brett Burkholder of suburban Chicago.

"Last year there was not a better big shooter in this league than Burkholder will be this year," Schuler said. "He narrowed his choice of schools down to Arkansas, Duke and Rice and finally chose us."

The other two freshmen starts this year will be 6-7 Glen Rieke of Santa Maria, Calif., and 6-5 Bobby Tudor of Pineville, La.

In hopes of giving these youngsters some early success Schuler has played a schedule that included Texas Lutheran, Southwest Texas, Wayland College and Doane College of Nebraska.

So far, the Owls have won three games and lost three games. Rice will participate in the Bluebonnet Classic in Houston beginning Friday.

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Liberty Bowl (Dec. 23)	Missouri-LSU	Missouri by 7	Missouri by 9	LSU by 4
Tangerine Bowl (Dec. 23)	Pitt-North Carolina St.	Pitt by 13	Pitt by 7	Pitt by 7
Fiesta Bowl (Dec. 25)	UCLA-Arkansas	Arkansas by 10	Arkansas by 17	Arkansas by 2
Bluebonnet Bowl (Dec. 31)	Stanford-Georgia	Georgia by 18	Georgia by 10	Georgia by 13
Cotton Bowl (Jan. 1)	Notre Dame-Houston	Houston by 10	Houston by 13	Notre Dame by 3
Sugar Bowl (Jan. 1)	Penn State-Alabama	Alabama by 9	Penn State by 3	Alabama by 8
Rose Bowl (Jan. 1)	Michigan-USC	USC by 8	Michigan by 6	USC by 7
Orange Bowl (Jan. 1)	Nebraska-Oklahoma	Oklahoma by 14	Oklahoma by 13	Oklahoma by 5
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