

Cousin-on-cousin

Allen's army meets Ter

A 78-76 victory over Texas A&M wer to it. before a record crowd in your home arena can do wonderous things for a sity. It's just like you can't force basketball coach.

It can even make his back feel

better.

"My back still hurts," said SMU
coach Sonny Allen, who has been
suffering from a pinched nerve. 'But after Saturday night I don't

notice it as much."

Allen, his sore back and his suddenly enthused basketball team will host the Texas Tech Red Raiders (3-1) tonight in a resumption of the tangled Southwest Conference bas-ketball chase.

The Rice Owls (2-2 in conference play), who beat both SMU and Texas Tech last week, will be at home against the Texas Longhorns (3-1) in the other highlight game this evening and the Houston Cougars (1-3), who broke a three-game losing streak Saturday with a decision over TCU, will visit the Baylor Bears

The biggest turnaround of the early conference going was produced by SMU, which was whipped by Rice in Houston (a game in which Allen said his team put forth little effort during the first half) only to come back on Saturday night and down the 12th-ranked Aggies.

Yeah, I would have to say it was the biggest win we've had since I've been here," said Allen, who is in his fourth year with the Mustangs. "It was at home before a record crowd against a top-ranked team. And the fact it was the Aggies always makes

And how did the Mustangs come back after such a disappointing effort against Rice.

It's hard to explain," Allen said. 'It's just part of athletics and the emotion in it. Coaches try every-

Southwest Conference Standings

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and 17 rebounds against the Mustangs Saturday night. Despite his outstanding performance, however, the Ponies edged the Ags	Houston	Custom Lettering on T-Shirts WEIGHTLIFTING/EXERCISE EQUIPMENT VOLLEYBA
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thing, but there is just not an ans-

'I don't think you can fake intenyourself to be a nice guy. It has to be a natural thing.

"But we have tried to practice with intensity lately. We have some 100 per cent intensity drills. Maybe that carried over a little. Now that we've beaten A&M we know we can

beat the best teams in the country."
Allen's son, Billy, scored 24
points against A&M and played
used his quickness to help overcome the Aggies' height and muscle.

"One of the areas he (Billy) could improve sometime," said Allen, "is that's what he did against A&M."

ELBERT DARDEN, who Moody Coliseum form helped the Rice Owls pull on two surprise victories last week, was named Monday as the UPI South-west Conference player of the west Conference player of the a lot of kids. They may

that I don't think he wants to be dominate. He feels he is too selfish (Geoff) Huston and R

if he does that. "But the other night you could see it on his face. He was going to take it to them. He doesn't want to be thought of as a ball hog. But he needs to penetrate and kick the ball

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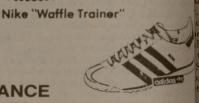
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