



Cousin-on-cousin

Battalion photo by Mark Patterson

Texas A&M's Rudy Woods goes up against a cousin of his, SMU's Reggie Franklin. The Aggie freshman led Texas A&M with 23 points and 17 rebounds against the Mustangs Saturday night. Despite his outstanding performance, however, the Ponies edged the Ags

78-76. Student tickets are being distributed today at G. Rollie White Coliseum for Wednesday night's game between Texas A&M and Arkansas. Students with athletic passes must pick up a ticket in order to be admitted to the game between the two SWC rivals.

Allen's army meets Tec

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A 78-76 victory over Texas A&M before a record crowd in your home arena can do wonderful things for a 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 basketball 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 (1-2).

The biggest turnaround of the early conference going was produced 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 it big."

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-

thing, but there is just not an answer to it.

"I don't think you can fake intensity. It's just like you can't force yourself 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

ELBERT DARDEN, who helped the Rice Owls pull off two surprise victories last week, was named Monday as the UPI Southwest Conference player of the week.

that I don't think he wants to be dominate. He feels he is too selfish 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 off and create opportunities and that's what he did against A&M."

Another full house at Moody Coliseum for the game.

"The Raiders are a talented group with a lot of kids. They may be known as some, but they have some veterans on (Geoff) Huston and Ken

"So they have a good team. They are all solid basketball players. They are a different breed than Texas A&M. Both teams could give each other a run for their money. That will be a game when they play."

Southwest Conference Standings		
CONFERENCE		
Texas Tech	3-1	.750
Texas	3-1	.750
Texas A&M	2-1	.667
Arkansas	2-1	.667
Rice	2-2	.500
SMU	1-1	.500
Baylor	1-2	.333
Houston	1-3	.250
TCU	0-3	.000
SEASON		
Arkansas	10-2	.833
Texas A&M	13-3	.813
Texas Tech	11-3	.786
Texas	9-4	.692
Houston	9-7	.563
Baylor	7-6	.538
SMU	6-6	.500
TCU	5-8	.385
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