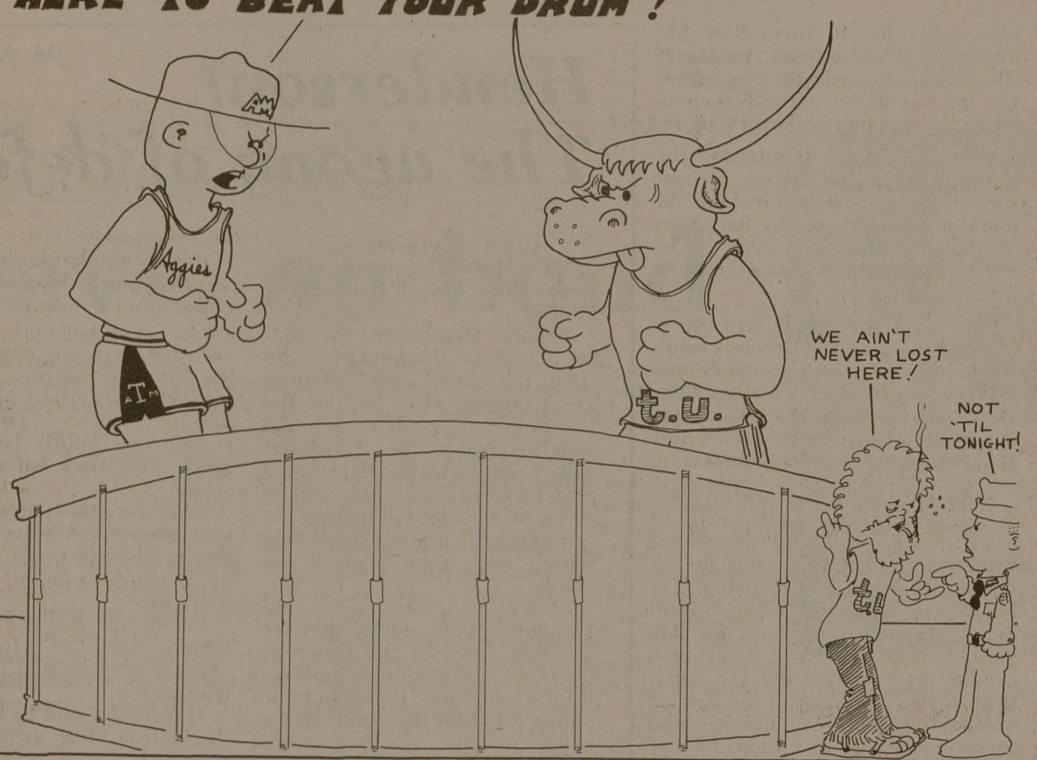


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## Ladies fall to Lamar, travel to Austin tonight

It was just one of those nights for the Aggie Ladies Saturday night. Shots would not fall, passes were intercepted, fouls were called and, in general, nothing went right for the Aggies as Lamar University defeated Texas A&M 75-63 in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

"I expected a good game from Lamar," Aggie coach Wanda Bender said after the game. "We got behind early and couldn't get our minds off how many points we had given them."

The Aggies first basket did not come until 15:41 left in the opening period. By that time Lamar had already scored eight points. At one point in the game, Lamar held an 18-point lead.

"It is very difficult to make up that many points but I felt we could do it," Bender said. "When we got within six points (late in the game), I thought we would go ahead but we never did. We didn't get up for this game until halftime and that's a little bit late."

The Aggies hit only 32 percent of

the field goals while Lamar hit 54 percent.

"We weren't taking the best shots," Bender said. "I'm very disappointed in our shooting. Our shooting cost us the ball game." Kelly Sullivan had the best performance against Lamar, hitting eight of nine field goals and leading the Aggies with 18 points. Susan Kimbro led the Aggies with seven rebounds.

Tonight the Ladies travel to Austin to meet sixth-ranked Texas in the Superdome.

"I've got to spur them (Texas A&M) to a better effort," Bender said. "This was an important ball game. Since I can't use a win to motivate them, I've got to try to use a loss."

"I expect the University of Texas to run the whole ball game and press the whole ball game. We have to run a disciplined offense and not be forced to play their game. There is no way we can run with the University of Texas." The game tips off at 5:15 this evening.

## Tech waiting for tourney

By MARK PATTERSON

It might be a little early to count them out of the Southwest Conference race but the Texas Tech Red Raiders have conceded themselves also-rans this season. They saw their title hopes flee with their 8-63 loss to Texas A&M Saturday night.

There sure would have been a lot of difference if we won here tonight," Tech Coach Gerald Myers said after Saturday night's loss. Three and three is a lot prettier than four and two (in SWC play).

"All we can hope for now is to finish as high as possible and get in good shape for the (post-season) tournament."

But the pessimism might be a little premature for Tech. The Red Raiders fought the Aggies for 40 minutes of basketball until the outcome was finally decided.

Texas Tech went into halftime with a five-point lead, 35-30, hitting 70 percent of its shots (14 out of 20) in the first stanza.

"I don't know if that was the best first half we've played all season," Myers said. "Our main goal was to run them out of their zone defense and force them into a man-to-man. We did and we were able to hit our shots."

The zone defense didn't seem to be junior guard Kent Williams any problems in the first half. Williams consistently penetrated the Aggie defense and at the half had five assists.

"We knew we had to be patient against their zone if we hoped to beat it," Williams explained. "The first half they let me bring the ball down court freely. All I did was penetrate and kick it off to one of the big men, either (Geoff) Huston or (Joe) Baxter. They had easy chip-ins

for scores." Huston hit three out of four shots in the first half while Baxter hit six of six. Baxter ended the game as Tech's high scorer, hitting seven of eight shots for 14 points.

"The first half we moved the ball around, spread out their zone and hit the creases," Baxter said after the game. "But this team is a young ball club that goes up and down emotionally."

"We came out for the second half a little flat and nothing clicked for us (Tech hit 46 percent of its shots in the second half). We didn't move as well and it cost us."

The front line of the Aggies helped in shutting down the Tech attack in the second half. The Red Raiders were out rebounded 19-14 after the break.

"A&M is big and stong inside and they know how to throw their weight around," Kent Williams said. "There was a lot of pushing and shoving going on underneath the boards."

"And I'm not blaming the refs, but it sure doesn't hurt to play at home."

It sure doesn't hurt the Aggies to play at home. So far this season the Aggies are a perfect 7-0 on their home court. And it's as if some players seem to save their best games for the home-town fans.

Rudy Woods is one player that is playing well at home. Against the Red Raiders Woods blocked one shot, made two steals and hit 10 of 13 shots from the field to lead the Aggies with 21 points. Woods also made Tech's Joe Baxter's evening miserable.

"After hearing all the talk about Woods I've been looking forward for a long time to guarding him," Baxter said of Woods. "And as the game went on I felt pretty confident to take the ball inside on him."

"Rudy likes to block shots so all I

had to do was give him a little head fake and go by him."

"But the second half I got into foul trouble and couldn't be as aggressive against him. I had to lay off of him on defense and he took it to the hoop on me."

Coach Myers was very impressed with Woods' play.

"By far Woods is the best post man we've seen this season," Myers admitted. "His play tonight was the difference in the ball game. With him on the inside A&M is as strong as I've ever seen them."

The game Saturday night was somewhat of a homecoming for Kent Williams. In last year's Texas A&M-Tech game in G. Rollie White Coliseum Williams was hit by Willie Forman and suffered a broken jaw.

"At least I came out of the game tonight better than I did last time," Williams joked. "But my morale is hurt this year. I would be settled for a broken finger tonight if we could of won."

"At least last year when I broke my jaw we won the game."

**BOX SCORE**  
TEXAS TECH (63)  
Williams 5-3-3 13, Baxter 7-0-0 14, Brewster 2-0-0 4, Huston 6-0-0 12, Little 4-0-0 8, Parks 1-4-4 6, Hill 0-4-4 4, Nichols 0-0-0 0, Taylor 1-0-0 2, Totals 26 11-11 63.

A&M (68)  
Smith 4-1-2 9, Wright 8-0-2 16, Woods 10-1-3 21, Britton 6-0-0 12, Goff 1-2-2 4, Culton 0-0-0 0, Pederson 1-0-0 2, Ladson 0-4-5 4, Robinson 0-0-0 0, Sylesytne 0-0-0 0. Totals 30 8-14 68.

Halftime: Tech 35, A&M 30. Fouled out —Baxter, Brewster, Wright. Total fouls—Tech 20, A&M 15. Technical—A&M bench. A—8,363.

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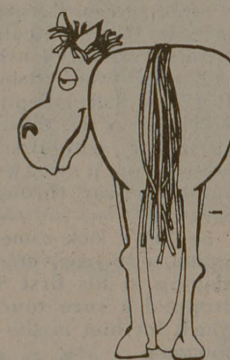
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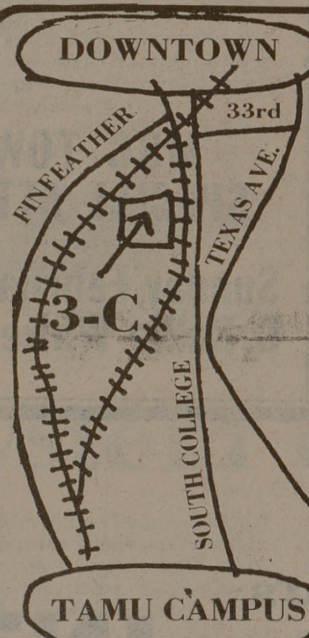
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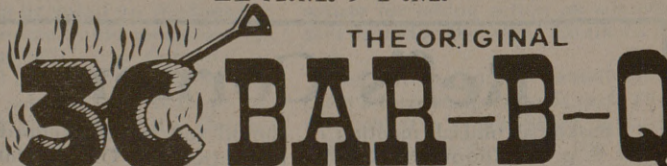
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