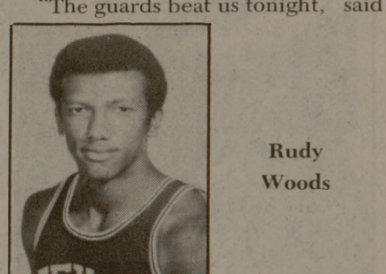


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Ags lose to UT in Drum, 89-66

By DAVID BOGGAN
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AUSTIN — There is not room enough in the Southwest Conference for two first place teams. Both Texas A&M and the University of Texas, which had identical records at the top of the conference before Monday night, knew that is true. So the two teams, the long gunslingers from the Brazos Valley and the old NIT gang, met in the Super Drum Monday night to settle this thing once and for all (for now).



Rudy Woods

The pair combined for 31 points in the first half. Texas A&M ended the first half with 31 points. Branyon finished the game with 29 points while Krivaacs scored 28 points in Texas' 23rd straight victory in the Super Drum.

"The guards beat us tonight," said Aggie junior David Britton, who had said before the game Texas A&M's guards were better than Texas'. "I can't really say what happened. Krivaacs was hitting them from anywhere. He's a helluva shooter. I didn't figure Branyon would do that good."

The Longhorns hit half of their shots for the evening while the Ag-

gies hit only 33 percent. Vernon Smith hit nine of 23 shots and Tyrone Ladson hit two of 13 shots contributing to Texas A&M's poor field goal percentage.

"Nobody (for Texas A&M) could hit from outside," Smith explained. "Our post men just couldn't get inside. We didn't have enough movement on offense. Our guards just didn't penetrate their zone."

"I think we took them too light. This was just the night for them."

Metcalfe agreed that the stars were shining bright for the Longhorns.

"I didn't see anybody out there in white that didn't have a good night," the Aggie coach commented. "They're just a very intelligent ball club. But there's no way I'm going to fault these (Texas A&M) players. They've been too good. We're 15-4 and we've played some good ball clubs."

Smith scored 18 points and grabbed 11 rebounds for Texas A&M, which out-rebounded Texas 55-46. Rudy Woods hit eight of 11 shots, scored 17 points, got ten rebounds and blocked four shots.

"Woods is the best post man I've ever seen," Texas coach Abe Lemons said. "He'll be the best in this league in the next couple of years."

"I'm still real high on A&M. We just played better tonight."

The Longhorns played much better and increased their conference record to 5-1. Texas also kept its perfect record in the Super Drum, a record that Britton had hoped to break.

"I've got another shot next year," the New York junior college transfer said. "I don't want to stay upset and dwell on the loss 'cause we've got

another game coming up."

The Aggies, now 4-2 in conference play, host TCU Wednesday night. Texas A&M is ranked 14th in this week's UPI top 20 poll while Texas is ranked 16th.

"Texas just put a clinic on for us, that's all," Metcalfe said. "Those things are going to happen."

Yessir, just as sure as the sun sets in the west.

Standings

Texas	5-1	.833
Baylor	4-2	.667
Texas A&M	4-2	.667
Texas Tech	3-3	.500
Arkansas	3-3	.500
Houston	3-4	.429
Rice	3-4	.429
SMU	2-3	.400
TCU	0-5	.000

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Baylor 70, Arkansas 67; Rice 59, TCU 56; Texas 89, Texas A&M 66; Houston 82, SMU 78.

BOX SCORE
TEXAS A&M (66)
Woods 8 1-4 17, Britton 0 0-0 0, Wright 1 0-0 2, Goff 3 2-2 8, Smith 9 0-0 18, Ladson 2 2-2 6, Sylestine 0 4-4 4, Jones 2 2-2 6, Paderson 1 0-0 2, Schlicher 0 1-2 1. Totals 27 12-16 66.
TEXAS (89)
Baxter 1 0-0 2, Branyon 11 7-8 29, Stroud 5 1-1 11, Krivaacs 12 4-6 28, Moore 3 2-3 8, Shepard 3 4-6 10, Dotson 0 0-0 0, Stephens 0 1-2 1, Boyd 0 0-1 0, Blundell 0 0-0 0. Totals 35 19-27 89.
Halftime — Texas 43, A&M 31. Fouled out — None. Total fouls — Texas A&M 25, Texas 15. Technical — None. A — 14, 503.

Variety of 'jobbers' thwart Aggie hopes

By SEAN PETTY
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AUSTIN — The Texas Aggies fell to Austin's Super Drum and give the Texas Longhorns their first defeat in their 16,000-seat arena but were foiled in their attempt by a garbage man, a pickpocket and a rainbow-shooter.

The Horns had the old double-back offensive attack led by forward Tyrone Branyon, known as the "Garbage Man" for firing up baskets after the initial shot, who managed to pick up 29 points worth of garbage to stop the Aggies in their tracks.

The Horns' second weapon was their guard, Jim Krivaacs who tried to bounce his rainbow jump shot off the top of the Drum's roof for 28 points.

The two seniors accounted for 57 points from the Longhorns' 89 points. In fact, the two were only nine points short of the Aggies' 66 points.

The pickpocket in the story was Horns' John Moore who stole the ball four times and played outstanding defense.

"I really thought it would be a buster here tonight," said Texas coach Abe Lemons. "Texas A&M started playing great. Now, we've started playing very well and they are right now."

There are some let downs during the season and some teams tend to get into a hum-drum attitude," he said. "But the Aggies have the personnel to come out of it. Who knows, we could be down next year, you can't tell in this conference."

The Longhorns continue to play well they have in their last four games, they will be virtually impossible to stop. Krivaacs is hitting better than ever and Phillip Stroud has come into his own to solve the Horns. The team is moving together like a championship team.

Phillip (Stroud) really helped us tonight," said Moore. "He got in the rebound and played well under the boards all night." Stroud neutralized the Aggies

inside," said Branyon. "We let him go inside and do all the dirty work while Ron Baxter and I waited for him to get the rebound."

The Longhorns managed to stay with the Aggies on the boards all night. The Ags pulled down 55 rebounds to Texas' 46 yet it seemed that the Horns controlled the boards as much as they controlled the game.

Texas' defense and A&M's cold shooting were two key factors in the game. The Horns forced the Aggies to shoot from the outside more than they wanted and held Aggie Rudy Woods to only four points in the second half, taking away the Ags inside strength.

"We just forced the guards to take more shots from the outside than usual," Moore said. "Rudy had a lot of points in the first half but we concentrated on him in the second half and held him."

"If they were gonna beat us," Branyon said, "it would have to be with the outside shot. We just sagged in on Rudy and managed to stop him and get a lot of rebounds. We knew that by taking away their inside shot they would have to change their plans and maybe make mistakes."

The Aggies hadn't faced a conference team with Texas' outside shooting ability and it showed. The

Longhorns were able to control the tempo of the game. At times the game looked like a track meet with the Horns fast-breaking left and right and other times they slowed it down and worked for a good shot.

"We really started getting our game together after we lost to (Texas) Tech," Branyon said. "We were pretty humiliated after losing to them on television. But since then everything seems to be coming together for us."

"It was really good to play A&M here first before going there," he said. "There's not as much pressure going there now because they have to beat us there."

"I'm glad to be in first place at the moment," Lemons said. "I've never been cocky but I feel good about it now. You just never know what's going to happen, I'm sure it will be a great game when we go over to A&M."

"It might have been a different story if we had been playing over there (at A&M)," Branyon said.

It just may be a different story when the Horns visit G. Rollie White Coliseum, but this story is over for now. Yet, the main characters, the garbage man, the pickpocket and the rainbow shooter will return for the second part of the story and should provide an interesting ending.

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