

the sports

# Aggies host Horned Frogs tonight

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Students, here's the chance you've been waiting for. Yes, you too can see a Texas A&M basketball game in person this season.

There are 4,200 student tickets available for every Aggie home basketball game played in G. Rollie White Coliseum. And those students who have tried to get tickets for the last three home games have found the task as difficult as securing football tickets. Well, not so for tonight's game.

The TCU Horned Frogs are in town for a Southwest Conference basketball game and there are plenty of student tickets available, says Euleta Miller of the athletic ticket office. As of late Tuesday few students had come by to get tickets for tonight's game.

"We still have about 600 reserved seats and 2,000 student tickets left," Miller said late Tuesday. "We had a good, little crowd this morning but the students have been trickling in ever since. We have plenty of tickets remaining."

"And this just reaffirms my belief that this school can only sell basketball tickets for the big games. I thought that the students would turn out this season this team, but they aren't for TCU. People here won't come out for the little games. We're not having consistently good crowds, just good crowds for the good games."

One reason the students might be staying home tonight is the fact that the TCU-Texas A&M game will be shown on regional television. The choice of this game being televised has Texas A&M coach Shelby Metcalf bewildered.

"Somebody is sure using poor judgement by showing this game on prime time television," Metcalf said. "Why would anyone pick this game when Texas is playing at Baylor? It just doesn't make sense."

"But I'm not surprised that the ticket sales are slow for TCU. Our

game last night at Texas sure didn't help in selling tickets."

Metcalf and the Aggie players were still reeling after the bombing they experienced in Austin's Super Drum. The University of Texas made shambles of the Aggies, handing the visitors a 89-66 loss.

"We haven't played a team that had as good a shooter on it as (Jim) Krivacs," Metcalf explained. Krivacs laced the Aggies for 28 points. "And (Tyron) Branyan (29 points) is better than he has to be. He's sneaky-quick."

"All I hope is that we learned something from the loss. We at least know that the next time we play them (Feb. 12) we have to play some better defense."

"We need to be more patient on offense and have better shot selection. We also need to work on penetrating a zone defense and get the better shots. Other than our shooting we didn't play that bad of a ball game. We only had 13 turnovers and we out-rebounded them 55-46."

The Aggies will be on the rebound when they take on the Horned Frogs tonight. TCU brings a 5-10 season record and a 0-5 conference record

into tonight's game.

"This game has the odor of an upset the way we played against Texas last night," Metcalf admitted. "We need to come out and have a good game and get our confidence back."

The confidence level of the team might be a little down but Metcalf doesn't expect any problem in the team regaining the poise it has car-

ried throughout the season.

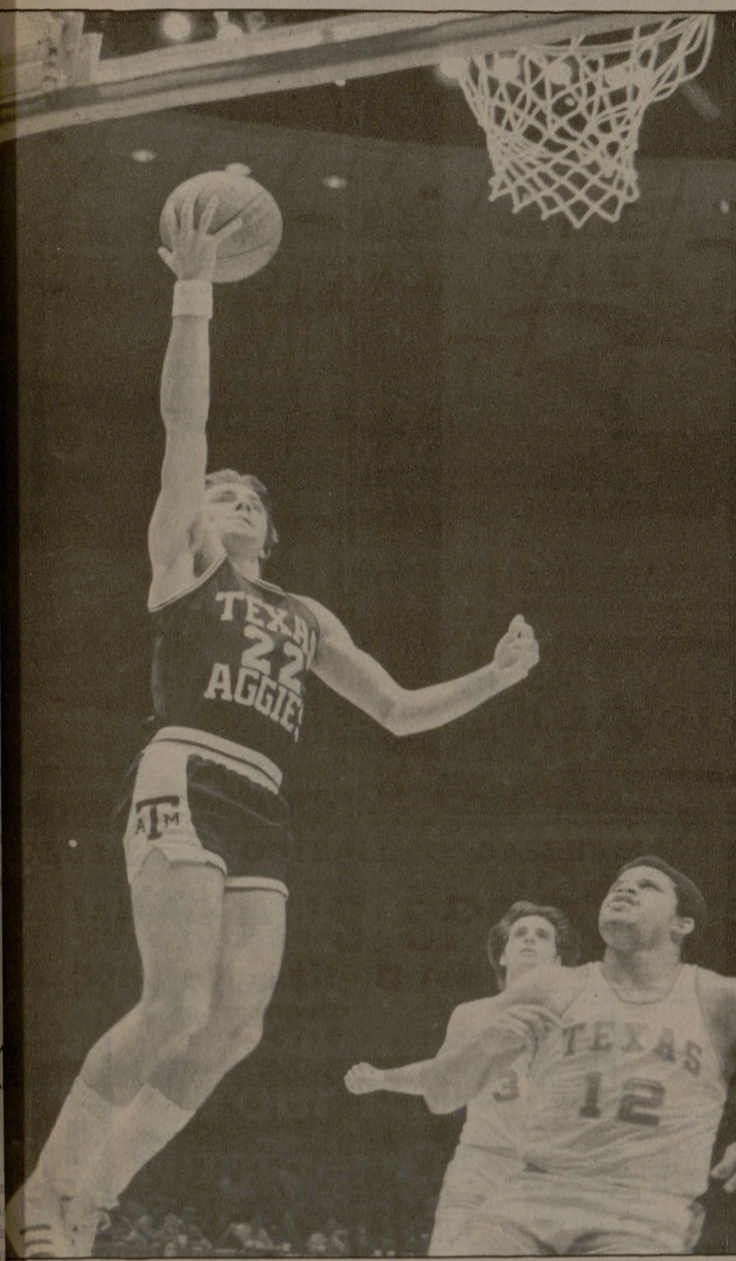
"The good players, the ones with the strong characters, won't stay down for long," Metcalf philosophized. "The strong players will come out of the Texas loss stronger because of it."

"But the weak players won't come back as strong, and that will hurt them. But that's just the way people are sometimes. Adversity pulls the

tough people together. The tough people we have on this team will pull together and go on from here."

The tipoff for tonight's game is 7:00, one half hour earlier than usual for television. There will be no women's game before the men's contest.

And yes, there are plenty of tickets still available.



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Texas A&M's Dave Goff goes in for a layup against Texas as the Longhorns' Ron Baxter looks on. The Aggies play TCU tonight at 7 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

## All-Star squads complete

United Press International

NEW YORK — Elvin Hayes and Bobby Dandridge of the Eastern Division-leading Washington Bullets and Jack Sikma and Dennis Johnson of the Western Division-leading Seattle SuperSonics were among 12 players added to complete the rosters for the 29th annual National Basketball Association All-Star Game.

Chosen to the East squad along with Hayes and Dandridge, in a

vote by the division coaches, were Larry Kenon of San Antonio, Campy Russell of Cleveland, Doug Collins of Philadelphia and Calvin Murphy of Houston.

The West additions, chosen by that division's coaches, included Walter Davis of Phoenix, Maurice Lucas of Portland, Artis Gilmore of Chicago and Otis Birdsong of Kansas City.

The starting teams for the game to be played in the Silverdome at

Pontiac, Mich., Feb. 4, were chosen by fan balloting.

The East's starting lineup consists of Rudy Tomjanovich and Moses Malone of Houston, Julius Erving of Philadelphia, Pete Maravich of New Orleans and George Gervin of San Antonio. Starting for the West will be David Thompson and George McGinnis of Denver, Marques Johnson of Milwaukee, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar of Los Angeles and Paul Westphal of Phoenix.



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No. Car.	.....(4) (14-2) 551
Indiana St.	.....(2) (16-0) 452
Michigan St.	.....(11-3) 4p3
Louisville	.....(15-3) 358
Duke	.....(12-3) 316
UCLA	.....(13-3) 313
Illinois	.....(16-2) 289
Ohio St.	.....(1) (11-4) 253
LSU	.....(13-2) 228
Marquette	.....(13-2) 187
Georgetown	.....(14-2) 158
Syracuse	.....(14-2) 144
Texas A&M	.....(15-3) 98
Temple	.....(13-1) 83
Texas	.....(11-4) 59
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