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Carroll pins Aggies

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Despite several fine individual efforts, the Texas A&M wrestling team was unable to overcome a more experienced Carroll College team from Waukesha, Wis., that led off the Aggies 30-15 in a meet Wednesday night at DeWare Fieldhouse.

The Aggies made a fight of it as they managed to stay close through the first eight matches, trailing only 15. But then Carroll's Matt Salas pinned the meet wide open with a surprising pin of Aggie Clay Panova that took only 45 seconds to complete.

The pin by Salas in the 190-pound match was welcome relief for Carroll coach Bill Kraemer, who had seen his Pioneers blow an early lead to the gaining Aggies.

"Up until then, I was concerned because we had been trading matches back and fourth and not getting very far ahead," Kraemer said. "But that pin really picked up the tempo for us."

And pick up the tempo it did, as Mike Betz won a convincing 17-5 decision over Texas A&M's Curtis Templet in the heavyweight class match that ended the meet and boosted Carroll's final total to 30 points.

Aggie coach Pete Servon was philosophical about his team's loss. "We came into this meet knowing that Carroll had a reputation of being a tough team to beat," Servon said. "I think our guys wrestled pretty good except for those two pins on Panova and (Steve) Tyler. That was something I just didn't expect to happen. Those guys from Carroll

are smart as well as tough and they just don't get pinned. I think right now what we need is just a little more experience."

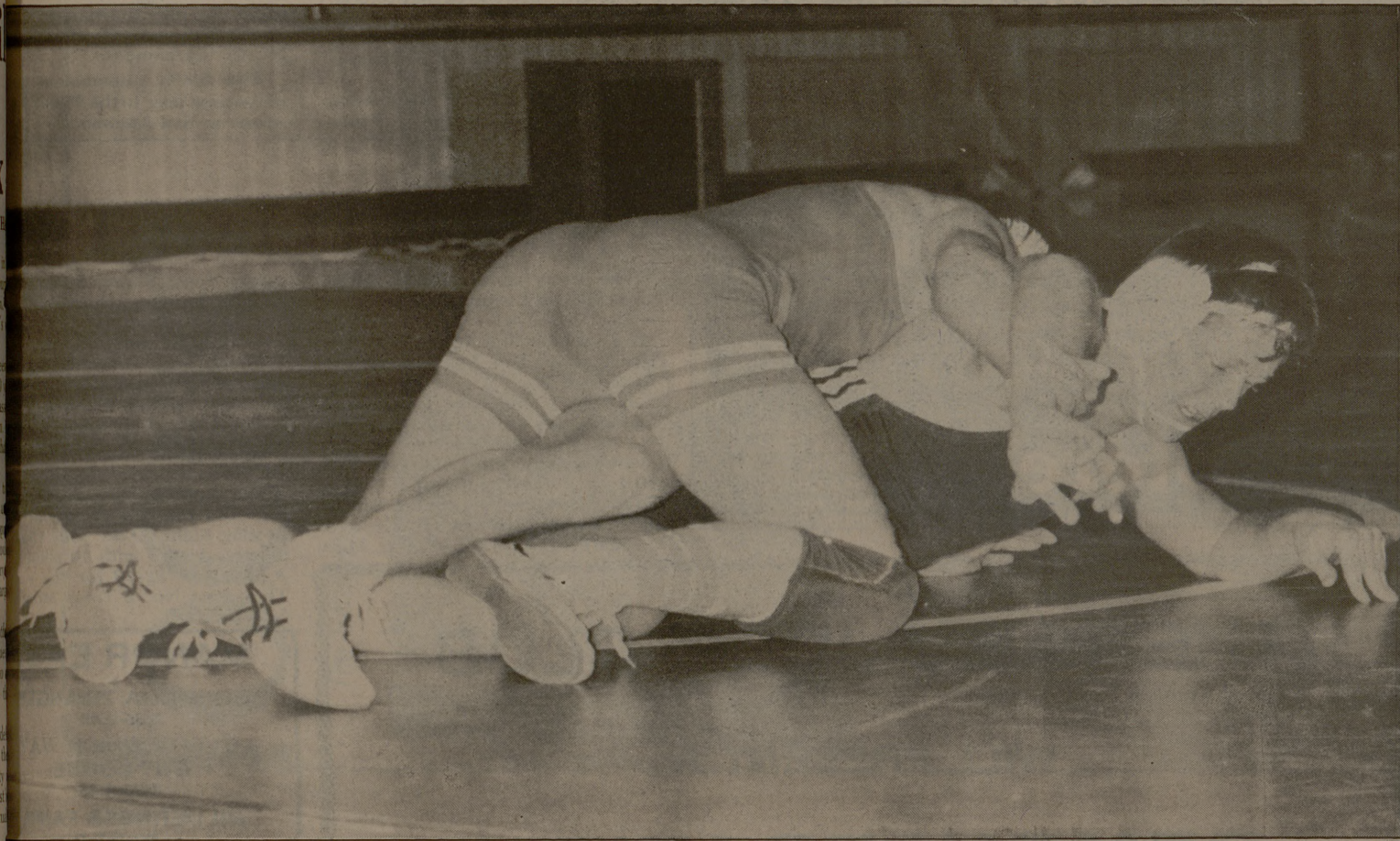
The final outcome of the meet over-shadowed a fine performance by Aggie Bob Santini. In his match with Dave Monreal in the 167-pound class, Santini was in total control from start to finish as he won the decision 15-2. With a showing that included two near-falls and four takedowns, he provided Texas A&M with its best win of the night and contributed five of the team's 15 points.

Other Aggie wins included two closely fought 5-2 decisions by Billy Kelvey and Blake Purcell and a 13-4 romp by John Sweatt in the 142-pound class.

Besides the match won by Salas, Carroll had two other wins by a pin. In the 118-pound class, freshman Mike Seipel beat Texas A&M's Rick Edgmon in a time of 4:45. The 158-pound match saw Doug Mueller nail down Steve Tyler after an elapsed time of 7:21.

Although the Aggies have not always been lucky with teams from out of state, they have done exceptionally well in state. Coming off a year that saw seven Texas A&M wrestlers capture honors as state champs in their individual classes, the team has so far gone undefeated in Texas play with an 11-0 record.

That record will be on the line next week as they host Southwest Texas State University and Richland Junior College in a tri-meet at DeWare Fieldhouse on Feb. 14.



Texas A&M's Doug Graham (bottom) struggles to return to his base as Carroll College's Jim Schoezike tries to pin him in wrestling action Wednesday night. Schoezike won the exhibition match that preceded the regularly scheduled match in DeWare Fieldhouse. Carroll College defeated the Aggie wrestlers 30-15.

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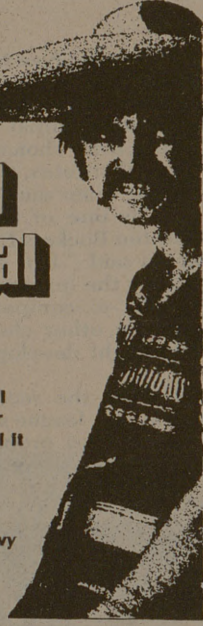
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