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## the sports

# Ags bounce Bearkats

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The Texas Aggies defeated Sam Houston State 71-47 Monday in a game that started out at a snail's pace and ended the same way.

The final minutes were pure frustration for both teams as well as a G. Rollie White Coliseum crowd that seemed anxious to go home and catch the end of the Houston-Pittsburgh football game.

Oblivious to the time remaining on the clock, the officials called nine fouls in the last two minutes of the game. Actually, it was only the capter to a game in which 60 fouls in all were called against the two teams.

While there was an excess of fouls, there was an equal lack of fans. Only 3,600 bothered to show up, easily making it the worst Aggie crowd of the young season. Considering that over half of those attending were non-students, it was an especially dismal turnout for the student body that barely qualified as token representation.

It looked as though neither team wanted to score at the beginning of the game. Both the Aggies and Bearkats played excellent defense and neither team was able to score for the first 4:30.

The ice was finally broken when A&M forward Vernon Smith hit a short jumper from the right baseline.

The Aggies took a 17-2 lead over Sam Houston in the second quarter.

The hapless Bearkats meanwhile, must have wondered what it took to score points, as they ran afoul of both the officials and the Aggies.

For a while, it was questionable whether the Bearkats would be able to score even 10 points before half-time. In fact, Sam Houston scored only its second bucket of the game with 3:19 left in the first half.

Only a furious Bearkat comeback narrowed the score to 27-15 by half-time. Following the game, Aggie forward Rynn Wright had an explanation for Sam Houston's poor shooting.

"We played good defense in the first half and it seemed like they were looking for one good shot," Wright said. "They'd just keep tossing the ball around, looking for a chance to get it inside for the perfect shot. Of course that hurt them because it chewed up extra time on the clock."

Wright did a little damage of his own to the Bearkats as he scored 17 points and pulled down eight rebounds to lead Texas A&M in both categories. Aggie Head Coach Shelby Metcalf later credited Wright with holding his team's offense together.

Rynn played another solid game tonight," Metcalf said. "He was about the only one who was able to hit

all night. We missed some easy shots and didn't really move the ball all that well. Other than Rynn, we didn't have anybody consistent offensively."

Another Aggie who played a rather solid game was freshman Claude Riley. Riley entered the game in the second quarter after Rudy Woods got into early foul trouble. He proceeded to chalk up 11 points and grab seven rebounds during 20 minutes of playing time.

Somewhat lost in the shuffle was junior forward Vernon Smith, who played his usually steady game, scoring 14 points and pulling down seven rebounds. The 14 points was below his 27 points-per-game average and just one point short of his reaching the 1,000-point plateau in his career at A&M.

"I definitely thought they (Sam Houston) did a good job defensively," said Metcalf. "That's the best pressure we've faced this year and I think this Sam Houston team's going to be a good one."

Looking ahead to Wednesday's game, Metcalf pointed out that East Texas State is currently 4-0 on the year. Their latest win came against Langston. The ETSU victory broke a 35-game winning streak at home for Langston. The Ags and ETSU will tip off at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in G. Rollie White.



Battalion photo by Lee Roy Lewis

### Stuff it Rudy!

Texas A&M's Rudy Woods goes in for a dunk shot against Houston State's Brian de Coverly who picks up a foul in the process. The Aggies defeated the Bearkats, 71-47.

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## Oilers beat Steelers

Monday night, however, as he did when he carried Oilers to within one game of the Super Bowl last season. Houston won six of the last eight games in his guidance.

The quarterback not only for 170 yards without an interception but also opened up Houston's winning attack for Earl Campbell's 109 yards.

Pittsburgh, the AFC's top team against the rush, had allowed a 100-yard performance an individual this season.

Oiler's center Carl Mackus said after the Monday win, his first over the Steelers in the Astrodome. Phillips was under pressure earlier this season to bench Pastorini as the 10-year veteran passed poorly due to a rehabilitating right shoulder infection. He completed only four passes in a 38-7 loss to the Steelers in the second game of this season.

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