

A&M risks unbeaten record on the road against SMU

By TONY GALLUCHI Sports Editor

Texas A&M takes its once-tested, unblemished SWC record of 3-0 to Dallas tonight for the first of four tough road games in the quest of the school's 10th basketball champion-

ship.
The Aggies have always had trouble winning in Dallas. In fact they haven't in four years. This year promises to be no easier as the Mustangs of coach Sonny Allen return all but one starter from last year and add two of the most looked at newcomers in the Southwest Conference in JCtransfer Ollie Hoops and freshman

That's an important ballgame for will start on him. Tyrone (Ladson)

for the lead in the Southwest Confer-

ence and Texas coach Abe Lemons

one he thinks is going to stay there.

"I think Arkansas is going to be

us," said Aggie head coach Shelby Metcalf. "Arkansas sure kept the pressure on yesterday (beating Texas 55-50 in Austin).

We're gonna put Rynn (Wright) on (Brad) Branson. Branson's 6-10 but he's also very strong and Rynn can stand there and muscle with him. If Rynn gets into foul trouble then we have two options — we can either put Rudy (Woods) on him or

we can use Claude (Riley) "Then they have Harris (Richard), he's a sound, all-around player. We'll start Rudy on him. And of course Billy Allen gives us fits and that's a problem for us because he's so quick and he's got good size. Goff will be able to give us some relief there. If we have both Tyrone and Goff on 6-4 (Phil) Hale. Britton will start out on Hale. At the other forward they've started Hoops and Piehler and (Gordon) Welch has played there. Vernon (Smith) will break and the second things start the game on Johnnie James, the one they started there last night.

bring in to change their lineup. "It's so easy to get up there and get to running with them. They'll work the zone press on you. We've just got

The zone is something the Aggies have been seeing more of lately.

Minnesota had a better zone but, the

to be patient with them. "It's not gonna cause us trouble.

thing is, sometimes they (SMI) a tendency to give a feeling open and you'll be a little furt than a good percentage sh main problem will be stoppi break and the second thing ling the press. Whip those tw They got quite a few people they ing them.

"If we can just get that good on the boards we can put som back in. LaSalle Thompson

had 25 points up there (again and I know he's not as active the boards as Rudy Game time is 7:10 p.m.

Lemons says Hogs will win title

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first in the conference," said Lemons. "They are just a better ball club than we are. I don't know how you can sum it up better than that." Lemons' opinion came following Arkansas' 55-50 victory over Texas in Austin — the second straight year

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The victory boosted Arkansas into a first-place tie with Texas A&M at

has already cast his vote for which 3-0 with Texas Tech a half step back at 3-1. Every other team in the conference has at least two league losses. Arkansas, employing a rarely-used zone defense, hit its customary 50

percent from the field while limiting Texas to only 39 percent.

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'This was the worst I've ever seen Texas shoot," said Arkansas' Alan Zahn, who helped the Hogs to a 10-point halftime lead. "We went to a zone with about seven minutes left in the first half and stayed with it. It's tory over Texas Tech earlier the most zone I've played since I've

Although Texas came within four points early in the second half and late in the game, the Razorbacks made the key baskets when they had

In losing its second game at home this year Texas fell to 2-2 in league play along with the Houston

Houston overcame an eight-point deficit at home against SMU and overwhelmed the Mustangs in the second half to pick up a 96-81 triumph. The Mustangs and the Cougars scored more points in the first half — SMU led at that point, 60-52 — than Arkansas and Texas did in their entire game.

Baylor, 1-2, won its first league game last Saturday night, whipping Rice, 73-63, and TCU lost its fourth SWC contest in as many starts — this week since they play at falling to Texas Tech, 84-65. Tech

Texas A&M took last Satur

Arkansas center Scott H who had been scoring more points with regularity, was target of Texas' defense in the day showdown so Zahn ar Reed were given the task of from the outside.

The two combined for 10 goals in 15 attempts.

Against Texas you have from the perimeter," said Ar coach Eddie Sutton. "And we cially had to in this game be they were so aware of Hastin Arkansas now returns ho

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