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Road trip starts against Bears

Another night of reckoning is on hand tonight as the undefeated Southwest Conference leading Aggies head for Waco to play the Baylor Bears. Texas A&M, a 92-79 winner over Houston Monday, opens the second half of SWC play with the game, its fifth road contest of the conference season.

Shelby Metcalf's team won a 74-57 decision over the Bears two weeks ago, but tonight's game promises to be close. Rudy Woods, the Aggies' leading rebounder, said it succinctly:

"Everyone's just waiting for us now."

Starters for the Aggies will be juniors Vernon Smith and Rynn Wright, sophomore Woods and seniors David Britton and Dave Goff.

Game time is 7:30 p.m. and it will be broadcast over KTAM radio with DeWayne Staats and Davis Walker announcing. The Texas A&M women's basketball team will play at 5:30 p.m.

— TONY GALLUCCI

Aggies look for win in Waco

The Texas A&M Aggies will start the second half of the Southwest Conference basketball race trying to subdue the Baylor Bears in Waco Wednesday night and the Arkansas Razorbacks will start out by sitting at home.

Coming off its overtime thriller against Texas Tech Monday night, the second-place Razorbacks will take Wednesday evening off. Coach Eddie Sutton probably feels his team deserves it.

"If before the season," Sutton said, "you had told me we would be 7-1 after making trips to College Station Lubbock and Austin I would certainly have taken it."

Arkansas' 7-1 record however is good only for second place behind the unbeaten Aggies.

A&M got another vote for "team of the year" Monday night from Houston Coach Guy Lewis whose team was overwhelmed by the Aggies in the second half of a 92-79 decision.

"I think there is no doubt about it," Lewis said. "A&M is the best team in the league."

Texas A&M's sweep through the first half of the season was ignited by a 74-57 romp over Baylor in the Aggies' second SWC game.

After a narrow and unspectacular win over underdog TCU in the opener, the Aggies put it together against the Bears and have been rolling ever since.

A&M has road trips left to Lubbock and Fayetteville however and both of those excursions are filled with potential danger.

Even the Aggies' 6-11 center, Rudy Woods, knows it is unlikely his

team can make it through the 16-game schedule unbeaten.

"One of these days we might run into trouble," Woods said after the win over Houston. "But by then it will be too late. It won't make any difference."

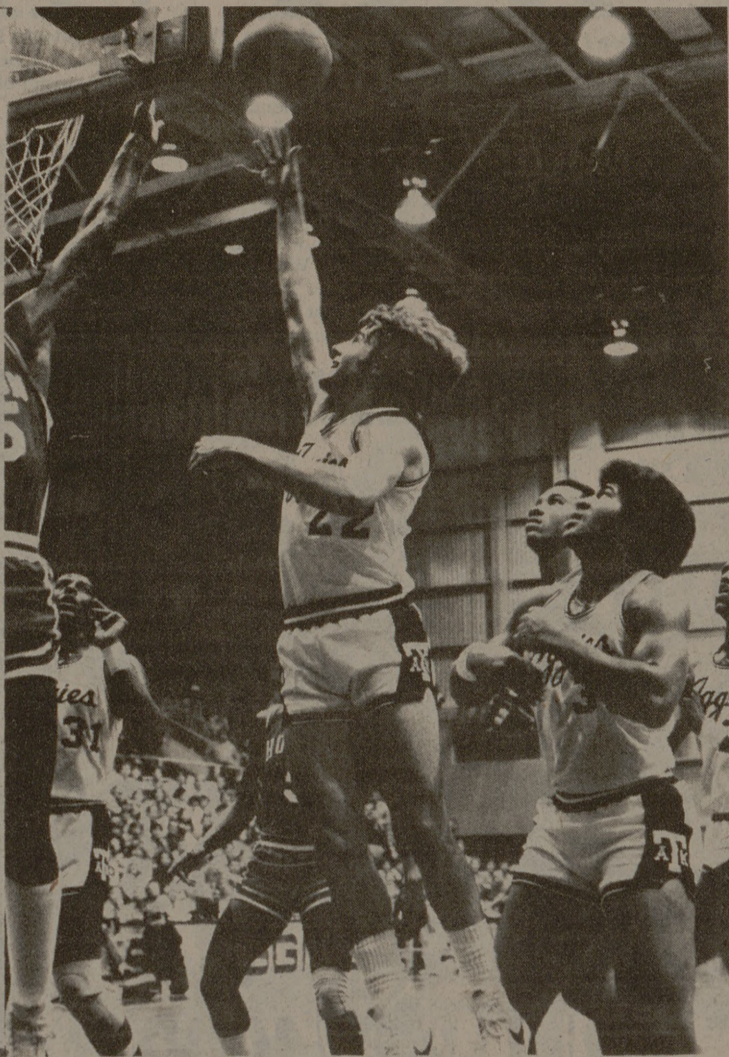
He could be right, but the Arkansas win over Texas Tech in Lubbock was a big hurdle for the Razorbacks since they now have completed the three toughest road trips in the conference this year. And they still have the Aggies coming to Fayetteville on Feb. 12.

Tech Coach Gerald Myers, following Arkansas' 71-69 victory in Lubbock Monday night, made mention of why he felt the Razorbacks were still near the top of the heap in the SWC race.

"We're not a great defensive team," Myers said. "But we aren't that bad either. And Arkansas shot the ball super on us, 65 per cent for the game and 75 per cent in the second half. They may have lost the triplets (referring to Ron Brewer, Marvin Delph and Sidney Moncrief) but they still have their coach. And he does a great job."

Wednesday night's schedule other than Texas A&M visiting Baylor, finds SMU (3-5) visiting Texas (4-4), Texas Tech (5-3) going to Houston (3-5), and Rice (1-7) going to TCU (2-6).

Rice's only conference victory this year came over the Horned Frogs in Houston. Texas Tech rallied in the second half to beat Houston in their first meeting this year and Texas defeated SMU in Dallas the first time around.



Just another shot

David Goff goes up for two against the Houston Cougars during Monday night's game. The Aggies play the Baylor Bears tonight at 7:30 p.m.

Staff photo by Lynn Blanco

Texas game to be on TV

United Press International

DALLAS — Southwest Conference officials announced Tuesday the basketball game between Texas and Texas A&M, scheduled for 8 p.m. Feb. 16 in College Station, would be regionally televised.

The starting time of the game was

changed to 1:40 p.m.

It had been previously announced that the starting time of the game between Arkansas and Houston, to be played at Hofheinz Pavilion in Houston, would be moved from 8:00 p.m. to 1:40 p.m. on Feb. 9 and that the contest would also be televised regionally.

Blue-chip running backs apparently going to Texas

United Press International

AUSTIN — The Texas Longhorns, who suffered from a lack of depth at running back during the 1979 season, apparently have lined up running backs as their first two recruits for 1980.

Bobby Micho of Austin Anderson and Tommy Woods of Houston North Shore, both running backs, have indicated they will attend Texas

and will sign a SWC letter of intent when signing begins Feb. 13.

Micho was picked as offensive player of the year in District 26-4A and Woods was an all-district pick in 20-4A.

David Jones, a center and line-backer from Austin Crockett, has also indicated Texas will be his college choice.

Houston Angels find new court

United Press International

HOUSTON — The homeless Houston Angels Tuesday contracted with Rice University to play their remaining games at Autry Court, a team spokeswoman said.

The deal was reached four days before the Women's Professional Basketball League team was to play its next home game.

An official of the team refused to say whether the Angels had to pay Rice in advance of a Friday game against the San Francisco Pioneers.

In the past two weeks, the Angels' other two home arenas, Hofheinz Pavilion and the Summit, refused to allow the team to play any more games until debts were paid.

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