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# Aggies looking for No. 11

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The Aggie basketball team is on another winning streak, this time only one game long, and the Ags are hoping to extend it when they host Rice here Saturday at 8 p.m. in C. Rollie White Coliseum.

Shelby Metcalf's charges took a 67-56 win over SMU Wednesday to take a brief one-half game lead in the Southwest Conference. The lead was wiped out by Arkansas Thursday when they ousted Baylor 70-51 in Waco after breaking out of a 26-26 halftime tie.

Rice provided mid-week spice in the SWC by taking an incredible 10-point win over Texas Tech in Houston Thursday. Ricky Pierce led the Owls to the convincing upset with 27 points and 14 rebounds, as the Owls were in control virtually the entire way.

The Owls led 32-26 at the half, and then put on a spurt at the start of the second half to go to 38-26 when Texas Tech could not score a point for the first five minutes of the second period.

The Owls, surprisingly, dominated the boards with a 40-29 margin in rebounds that Red Raider coach Gerald Myers cited as a big factor.

Rice Coach Mike Schuler said, "This was a great win for our young men. It may be called a major upset, but our men felt they could win tonight because they had played Texas Tech so well out there (Lubbock)."

The Owls lost in overtime in Lubbock in January.

Late in the first half, Tech coach Myers was assessed two technical fouls by the officials. But Owl free throw expert Bobby Tudor missed all four of the free throws allotted him.

"I was embarrassed to tell you the truth, but I just couldn't go to pieces over it," said Tudor after the game. "I just had to go on and play my game, and everything came out okay."

Tech's leading scorer was Ralph Brewster, with 19 points and 10 rebounds.

Rice is now 3-8 in the Southwest Conference and 5-14 on the season, and a win over the Aggies in College Station Saturday would give them a good shot at sixth place and the all-important home court advantage in the first round of the Southwest Conference tournament.

Tech, 7-5 in conference play and 13-9 for the season, is battling for third place in the conference.

Scott Hastings keyed an Arkansas streak early in the second half Thursday night that carried the Razorbacks to their victory over the Bears and

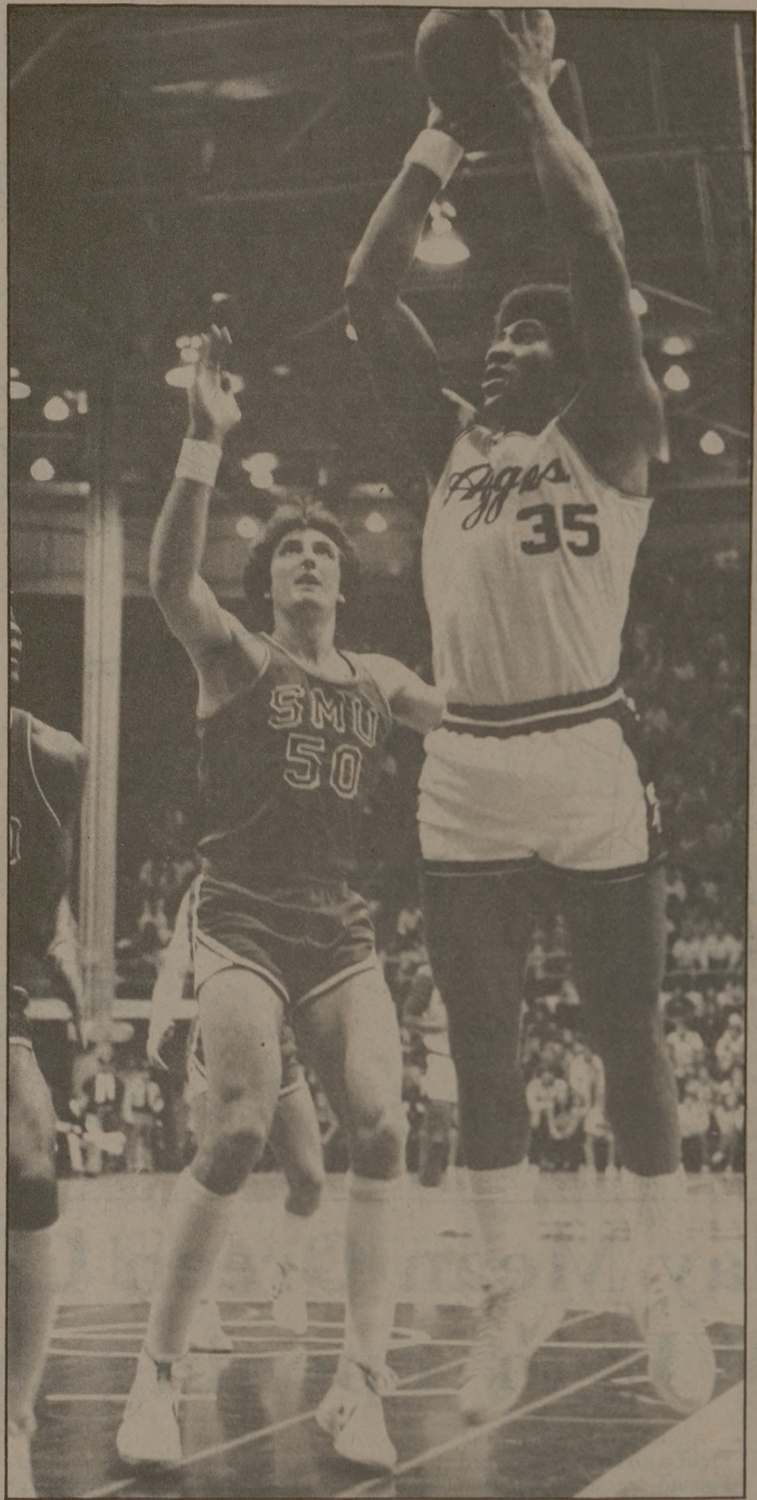
into the lead once again.

Arkansas, winning its 11th game in its last 12 starts, climbed to a 10-1 record in the SWC while Baylor, battling for a home-court advantage in the opening round of the SWC post-season tournament, fell back into a tie for sixth place with SMU at 4-8.

The Aggies are expected to start the usual lineup Saturday — David Britton and Dave Goff at guards and Rudy Woods, Vernon Smith and Rynn Wright along the front line. Ten Ags played in the win over SMU and they have good shot at gaining more playing time this weekend.

Texas A&M beat Rice, 84-65, in their meeting earlier this year.

Arkansas and Texas A&M each have one game remaining before Showdown II in Fayetteville. The Tuesday night contest will probably decide the Southwest Conference title.



Rynn Wright takes a turnaround jumper over SMU's Brad Branson (50) in Wednesday night's 67-56 Aggie victory. Wright, in his usually devastating game, hit eight of ten shots from the field in leading A&M with 20 points.

Staff photo by Lee Roy Leshcher Jr.

## Wrestler aiming for state meet

The Texas A&M wrestler has been seeded second in the coming Texas Intercollegiate Wrestling Tournament, behind Baylor College. The state finals will be held on Feb. 23.

Coach Bob Santini's crew has their home season last week with a 30-18 win over Carroll. That win upped their record. The team's only loss came in the hands of Southwest Missouri State.

For the Aggies, Bill Kelley, a forfeit win in the 118-pound class. In the 126-pound division, Rynn Wright took a 3-0 win while 134-pound class Texas A&M's Mike Betz, Carroll's Scott Rowedder.

John Sweatt beat Carroll's Olson 4-0 in the 142-pound class. Phil Schaver knocked off Jeff Rhody 3-0 in the 150-pound class. In the 150's, Paul McCarroll beat Aggie David Moore 0. Santini picked up a 4-0 win over John Kraus in the 167-pound class.

Mike Walsh won 3-0 in the 174-pound round and Curtis Rowedder won the heavyweight match. Mike Betz, Carroll's Scott Rowedder took the 190-pound class over Bud Moore.

## This week's schedule of Aggie sports

FRIDAY Feb. 8

Men's golf team at Pan Am Tournament, Monterrey, Mex.  
Men's tennis team vs. South Texas State, here, 1:30 p.m.  
Women's tennis team at Quad Matches, Houston  
Women's basketball team Mean Green Classic, Denton  
Men's swimming team vs. Texas Tech, here

SATURDAY Feb. 9

Men's basketball team vs. here, 8 p.m.  
Women's tennis team at Quad matches, Houston  
Women's basketball team Mean Green Classic, Denton  
Women's gymnastics team A&M Invitational, here, 10 a.m.  
Women's swimming team vs. Houston, 2 p.m.  
Women's track team vs. LSU, Auburn, Baton Rouge, La.  
Men's track team at LSU, Baton Rouge, La.  
Men's golf team at Pan Am tournament, Monterrey  
Men's swimming team vs. Houston

MONDAY Feb. 11

Women's swimming team vs. Rice, here, 4 p.m.

TUESDAY Feb. 12

Men's basketball team vs. Arkansas, Fayetteville, 7 p.m., possibly on television. Announced this weekend.

Women's basketball team vs. California, here 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY Feb. 14

Women's basketball, TBA  
State Tournament first round, TBA

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