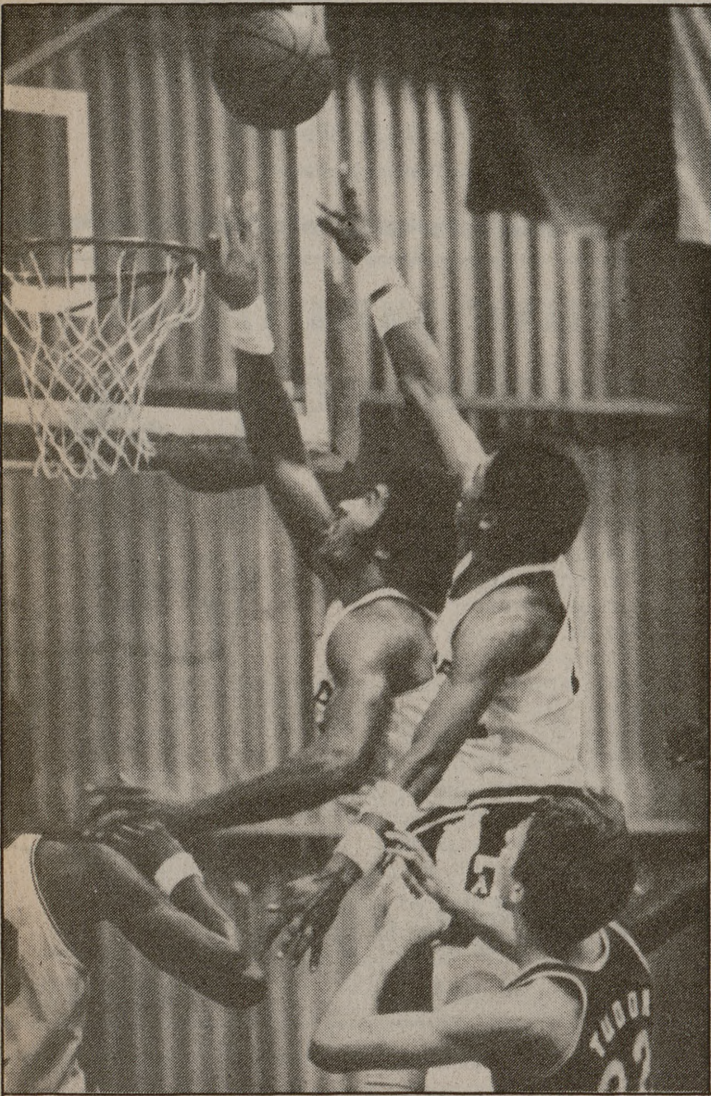


Nightmare continues as Aggies fall to Hogs, 52-47



Staff photo by Greg Gannon

Texas A&M players Rynn Wright (left) and Reggie Roberts go up for a rebound against Rice last Tuesday in G. Rollie White Coliseum. The Aggies took it on the chin again Saturday against Arkansas, 52-47, dropping their season SWC record to 1-5. A&M plays Texas tonight in G. Rollie White at 7:30.

By RICHARD OLIVER
Sports Editor
It seems the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune have found a home in the heart of Aggieland. After helping the Aggie football team stumble through an embarrassing fall, those same arrows have hit their mark again in a spot that was once thought to be invincible — the Texas A&M basketball team.

The Aggies, following a promising 7-0 beginning, had stumbled and fallen to 8-6 overall and 1-4 in the Southwest Conference race before Saturday's trip to Fayetteville, Ark. to take on the Razorbacks.

It had, simply, become a must game for the Aggies, and for the first 25 minutes, it looked like the Aggies had finally regained their senses, playing a fine ball control game and shooting at a respectable 47 percent clip.

At halftime, the Aggies entered the lockerroom ahead 26-22, but a miserable second half free throw shooting performance along with a breakdown of the outside shooting game sunk the Aggies' 1981 SWC championship hopes.

Texas A&M limped home from Arkansas late Saturday night with a 52-47 loss to the Hogs and a 1-5 conference record.

Despite the loss, once again the Aggies showed some promise in many areas.

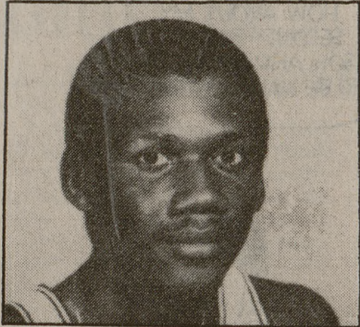
Defensively, A&M was flawless in the opening minutes, completely shutting down the Arkansas inside shooting game in front of the 9,249 Barnhill Arena fans. Even late in the second half the pressing Ags succeeded in collaring the previously hot-handed Hogs to the point of keeping the game close until the final minute. But, ten misses at the free throw line in the final half made it all moot for the maroon and white.

For the second straight game, Tyrone Ladson turned in an excellent performance for the Aggies, exhibiting excellent ball-handling despite intense full-court defensive pressure from the Razorbacks. In the final four minutes, freshman Roy Jones turned in his second straight fine performance, hitting a pressure goal and sinking three of four from the free throw line when it was desperately needed.

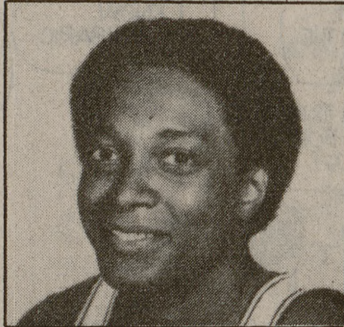
Meanwhile, the Aggies were shutting down Hogs' stars Scott Hastings and Darrell Walker. Hastings, who fouled out late in the game, only managed six points and Walker eight.

Rebounding, A&M was awesome, bringing down 43 to the Hogs' 29. At halftime, the Ags had brought down 16 to Arkansas' eight.

After last year's questionable per-



Roy Jones



Tyrone Ladson

formances by SWC officials at the game, Atlantic Coast Conference referees were called in to officiate this year. The result was no different, with questionable calls being made against both sides.

Head A&M Coach Shelby Metcalf employed the 2-3 defensive zone against the Razorbacks effectively in the initial minutes of the game, but switched to man-on-man occasionally with equal success.

Freshman guard Reggie Roberts, who scored 14 to lead A&M, put in a respectable performance, silencing the frenzied Arena crowd with numerous baskets from the outside.

Sophomore Claude Riley, although only scoring four points, became the leader on the court, and also aroused the ire of the Arkansas fans at several points with his enthusiasm. At one point, Riley blocked the Hogs' U.S. Reed on a drive, sending the young guard sprawling on the court. The foul was called on Reed, and Riley swung his arms in the air in agreement, dancing around as Reed struggled shakily to his feet. Down came the boos.

Wright and Smith once again could manage no real offense, scoring only 19 points between them, but both turned in fine defensive performances.

For Arkansas, the difference was forward Keith Peterson, who scored

14 points before fouling out in the final minutes. Wright and Roberts fouled out for A&M.

The Aggies came roaring out of the blocks early, completely dominating the game and compiling a nine-point lead, 26-17, with 3:31 left in the half. Soon, however, the tide had slowly turned, and Arkansas pulled within four at the half.

In the second half, both teams seemed reluctant to take control, but with 16:46 left, Peterson put the Razorbacks in the lead 30-28, and they never trailed again.

With approximately five minutes remaining and the Hogs holding onto a six-point lead, the Razorbacks started a fouling spree which resulted in Hastings and Peterson fouling out. But, the Aggies couldn't capitalize.

The final minutes were tense, as old adversaries Metcalf and Head Arkansas Coach Eddie Sutton exchanged glances and some words while they paced the sidelines.

With 37 seconds left and the Aggies behind by seven, Wright stole a pass and drove to the bucket, but was called on a difficult charging foul that enabled Arkansas to stall. A late bucket by Jones was small consolation as the Aggies filed into their locker room through an amazingly hostile Arkansas crowd.

"We shall be back," said Jones af-

ter the game. Bruce Sooter, who saw a couple of minutes playing time as the game ended, was a little more thoughtful. "I thought there were some calls last year that should have been made but weren't," he said, referring to the Hogs' controversial 45-44 1980 win at Barnhill Arena. "This year overall, I think, the officiating was worse."

Metcalf, however, saw some improvement in the Aggies performance. "I thought Roy Jones played a good game," he said. "We played a good game, but that free throw shooting killed us."

Metcalf was thankful the team

would be home against the

ghorns tonight. "I just hope we can get the to stick with us," he said. "Nothing like the crowd at G. Rollie White. At the Rice game, I never saw support from them. We need it now."

Although the Aggies have been bled out of the race for the crown, there is still the post-season tournament to shoot for. The event, held in March, gives the teams a last-ditch effort at a full season. The top team will have a bye to the final, with the eight teams scrapping to get to the "final four," who will play in Antonio March 5-7.

A&M-Texas play at 7:30

Texas A&M University will host the University of Texas tonight at 7:30 in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

The game will follow a women's contest between the Lady Aggies and the Longhorn women at 5:15.

The Longhorn men enter tonight's contest fresh off a Saturday 75-70 win over previously undefeated (in SWC) Baylor. The Aggies lost to Arkansas Saturday night in Fayetteville, 52-47, and have dropped into last place in the SWC with a 1-5 record.

Pre-Med/Dent Society

Tues. Jan. 27 Physics 321 7:30

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IM Game Plan

ENTRIES OPEN: Today (Monday, January 26) marks the first day that entries will be accepted for the Intramural Free Throw Contest and the Fencing Contest. Both events will be open for entries through Tuesday, February 3. The Free Throw Contest will be conducted on Tuesday, February 10 from 7 - 10 p.m. on the Main Floor of G. Rollie White. The Fencing Competition will take place in the new Fencing Room (267 East Kyle) on Saturday, February 14 at 9 a.m. For further about both of these FREE events, contact the Intramural Office (845-7826) in Room 159 East Kyle.

INTRAMURAL LOGO CONTEST: We need your help. The IM-REC SPORTS DEPT. is searching for a new logo. We are actively soliciting entries for the Intramural Logo Contest. The contest is open to TAMU students, faculty, staff, and respective spouses. The contest will be open until March 15. Entries must include a signed waiver (available in the IM Office) as well as a finished logo. The logo should be in black ink on 8 1/2" by 11" white paper. The word "Intramurals" as it appears on the present logo may be used. Prizes will be awarded. Additional information and entry forms are available in the Intramural Office.

NEW WEIGHT ROOM OPEN: The new "Universal" weight equipment has been installed in the weight room (Rm. 262 G. Rollie White) and is available for use. The eight new Nautilus machines are scheduled to be installed on Friday, January 23. The free weights have been moved next door to Room 261. Both rooms will be open for use from 5 - 10 p.m. weekdays and 2 - 7 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The machine weight room will also be open from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Instructional seminars will be presented concerning the effective use of the Universal and Nautilus machines. The first of these seminars is scheduled for Wednesday, February 4 from 7 - 9 p.m. in Room 262 of G. Rollie White.



Natalie Nelson (26) discusses strategy with her teammates during half-time of the SOA

Tournament Co-Rec championship game.

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ANYONE INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL UMPIRE SHOULD STOP BY THE IM OFFICE (159 EAST KYLE) AND SEE DAVE KERR OR LYNETTE GINN THIS WEEK. TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED SO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IS NOT REQUIRED! THE FIRST TRAINING CLINIC WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2 AT 8 P.M. IN ROOM 274 OF EAST KYLE. SEE YOU THERE!

Recreation Lockers Available

Tired of carrying dirty, sweaty clothes back and forth to work or classes every day? Concerned that while you pursue your leisure activities someone is helping themselves to your wallet and watch? If you answered "yes" to either of the above questions, then you need to stop by the Intramural-Recreational Sports Office in Room 159 East Kyle to rent a recreation locker for the semester (or longer). Recreation lockers for MEN and

WOMEN are currently available in G. Rollie White and East 845. Students, faculty, staff, and respective spouses may rent these lockers for a mere \$3.00 per semester (faculty, staff, spouses must also purchase \$1.00 recreation I.D. card). Individuals may also purchase additional service for an additional \$7.00 per semester. Stop by the IM-REC SPORTS OFFICE today and rent yours for security for the semester.



Julie Born of the Centex Co-Rec basketball team boxes out Kena Hamilton (27) and prepared for a rebound during the SOA Tournament Co-Rec championship game. Julie is our McDonald's "Be Our Guest" winner this week. She can pick up her BOC card redeemable for free food at McDonald's® in the Intramural Office.

Racquetball Courts Open

With the opening of the new East Kyle facilities, TAMU now boasts 14 new racquetball/handball courts making the campus total now 28. Reservations for all of the courts can be made by calling the Equipment Check-out Room (845-2624) on the day before you wish to play.

Reservations are also accepted in person at the new Check-out Room (157 East Kyle). However, individuals are reminded to make sure they know if their court is in East Kyle or DeWare.

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SOA Tourney Tips off Hoop Season

The Texas A&M Sports Officials Association would like to thank the twenty-four teams that participated in their recent tournament and made the event an overwhelming success. The tourney provided teams with the opportunity to get a head start on the intramural season and enabled the officials to tone up their skills for the season ahead.

Twelve teams participated in the Double Elimination Men's Division. The Desparado's dropped the opening game to Exit Only and worked their way back through the loser's bracket only to meet Exit Only once again in the finals. However, in the first round of the finals, The Desparado's topped Exit Only forcing a rubber match. Exit Only provided to be

the class of the field by defeating the Desparado's in the final game to claim the Men's Championship.

In the Women's Division, The A's claimed the title by defeating the NBA in the final game. NBA gained its berth in the finals by defeating First String, the team that had put them in the loser's bracket earlier in the tourney. Eight teams competed for the Women's title.

In a four team round robin Co-Rec tournament, Centex met the Leather Lovers in what proved to be the Championship game. After falling behind early in the game, Centex made the game close by the half and pulled away in the second stanza to capture the Co-Rec crown.

Dan Nottebart attempts to add to the Desparado's two-point lead during the SOA Basketball Tournament.

