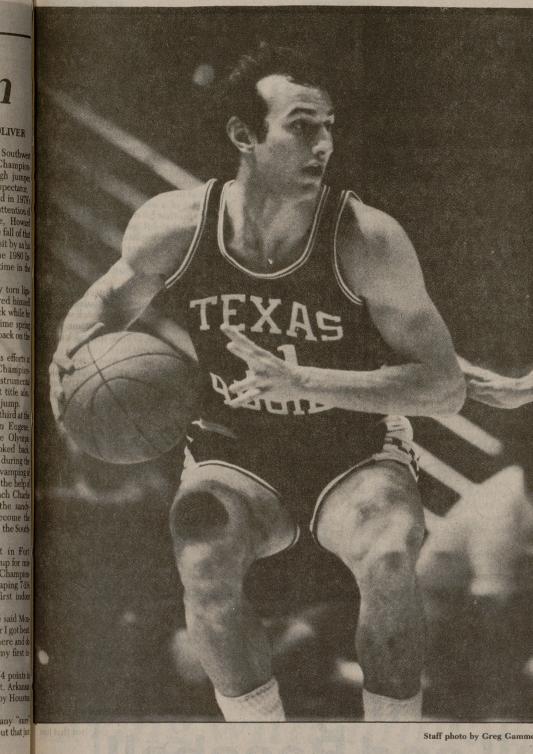
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Because of this late-season ral-

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sitting in a dark horse position. If things go well for them in the post-



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by the Aggies, who blew out the Longhorns, 108-79 in front of a regional television audience. Tonight, the Ags, 6-8, play TCU at 7:30 in Fort Worth in a crucial contest.

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ly found themselves playing the kind of basketball they are capable of playing.

By RITCHIE PRIDDY

Battalion Staff The Texas Aggies carry a 13-11 season record and a 6-8 Southwest

Conference mark into tonight's

important basketball game with the TCU Horned Frogs in Fort

The first and second place

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eighth and seventh place teams,

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Ags now playing as expected

After a miserable 1-7 first-half SWC finish, the Ags own a 5-1 second half mark with two games

The Aggies are currently tied During the last six SWC games with the Frogs for sixth place in the Aggies have some very inthe conference and tonight's game teresting statistics that show why will likely determine the home sites for next week's first round of they have made one of the biggest turnarounds in conference histhe SWC post-season tournatory

The Aggies have been averaging 75 points per game while their

teams receive a bye into the semi-final (third) round of the tournaopponents average 61. They have been hitting a very respectable 56 percent from the ceives a bye into the second field, their opponents 45.5 percent

The fourth, fifth and sixth place teams will play at home next Mon-day (March 2) against the ninth, ing 39.3 per outing. In one of the most important categories, Texas A&M has made

the post-season tournament. The second, third and fourth charity tosses, as compared to their opponent's 70 percent. rounds of the tournament will be olayed in San Antonio's Hemis-

Leading the way are the men

Smith is the leader in both categories as he has averaged 20.5 points (123) and 9.1 rebounds (55) per game in the six game stretch. Wright is next with 13.5 (81) points and nine (54) rebounds per

game. Riley is next with 9.8 (59) points and six (36) rebounds per game. Good guard play has played an extremely important part over the past six games and Roberts and Woodley have provided the bulk

of that.

They have averaged 13.3 (80) and 7.3 (44) points per game re-spectively, and 3.1 (19) rebounds better than 73 percent of their each per game. They have also combined for a

whopping 58 assists (26 and 32 respectively).

The Aggies appear to have final-found themselves playing the of basketball they are capable playing. It is the state of t

The six have combined for 428 of the team's 450 points and 206 of their 236 rebounds over the sixgame SWC stretch.

season tournament (and by all in-dications they will) they could conceivably receive an NCAA playoff berth. But at 13-11, the Aggies would have to win the tournament to qualify for the NCAA. Here's where the NIT (National

Invitational Tournament) comes into view. A good showing in the SWC post-season tournament could very likely bring an invita-tion along with it to that tournament for the Aggies.

With continuing success (de-spite their record) the Aggies could surprise a few teams (and lots of people around the country, as well) and wind up winning some big games very soon.

Whatever the case may be, playing at the caliber they have been the Ags may well be on their way to an exciting conclusion to



an exciting season.

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United Press International DALLAS — Rice junior Ricky Pierce scored 51 points and col-lected 15 rebounds last week to gain the Southwest, Conference Player of the Week honors in a vote of conference basketball coaches. 0000000000000000000

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