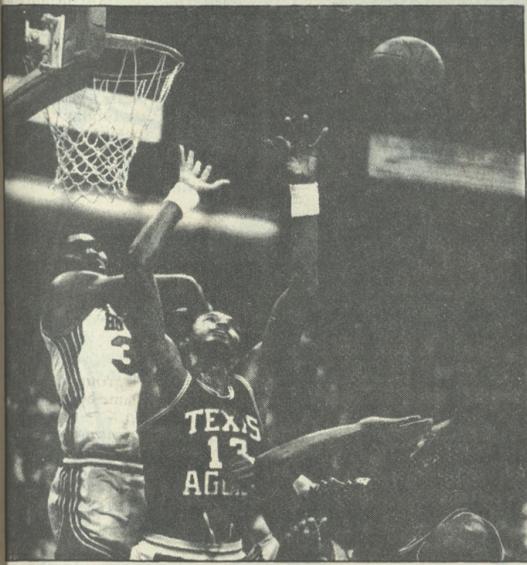


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## Aggies, Metcalf pleased with 20 victories



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Houston's Akeem Abdul Olajuwon (34, under basket) blocks a shot by the Aggies' Claude Riley (13) during the Cougars' 89-76 victory in the Southwest Conference tournament. Riley is pressured here by UH forward Michael Young (second from right), while the Aggies' Tyren Naulls moves in to help.

by Frank L. Christlieb  
Sports Editor

Shelby Metcalf views his team's recently completed 20-11 season as a baseball pitcher looks at his record.

"I was real pleased with the season," Metcalf said Sunday. "That's kind of like winning 20 games as a pitcher — any time you win 20 games, you've had a successful season."

After finishing third in the Southwest Conference during the regular season, the Aggies lost to the Final Four-bound Houston Cougars 89-76 in the semifinals of the league tournament. After receiving a berth in the National Invitation Tournament, Texas A&M defeated Lamar 60-58 and Washington 69-65 before losing 86-68 to Purdue Friday night.

With a victory over the Boiler-makers, the Aggies would have competed in New York's Madison Square Garden NIT semifinals tonight. Even though the team members hoped to qualify for the New York portion of the tourney, they say they're not upset with the outcome of the season.

"We are satisfied with the season," junior forward Claude Riley said. "I was tremendously satisfied when we won that 20th game. You have to say the season was a success when you win 20 games."

"People had us picked really low, but we still managed to finish high."

Riley, who finished with team-leading averages of 16.4 points and 10.3 rebounds a game, said the Aggies wanted to finish high in the NIT after a disappointing finish in the SWC tourney.

"I think we played really well considering that we had only a slight chance of being picked for the NIT," Riley said. "We didn't play too well in our post-season tourney, but I think we played very well in the NIT."

"I think we can look back at this year and the mistakes we made as a team, and work just a little bit harder. I'm sure each player could look back and see something he did wrong and work to correct it."

Guard Tyren Naulls, in his first year with the team after transferring from UCLA, said

the Aggies' unity proved to be an important factor in their success.

"The season turned out a lot better than most thought," Naulls said. "I wished it had turned out a little better — I thought maybe it would."

"It was a surprise to everybody but us. I guess you could say fate put us in a difficult position when Roy (Jones, out for the season after receiving a knee injury in a game with Rice Jan. 23) got hurt, but Milton (Woodley) came in and played real well. We all had to put in a little bit extra."

Naulls said that he considered this season to be the best of his college career, although he added that he didn't play as consistently as he would have liked. The 6-4 guard finished the year

as the team's number two scorer averaging 12 points a game.

Naulls, along with Woodley and freshman guard Gary Lewis, combined for 283 assists. Naulls set a school record with seven steals in the Aggies' 81-57 victory over Sam Houston State Dec. 3.

Guard Reggie Roberts' average of 11.4 points a game finished third on the team, and the 6-3 sophomore had a team-leading 69 steals.

But Riley, who led the team in

scoring and rebounding throughout the season, put his name into the Texas A&M record books more than his teammates.

Riley's SWC-leading 88 percent free-throw shooting, as well as his 81.3 percent season mark, were school records.

Riley set a single-season rebounding record with 309, breaking the record of 286 held by John Beasley and Rudy Woods, this year's fourth-leading scorer on the team at

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## Aggie track team first in College Station meet

by John Wagner

Battalion Staff

Rod Richardson, Don Jones, and Johnny Hector led the Texas A&M men's track team to a first place finish in the College Station Relays Saturday, and Coach Charlie Thomas said he was happy with his team's work.

Richardson, who earlier in the week had won the 60-yard dash at the NCAA Indoor Meet, placed first in the 100-meter run with the fastest time recorded in the nation so far this year. Phillip Epps of TCU won the 200-meter run, also clocking in with the fastest time recorded this year.

Jones and Hector qualified for the NCAA Outdoor Meet with their performances. Jones placed second in the high jump, and Hector won the long jump.

On March 13, while several of the Aggies were in Pontiac, Mich. for the NCAA Indoor Meet, the rest of the squad competed in the Rice Invitational. Robert Windsor was the only

first place winner for the Aggies. He won the shot put with a throw of 59-5 1/2.

In the team competition, the Aggies finished fifth with 66 2/3 points. Rice was first with 91

points.

The next meet for the Aggies is Saturday, when they will return to Houston to compete in a quadrangular meet with Rice, Lamar and Baylor.

## PADDY MURPHY ESCAPES

ATTICA, NEW YORK — Officials at Attica State Prison reported last night that the twice convicted murderer - bootlegger, Paddy Murphy, has once again escaped. Prison officials feel that Murphy's running partners, William Ward and female

companion Darcy "All Nite" Luker, have masterminded the escape. Ward and Luker were last sited doing the shag some-

where on the coast of South Carolina. The FBI would not give a statement at this time.

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