

Texas A&M

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Riley, Brown lead 91-70 victory over Texas A&I

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The 3,652 fans in G. Rollie White Coliseum Thursday night were treated to a spectacular shooting show. When the contest with the Texas A&I Javelinas was over, Aggie freshman guard Kenny Brown hadn't missed a shot — eight for eight. Brown wasn't even the leading scorer for the Aggie basketball squad. Instead, it was senior forward Claude Riley who led with 19 points in the Aggies' 91-70 victory.

But the Aggie fans are accustomed to such play from Riley. Brown is a new spark of life in the Aggie offense — an offense that has needed someone who can consistently pump in 25- and 30-footers. And all 16 of his points Thursday night came on outside shots.

His performance earned the faith of and a standing ovation from the Aggie faithful, who were shouting "shoot" every time Brown touched the ball.

Indicative of the offensive show the Aggies put on was the fact that 10 players saw action and nine of them scored. Guard

Tyren Naulls finished the evening with 15 points and forward Roy Jones came alive in the second half to score 11. And junior transfer Lowell McHenry hopped, skipped and jumped his way to 10 points — all in the second half.

But the Aggies' defensive performance kept Coach Shelby Metcalf from being completely pleased. Although the Aggies outrebounded the Javelinas 36-27, Metcalf said his players started out sluggishly and that he can see they need to get some defensive kinks out.

"We still have a lot of work to do," Metcalf said.

"We are a better shooting ball club than we were last year, and we have improved our shot selection. But I'm concerned about our rebounding and our defense."

More frequent use of the press in the second half brightened the defensive outlook. Three different presses served to hinder Texas A&I's ability to get down court quickly.

Nevertheless, Texas A&I's forward Felix Dean led the game in scoring with 20 points

and in rebounding with 10. Javelina forward James Bailey found the hoop often enough to collect 14 points.

The Aggies made an impressive 60 percent of their shots from the field on the night. Freshman center Jimmie Gilbert was the only player who didn't find the bottom of the net, but he contributed seven rebounds to the effort.

The evening was one for newcomers. Brown, McHenry and freshmen Doug Lee and Roger Bock combined for 37 points. Lee pumped in seven points and Bock succeeded on two of three field goal attempts to finish with four.

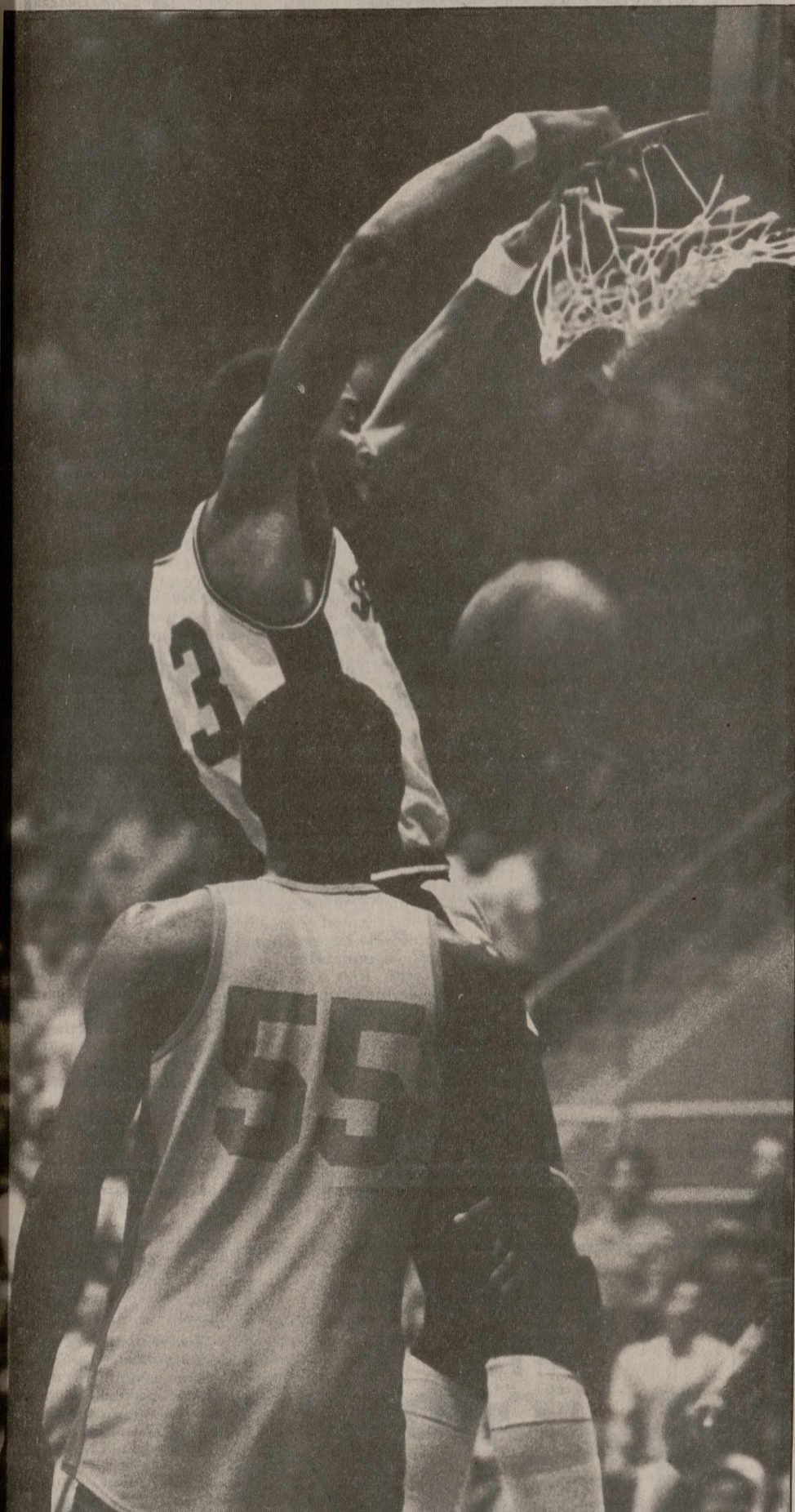
Riley said he's glad to see the newcomers fare so well. One reason is that defenses will soon learn to respect the outside shooting ability of people like Brown as well as Naulls, Jones and junior Reggie Roberts, who finished the evening with seven points. Riley said that should make defenses loosen up and leave him open in the middle.

"I'm glad (those) new faces are with us," Riley said. "I feel like in the future that's going to

be a big plus for us." But the future — the near future — holds some tough opponents for the Aggies, who are now 2-2 on the year. Saturday they'll be at Marquette University to tangle with the nationally ranked Warriors at 8 p.m., and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. they'll be in New Orleans' Superdome facing the always-tough LSU Tigers.

Texas A&I (70)
Brown 2-4 5-7 9, Bailey 6-10 2-2 14, Barrett 3-8 1-2 7, McCain 3-9 2-3 8, Dean 9-13 2-2, 20, Johnson 1-3 0-0 2, Spurlin 0-1 6-9 6, Gummings 1-6 0-0 2, Burse 1-3 0-0 2, Totals 26-57 18-25 70.
Texas A&M (91)
Riley 5-9 9-19, Jones 5-7 1-2 11, Gilbert 0-4 0-2 0, Naulls 5-9 5-15, Brown 8-8 0-1 16, Lewis 1-1 0-0 2, Lee 3-5 1-2 7, Roberts 1-5 5-6 7, McHenry 5-7 0-0 10, Bock 2-3 0-1 4, Totals 35-58 21-28 91.

Halftime — A&M 40, A&I 29. **Rebounds** — A&I 27 (Dean 10), A&M 36 (Riley 9, Gilbert 7). **Assists** — A&I 10 (Brown 4), A&M 28 (Naulls 9, Roberts 7, Jones 5). **Turnovers** — A&I 15 (McCain 7), A&M 12 (Riley 3, Jones 3, Lewis 3). **Total fouls** — A&I 24, A&M 19. **Technical fouls** — A&I, Dean, A&M, McHenry. **Fouled out** — none. **Blocked shots** — A&I, Bailey, A&M, Gilbert, Brown. **Steals** — A&I 2 (McCain), A&M 7 (Brown 2, Roberts 2, Riley, Jones, Naulls). A — 3,652.



staff photo by David Fisher

Dunking in his classic two-handed way, forward Claude Riley gives the Aggies two points during their 91-70 victory here Thursday night. Texas A&I Javelina center James Bailey is powerless to stop Riley's dunk. Texas A&M, now 2-2 on the season, plays the Marquette Warriors Saturday in Milwaukee Arena.

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On the road

A&M, Marquette to meet in Milwaukee Arena

by Frank L. Christlieb

Sports Editor
Gone are the days of the Butch Lee, Bo Ellis and Jerome Whitehead. Gone is the emotional scene of Al McGuire crying, his face buried in a towel, as he ended his 13-year coaching career at Marquette University with a national championship, one of college basketball's hardest-to-forget pieces of history.

"The honeymoon is over," McGuire said in an emotional farewell speech five years ago, as he turned toward his future as a television commentator.

After his 1977 Warriors won the NCAA title, McGuire turned

the team over to assistant coach Hank Raymonds. Since that season, the Warriors have compiled a record of 107-40, including an impressive 23-9 during the 1981-82 season.

On the other hand, Coach Shelby Metcalf has held on to the Texas Aggies for 19 years, and after four games this season, he has a record of 310-204. Texas A&M has a 2-2 record during 1982-83, while the Warriors have won their only game by a score of 91-58 Wednesday over Florida A&M.

The Aggies and the Warriors meet Saturday night at 8 in Marquette's 11,052-seat Milwaukee

Arena, with Texas A&M coming off Thursday night's 91-70 victory over the Texas A&I Javelinas.

Marquette, led by preseason all-America guard Glenn "Doc" Rivers, has been ranked in several Top 20 polls this season. Texas A&M, paced so far this season by the hot shooting of 6-4 freshman guard Kenny Brown and the scoring and rebounding of forward Claude Riley, has been picked to finish third or fourth in the Southwest Conference.

Against Florida A&M, Rivers led the Warriors with 14 points

and second-string freshman guard-forward Kerry Trotter had 13 rebounds and six rebounds. Center Vic Lazzaretti had seven points and eight rebounds, with forwards Marc Marotta and Dwayne Johnson, and guard Mandy Johnson contributing 10 points each.

Rivers, 6-4, and Mandy Johnson, 6-foot, will start at the guard slots for Marquette against the Aggies, while 6-6 Dwayne Johnson and 6-7 Marc Marotta will be the starting forwards. Lazzaretti, a 6-8 freshman, will start at center for the Warriors.

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