

Marquette finishes fast erto dump Aggies, 73-58

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For Texas A&M, the evening started out great. Hitting their first three shots against 16th-ranked Marquette, the Aggies took a quick 6-2 lead, while the Warriors found the bottom of the net only once in their first five tries.

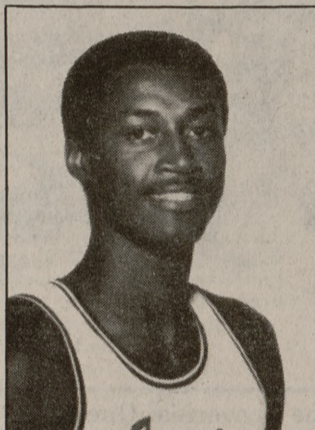
But with 7:14 left in the first half and Texas A&M ahead 20-16, Milwaukee Arena's ceiling began to cave in on the Aggies. By the time Coach Shelby Metcalf's basketball squad climbed out from under the rubble, Hank Raymonds' nationally ranked Warriors had taken a 73-38 victory in front of 11,052 spectators.

The Aggies' record is now 2-3 for the season, while Marquette

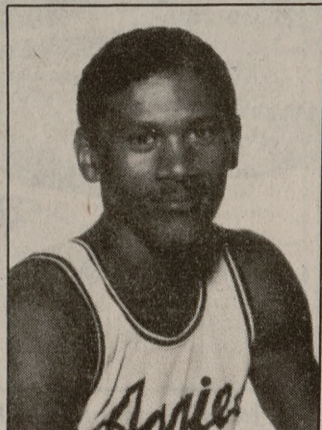
Both teams were plagued by poor shooting throughout the game, as Texas A&M outshot Marquette 40 percent to 38 percent on the evening. From the free throw line, the Aggies connected on just 10 of 22 shots for 45 percent and the Warriors finished with 19 of 26 for 73 percent.

Texas A&M, which placed three men in double figures, scored first on freshman guard Kenny Brown's layup. The Aggies' Tyren Naulls and Jimmie Gilbert offset a tying jumper from Marquette's Glenn "Doc" Rivers by hitting layups to give Texas A&M a 6-2 lead.

The Warriors took a 7-6 lead on a layup from forward



Claude Riley grabbed 11 rebounds against Marquette



Kenny Brown scored 13 points to lead the Aggies

Dwayne Johnson, and Rivers' jumper from the top of the key pushed the lead to 9-6. Brown tied the score 11-11 on a 16-foot jumper and free throw after a foul by 6-5 sophomore guard Terry Reason.

Reason finished the game with 21 points to lead Marquette and Brown paced the Aggies with 13 points.

A jumper by Brown and a 15-footer by forward Claude Riley gave Texas A&M an 18-14 lead, and Brown's driving layup gave the Aggies another four-point lead at 20-16. Two free throws by Marquette's Marc Marotta made the score 20-18 and a tip-in by forward Terrell Schlundt tied the score.

Marquette took a 22-20 lead

hurt us in the first half," Metcalf said. "When we got behind by 10 at halftime, we just never could seem to make up that margin."

To start the second half, Marquette jumped out to a 44-26 lead with 16:34 left. The Aggies cut the deficit to 44-30 on baskets by Roy Jones and Brown, but the Warriors continued to build their lead until it reached 21 points, 56-35, with 11 minutes left in the game.

Naulls had 12 points for the Aggies and Riley had 10 points and a game-high 11 rebounds. McHenry had a season-high 9 points and Jones had 8.

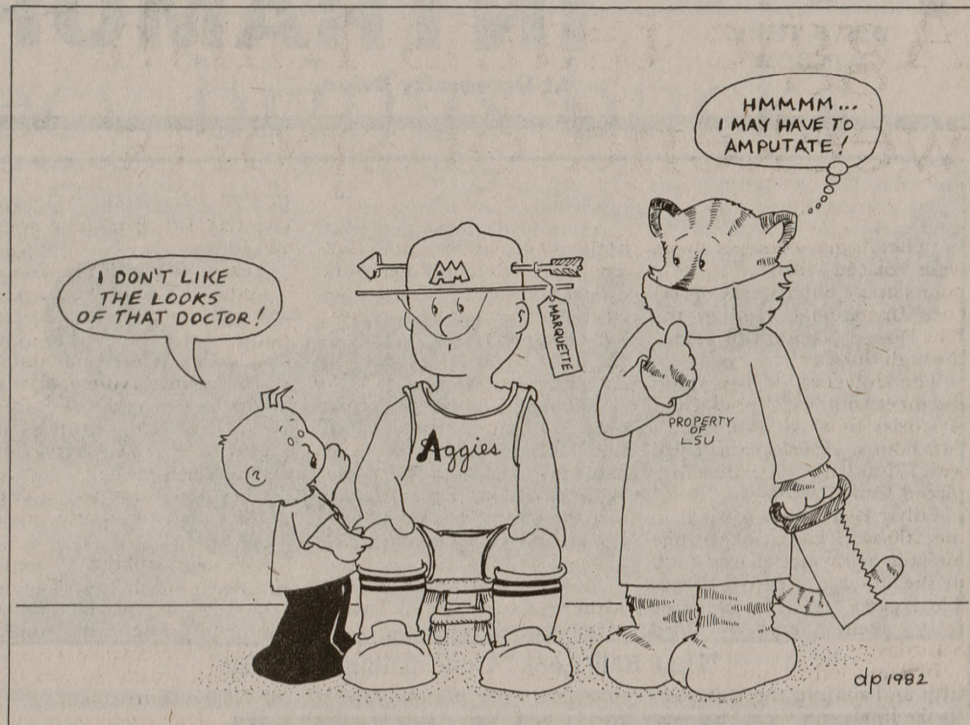
For Marquette, Johnson had 14 points, Rivers and Marotta had nine and Schlundt had eight. Texas A&M outrebounded the Warriors 49-41 and finished with 17 assists to Marquette's 14. Lazzaretti, who finished with no points on the night, led the Warriors with 10 rebounds.

on two free throws by freshman Kerry Trotter, and the Aggies could never tie the Warriors or regain the lead after that. During the last eight minutes of the first half, Marquette outscored Texas A&M 18-4 to take a 34-24 halftime lead.

Crucial Aggie turnovers late in the first half, several brought about by the Warriors' 1-3-1 trap defense, prevented Texas A&M from cutting the Warriors' lead.

In fact, Texas A&M committed 26 turnovers during the game and the Warriors came up with an amazing 23 steals. On the other hand, Marquette had only 10 turnovers and the Aggies had five steals.

The 1-3-1 zone trap really



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TCU Horned Frogs: The only highlight TCU fans had was when head coach F.A. Dry was fired and Southwest Texas State head coach Jim Wacker was named as replacement. The Frogs, who were told of Dry's dismissal just days before they were scheduled to end their season against Texas A&M, were so inspired by the firing that they promptly went out and lost, 34-14. In Wacker, the 'Frogs have what many consider a master recruiter, but TCU fans may find their best bet is basketball season.

Rice Owls: What can be said about a team that finishes 0-11? The Owls lost to everybody they were supposed to lose to, and everybody they were supposed to beat. Rice coach Ray Alborn was patient, however, even when Micheal Calhoun, benched as a quarterback, refused to switch to any other position. It probably wouldn't have helped anyway.

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