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A&M finishes second in tourney

Marshall 'herds' Aggies, 60-58

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Coach Shelby Metcalf's Texas Aggies are getting close. After a disappointing finish in the Great Alaska Shootout and two straight losses to Marquette and LSU, the Aggies finished second in the Marshall Memorial Tournament this weekend, beating LaSalle Friday night but losing the championship game Saturday to tourney host Marshall, 60-58.

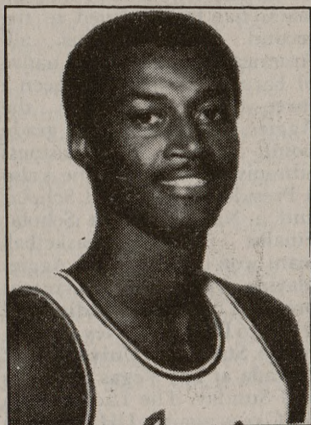
Close, but no cigar — at least not yet.

In the championship game of the tournament, Aggie forward Roy Jones missed a 20-foot jumper with 5 seconds left in overtime to give the Thundering Herd the victory.

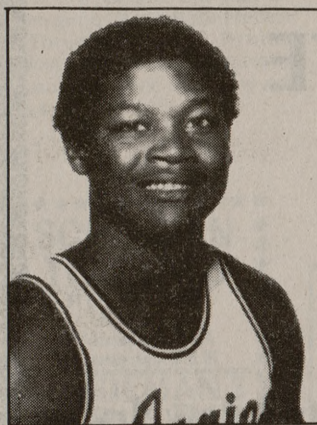
The Aggies are now 3-5 on the season.

Marshall, which led for most of the game, had a 41-34 lead with 11:57 remaining in the second half but the Aggies rallied to tie, pulling to within four with a minute to play.

Freshman center Jimmy Gilbert then hit two free throws and guard Reggie Roberts sank a 20-foot jump shot at the buzzer to tie the score and send the game into overtime.



Claude Riley selected to Marshall all-tourney team



Reggie Roberts selected to all-tournament team also

Herd forward LaVerne Evans, who tallied a game-high 14 points, scored Marshall's first six points of the overtime period. The junior from Lockport, N.Y., had 12 rebounds and was named the tournament's most valuable player.

Evans rallied Marshall from a 54-52 deficit in overtime by tossing in three jump shots. Gilbert then tied the score at 56-56 on two foul shots with 2:07 to play.

Evans' jumper with 1:29 left put Marshall ahead 58-56 and Sam Henry sank two free throws to give the Herd a 60-56 lead.

With 14 seconds remaining, Tyren Naulls brought the Aggies to within two at 60-58 by netting a 20-foot jump shot.

The Aggies then fouled Evans in an attempt to get the ball back, and with 12 seconds left in the overtime, Evans missed a free throw that gave the

Aggies the chance to tie.

Jones then missed the shot that would have tied the game again, and Evans grabbed the rebound to secure the victory.

Riley was the leading scorer for the Aggies with 12 points. Gilbert finished the game with 10 points and four rebounds, his highest scoring total of the year. He also blocked five shots.

In Friday's opening round, Roberts scored 24 points to lead the Aggies past the LaSalle Explorers, 82-74. The junior from McKinney hit seven shots from the field and sank 10 of 11 free throws, scoring 19 of his 24 points in the second half.

Texas A&M scored eight unanswered points with 7:42 remaining to break a 57-57 tie, and LaSalle could never regain the lead. The Explorers pulled to within 76-72 and within 78-74 with 29 seconds left, but that was as close as they could get.

The score was tied six times and the lead was exchanged 10 times in the first half alone, but the Aggies outscored LaSalle 11-6 in the last four minutes of the first half to capture a 37-31 half-time lead.

Texas A&M had leads of 47-35 and 49-37 with 13:30 left in

the game before the Explorers surged to tie at 57.

Texas A&M shot 48.3 percent, while LaSalle shot only 36.2 percent. The Aggies led in rebounds 44-36.

AGGIE FACTS: Riley and Roberts were both named to the all-tournament team for their efforts. Roberts scored 31 points during the tourney, while Riley led the Aggies with 12 points against Marshall. The LaSalle Explorers, who lost to the Aggies in the opening game of the tournament, defeated Brown 61-59 Saturday to capture third place. The tournament winner, Marshall, now 4-1, won its ninth Marshall Memorial tourney and its second straight. This was the 13th tourney the Herd has hosted. The Aggies have this week off for finals, but it's still too soon for Metcalf to throw away his road map. Texas A&M will be in Missoula, Mont., for the Champion Holiday Classic Friday and Saturday. Also included in the tourney are Portland, West Texas State, and Montana. Texas A&M opens against the Portland Pilots Friday at 10 p.m. CST. The Aggies begin SWC

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UH off to Japan to play Virginia

photo by Michel Chang

United Press International
Most good teams would go to great lengths to get a shot at the No. 1 Virginia Cavaliers, but the Houston Cougars are going to extremes.

The Cougars were scheduled to get on an airplane in Houston early Sunday and, about 18 hours later, arrive in Tokyo.

Then, at 3:45 a.m. Texas time next Thursday (6:45 p.m.

in Tokyo), the Cougars will run into the Cavaliers and Ralph Sampson in the Suntory Classic — a three-day, round-robin session of basketball that will also feature the Utah Utes.

Houston officials are not expecting the smoothest trip in the world since they have already been given six different starting times for their game with Virginia.

"I don't think we will know when we are going to play until we actually tipoff," one member of the Houston athletic department said Sunday.

The trip to Japan is a spinoff of the Cougars having made it to the Final Four last March. Officials of the tournament signed up Houston while the team was in New Orleans for last season's national semifinals.

Sponsors of the Japanese tournament are paying for the Cougars trip across the Pacific and are paying them \$50,000 on top of that.

That will go nicely with the \$100,000 paycheck Houston brought home from its televised meeting with Syracuse on Saturday — a game that ended in the Cougars' first loss of the year, 92-87.

To make the trip to Japan a little less taxing, Houston has postponed a game that was originally scheduled for tonight in Hofheinz Pavilion. The game which was to have been played against Southwestern Louisiana has been pushed back to Jan. 10.

Houston was one of three Southwest Conference teams to suffer close losses on the road. See SWC page 13

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— LAST WEEK —

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Photographers from Yearbook Associates, 1700 Puryear Drive, will be taking pictures for the 1983 Aggieland. All juniors, seniors, graduate, medical and vet school students have until Dec. 17 to have their pictures taken, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 693-6756 or 845-2611.

The final deadline for pictures is Dec. 17. No make-ups will be allowed after this date.