

## Recruits

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Howard has also always thought about playing for Texas A&M, but the Aggies nearly lost the services of Howard to Houston in a heated recruiting battle. "If I wouldn't have signed with Houston, I would have signed with A&M, I would have signed with Houston," Howard said. "I had Houston a lot, but A&M had the edge — especially when my mother bought me a maroon ticket. My parents never told me where to go, but my mother gave me a hint there."

### AGGIE SIGNEES:

Keith Woodside, Vidalia La. 4-0, RB — Rushed for 217 yards, compared to Tony Orsett, 4.5 speed, two-time all-rounder.

Rod Bernstine, Bryan, 6-3, 20, RB — 6 yds. per carry avg., team all-state, on Texas football's Top 30 list.

Craig Stump, Port Arthur

Jefferson, 6-1, 185, QB — All-district, all-state, Parade all-America, District 22-5A MVP, National H.S. Coaches All-America team, Texas Football's Top 30 list, passed for 2,088 yards and 18 TD's.

Jay Hess, Eastland, 6-1, 185, QB — Listed on Texas Football's Top 30 list, broke all-time Texas high school record for most yards in a season with 3,154 yards.

Todd Howard, Bryan, 6-3, 222, L — Listed on Texas Football's Top 30 list, made 44 unassisted and 37 assisted tackles, all-district, all-state, high school coach Merrill Green calls him "the best defensive lineman I've ever coached."

Rick McLoud, East High, Bakersfield, Calif., 6-7, 240, L — Has 4.9 speed, listed as California bluechipper, all-city, all-North California, ver strong. Other signees:

James Jackson, Houston Yates, L, Ken Ford, Wharton JC, TE, Greg Dillon, Klein, WR, Jeff Holley, McKinney, DB, Roger Vick, Tomball, RB, Larry Kelm, CC King, L, Karl Harvey, Plano, L, Steve Wohl-schlaeger, N. Mesquite, L, Brian Rollins, Dickinson, FB, Matt Wilson, Spring High, L, Paul Gasper, Houston Lamar,

QB, Johnny Holland, Hempstead, QB, Victor Harmon, Rockwall, LB, James Flowers, Bryan, QB-DB, Kip Corrington, A&M Consolidated, QB-DB, Terrence Woods, Houston

Sterling, WR, Rod Saddle, Columbia, Ga., LB, Jay Muller, Conroe, L, Sylvester Morgan, Houston Yates, TE, Todd Richards, Bakersfield, California, RB, Lawrence Mitchell, Pasadena, RB, Lewis Cheeks, Fairfield, L, Shawn Slocum, Bryan, L, Steve Bullitt, El Paso, LB.

## Cougars beat SMU 85-68

United Press International The SMU Mustangs were making quite a nuisance of themselves at Moody Coliseum Wednesday night, but, like a good team is supposed to do, the Houston Cougars finally swatted them away like a bothersome fly.

"We didn't play very good in the first half," said Guy Lewis, whose sixth-rated Cougars finally posted an 85-68 victory over the Mustangs. "But in the second half we showed some character."

And in the category of character, the Texas Tech Red Raiders displayed some more of it Wednesday evening, stunning the TCU Horned Frogs in Lubbock, 67-61.

The Raiders, playing with just eight men on their roster, pulled off their second straight surprise and moved to 5-5 in the Southwest Conference standings.

Houston, owning its second best record ever at this stage of the season, has had trouble with SMU the past few years even though the Mustangs have been at the bottom of the league standings.

The only conference win SMU could come up with last year was against Houston, a team that made it to the Final Four.

And once again Wednesday night the Mustangs were making things troublesome for Houston. SMU led by three late in the first half and trailed by just two at intermission, 31-29.

But Michael Young scored 20 of his 26 points in the second half and with the Cougars hitting 62 percent from the field they slowly pulled away. The victory pushed Houston to 10-0 in the league chase (a game in front of the Arkansas Razorbacks) while the Cougars season mark is 19-2.

"Every coach knows you are going to have a game like this," said Lewis. "SMU has a good basketball team. They have some players we wanted."

"But not taking anything away from SMU, I wasn't pleased at the half. I don't mind telling you that. We came in here (the locker room) and discussed it rationally. We talked about the sign of a good ball club being that you can go on the road and win."

TCU, meanwhile, lost for the 11th consecutive time in Lubbock despite being the heavy favorite over the Raiders.

Vince Taylor and Tony Benford combined for 11 of 12 free throws in the final three minutes to secure Tech's 67-61 win.

Tech held a comfortable 35-25 halftime lead before hitting a four-minute scoreless period in the second half. TCU fought

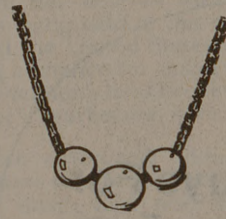
back to cut the lead to one, 55-54, with 1:47 left.

But a strategy of fouling the Red Raiders in the closing seconds backfired with Taylor's

and Benford's shooting.

The Raiders have now won three of their last four SWC games, and are alone in fifth place with a 5-5 record.

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## Aggies

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Naulls said. "We knew we'd have a lot of momentum going in since they beat Baylor 4-18 on Saturday." We came in thinking it would be an easy time, but it wasn't easy by any stretch of the imagination.

Riley finished with 12 points and nine rebounds to lead the Aggies, and Brown had 12 points. Roberts added seven points and Gilbert wound up with six. Rice's Steele had 15 and Barnett had 11.

Texas A&M shot 45 percent on the field, connecting on 22 of 49 shots, while the Owls managed just 35 percent in 17 of 48. The Aggies, who are now one game out of third place as a result of TCU's loss to Texas Tech Wednesday night, will travel to Fayetteville, Ark. on Saturday to play the second-place Razorbacks in Barnhill Arena.

TEXAS A&M (51)  
Feb. 6-14 0-12, Jones 1-5 0-12, Gilbert 12-26, Naulls 3-7 4-5 10, Roberts 3-7 17, Lee 0-2 0-10, McHenry 1-1 0-0 2, Ne they 6-10 0-12, Totals — 22-49 7-11

RICE (45)  
O'Neal 2-11 0-0 4, Barnett 4-4 3-4 11, Bennett 0-1 2-2 2, Steele 5-13 5-5 15, Pettit 5-13 0-0 10, Cunningham 1-4 1-1 3, Shaw 0-2 0-0 0, Totals — 17-48 11-12 45.

Halftime — Texas A&M 26, Rice 20. Total fouls — Rice 17, Texas A&M 14. Assists — Texas A&M 13, Rice 12. Steals — Texas A&M 4, Rice 1. Officials — Bishop, Hill, Chauvan. Attendance — 1000

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