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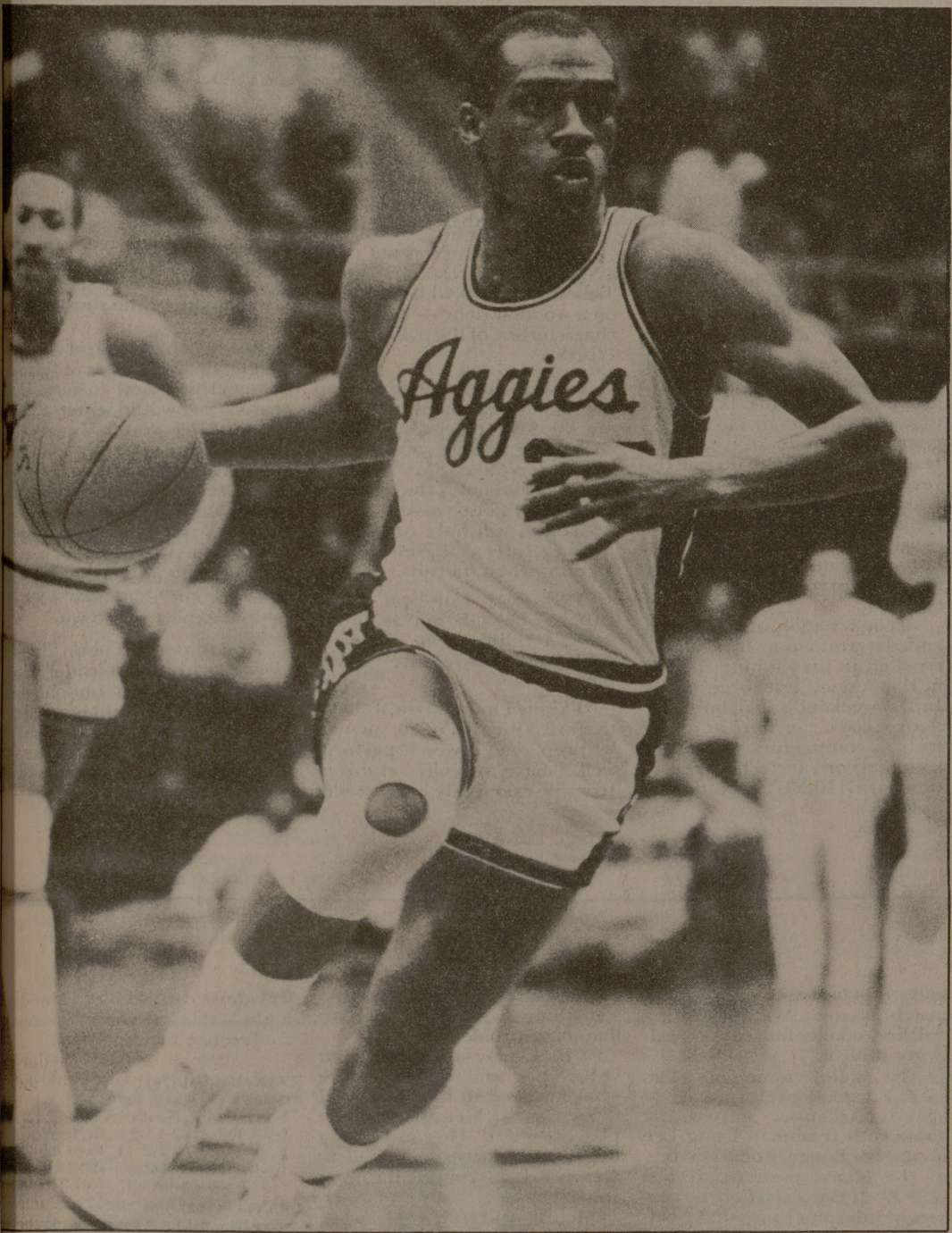


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Texas A&M's Tyren Naulls brings the victory over Baylor Wednesday night. Naulls scored 11 points in the game.

Ags wrestle past Bears with second-half burst

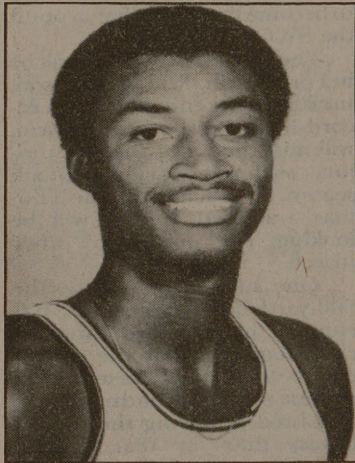
by Joe Tindel Jr.

Battalion Staff
It took the Aggies three-fourths of the first half to wrestle the lead from an inspired Baylor bunch in Wednesday night's basketball contest.

And it took an extra push from Aggie forward Claude Riley midway through the second half to pull Texas A&M safely away from the Bears' paws and to an eventual 74-62 victory. Riley scored 19 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to help the Aggies to their seventh conference victory against five losses.

Baylor caught the Aggies off-guard for much of the first half, as the Bears were able to get inside early for some easy points. The outside shooting of Baylor guard Glen Mays supplemented that inside game.

The Bears took the opening tip and scored on a rebound layup by 6-8 center Ozell Hall. Forward Daryl Baucham, who scored a game-high 21 points, pushed the Baylor lead to 5-0 when he completed a 3-point play set up by Jimmie Gilbert's futile attempt to stop Baucham's dunk.



Claude Riley scored 19 in A&M's 74-62 victory

Texas A&M didn't score until senior forward Roy Jones found the bottom of the net on a 27-foot jumper with 16:24 left. Jones cut the Baylor lead to 7-4 on Texas A&M's next possession with a 20-footer from the left side.

But the Bears led until the 5:13 mark of the first half, when Riley sank a hook shot with an assist from Lowell McHenry. Riley added two more to the Aggie lead on Texas A&M's next possession with a short jumper from the left side.

The Aggies' rally began after Coach Shelby Metcalf called time out with 6:53 left in the half. Trailing 22-17, Texas A&M cut the lead to three on a 14-footer by Jones. The Bears answered only once, on a 13-foot jumper by Mays, before the Aggies pulled ahead. McHenry hit a turn-around jumper from the right side and was fouled by Baucham in the process.

McHenry completed the 3-pointer, cutting the Baylor lead to 24-22. Guard Reggie Roberts shaved the lead to a point by hitting the front end of a one-and-one to set up Riley's go-ahead hook shot.

The Aggies took a 34-28 edge into the locker room and never surrendered the lead. But the Bears threatened once again in the second half by trimming a once-eight-point lead to 42-40 with 12:57 remaining in the

game on a Mays layup. But the Aggies pulled away once again, as Riley stretched the Aggie lead to 46-40 on 17 and 16-foot jumpers. Texas A&M led by as many as 16 points before the game's end.

Despite its slow start, Texas A&M shot 58 percent from the field, compared to Baylor's 45, and the Aggies outrebounded the Bears 36-27.

Metcalf said his team's slow start might have been due to his players' realization that the Bears' have been having a tough time winning.

"I think it was probably just the fact that things haven't been going well for Baylor lately," Metcalf said. "I didn't think we were mentally ready to play. (But after) it got 42-40, I thought the rest of the way we played real good."

Gilbert, the Aggies' freshman center, had an off-night, hitting only two points and collecting just three rebounds. Whenever Gilbert left the lineup, the

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Ladies lose to Reescano, Baylor

The Baylor Bear women's basketball team, paced by hot shooting performances from forwards Jackie Reiter and Lola Reescano, defeated the Aggie Ladies 80-64 Wednesday in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

The loss drops Texas A&M to 10-13 overall and 1-5 in Southwest Conference play. The game, the second of two between Baylor and Texas A&M this season, is the only one to be included on the teams' league

record. Baylor is now 14-8 overall and 4-1 in SWC play.

Reescano, a 5-foot-11-inch junior, scored 24 points on 9-for-13 from the field and Reiter, a 6-foot-3-inch junior, finished with 19 points and 11 rebounds. Reescano wound up with nine of the Bears' 46 team rebounds.

The Aggie Ladies had 46 rebounds as well, but they suffered from a poor shooting night, finishing at 35 percent.

The Bears managed 47 for the game as they shot 58 during the second half.

Lisa Langston led Texas A&M with 17 points and Jenni Edgar had 15. Sophomore post Michell Tatum, who's been leading the Aggie Ladies in scoring and rebounding during the last few games, scored only two points and had two rebounds.

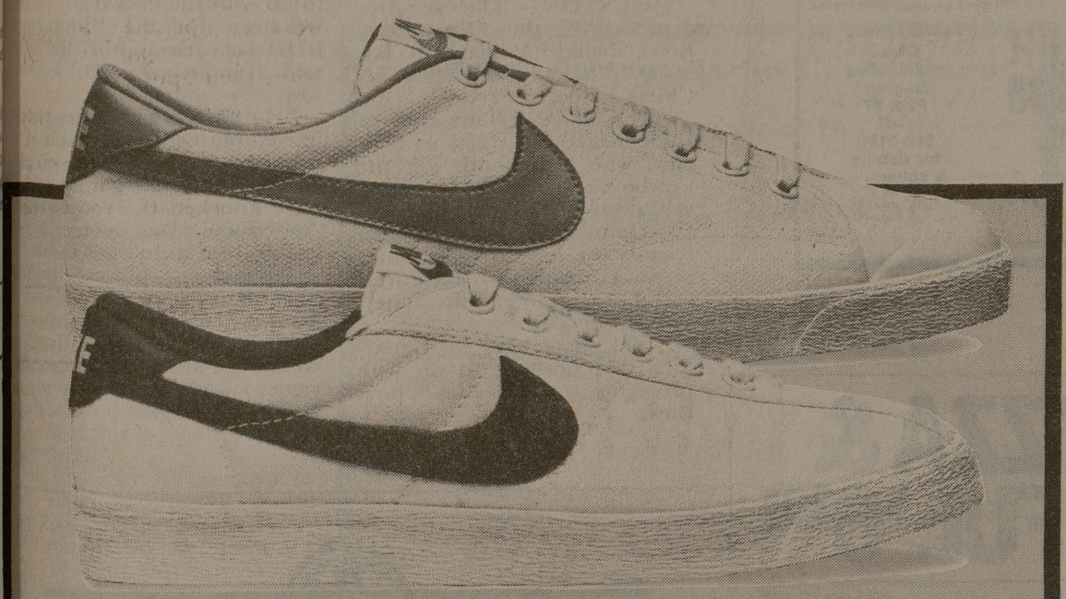
TEXAS A&M (64)
Gandy 0-2 2-2 2, Langston 5-14 7-10 17, Jones 1-3 0-0 2, Lewis 1-9 0-0 2, Edgar 2.

6-14 3-4 15, Krauskopf 2-4 0-0 4, Joiner 0-0 0-0 0, Duckham 3-6 2-2 8, Harned 3-7 6-8 12, Tatum 1-4 0-0 2, Trinka 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 22-63 20-26 64.

BAYLOR (80)
Primeaux 2-4 5-6 9, Reiter 9-14 1-4 19, Holliman 0-1 0-0 0, Wilmont 1-7 1-3 3, Van Shoubrouck 2-10 0-0 4, Lott 3-6 0-0 4, Reescano 9-13 6-9 24, Kelly 0-2 0-0 0, Lyons 6-11 3-4 15, Phlegm 0-0 0-0 0.
Halftime — Baylor 37, Texas A&M 37.
Assists — Baylor 17, Texas A&M 14.
Turnovers — Baylor 17, Texas A&M 17.
Steals — Baylor 10 (Primeaux, Reescano 3), Texas A&M 7 (Gandy, Edgar, Harned 2).

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