

Texas A&M

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Aggies defeat 10th-ranked Rattlers

Naulls, Lee lead pack of double-figure scorers for A&M in 20-point triumph

by Joe Tindel Jr.

Battalion Staff
More than a complete team of Texas Aggies scored in double figures Monday night to contribute to a 96-76 victory over NAIA power St. Mary's.

Senior point-guard Tyren Naulls led a group of six double-digit scorers with 20 points and forward Claude Riley snatched 10 rebounds to pace the Aggie cagers to the non-conference victory over the small but quick Rattlers.

"It was one of those games where we were putting it all together," said Naulls, who hit eight of 12 from the field and four of five from the charity stripe. "We were hitting the

boards real good and we were hitting the open man real good."

And Aggie Head Coach Shelby Metcalf got a glimpse of some positive things that could happen to his team in the next few years. The freshman guard duo of Doug Lee and Kenny Brown combined for 35 points. Lee, runner-up in scoring Monday night for the Aggies with a career high 18 points, saw some action at point guard as well as off guard.

"I feel real good playing it (point guard)," Lee said. "Right now Tyren's our main point man. But I'm ready to step in there any time Tyren really needs my help or needs a breather."

"I think both of us (Lee and Brown) more or less have just been outside shooters. I don't think we've really done as much as we can to really get inside. But I think tonight we got more of our all-around game down."

Three other Aggies were getting their games down too. Riley hit for 13 points, Roy Jones added 12 and Lowell McHenry pitched in 10. Jones also grabbed eight rebounds.

From the time they controlled the opening tip, the Aggies took charge of the game. With the aid of four consecutive free throws, two by guard Reggie Roberts and two by Naulls, and a dunk by Naulls, Texas A&M jumped out to a 6-0 lead.

The Rattlers never caught the Aggies.

After St. Mary's cut the lead to 10-8 in the first half on a dunk by all-America forward Ricky Hooker, the Rattlers had to wait until the 14:34 mark of the second half to pull to within striking distance of Texas A&M. St. Mary's forward Gary Gaspard stuffed one in and Naulls fouled. Gaspard completed the three-pointer to cut the lead to 51-48.

St. Mary's had a chance to cut the Aggie lead to one point on the Aggies' possession following the three-point play. The Rattlers came up with a steal, but threw the ball away trying to force the ball inside.

After Lee hit two free throws to widen the Aggie margin to 55-50, St. Mary's couldn't recover.

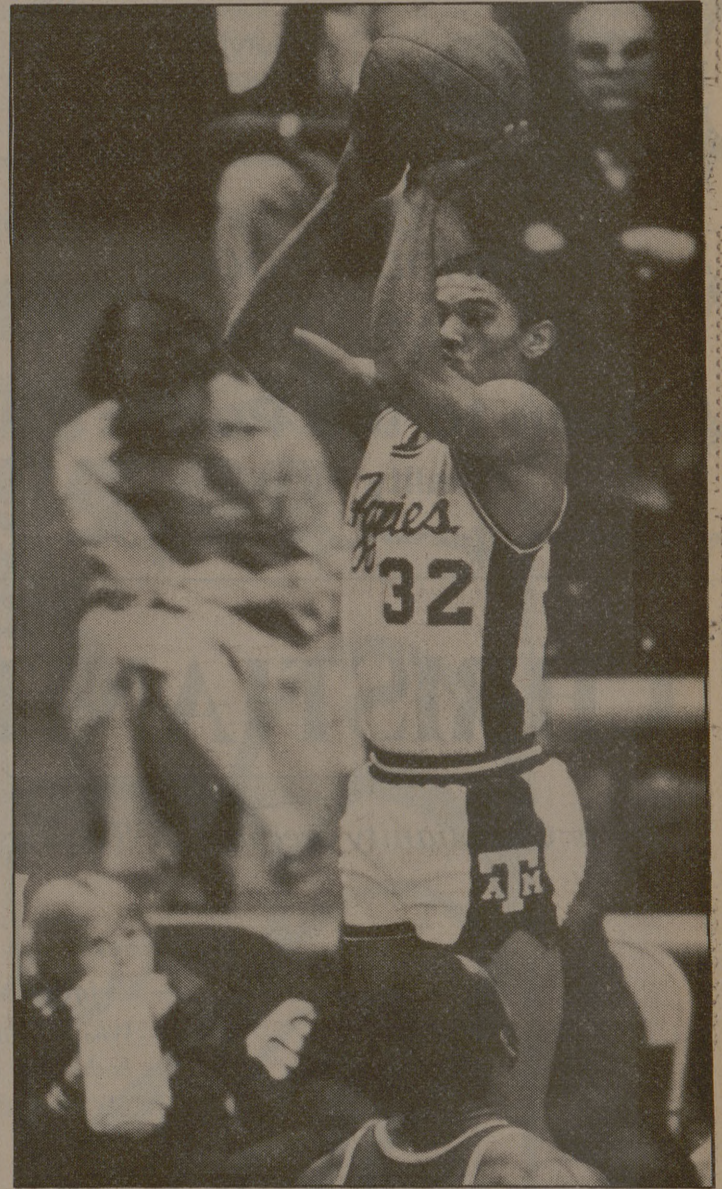
TEXAS A&M (96)

Riley 3-8 7-13, Jones 3-8 6-10 12, Gilbert 0-0 0-1 0, Naulls 8-12 4-5 20, Roberts 2-5 2-2 6, Lee 7-10 4-6 18, McHenry 3-3 4-5 10, Brown 7-11 3-3 17, Bock 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 33-57 30-39 96.

ST. MARY'S (76)

Thomas 1-3 0-0 2, Hooker 8-16 2-2 18, Lacue 1-3 0-0 2, Mahone 7-17 6-6 20, Roseboro 2-5 0-0 4, Elliot 0-0 0-0 0, Antwi 1-1 0-0 2, Gaspard 9-14 1-1 19, Manuel 2-8 5-7 9. Totals 31-67 14-16 76.

Halftime — Texas A&M 45, St. Mary's 33. **Fouled out** — Lacue, Manuel. **Total fouls** — Texas A&M 18, St. Mary's 29. **Rebounds** — Texas A&M 35 (Riley 10), St. Mary's 34 (Lacue 9). A — 3,549.



staff photo by David Fisher

St. Mary's coach says Aggie bench too strong for NAIA playoff-bound Rattlers

by John P. Lopez

Battalion Staff
St. Mary's University has been regarded as a first-class learning institution for many years. The student-athletes that choose to attend St. Mary's always receive a good, sound education at the South Texas school.

But the Rattlers earned a Ph.D. on the basketball court Monday night while losing to Texas A&M 96-76.

The Rattlers invaded G. Rollie White Coliseum priming themselves for the NAIA national tournament, but by the time St. Mary's left the floor, the Rattlers were much wiser as far as road games are concerned.

St. Mary's head coach Buddy Meyer said that even though the Aggies handed the Rattlers only their sixth loss against 22 wins on the year, playing the taller and stronger Aggies was a good experience for his 10th-ranked Rattlers

"We go on the road against these good major college teams for a purpose," Meyer said. "We've got tough conference and tournament games coming up and playing these guys on the road really helps us."

"When you play in adverse conditions like this you learn a lot in a hurry. We're not going to have the home-court advantage at the national tournament."

Despite losing to the Aggies by 20 points, Meyer's Rattlers were breathing down the Aggies' necks for almost the entire game.

All-American Ricky Hooker wowed the fans and kept the Aggie defense guessing with a full repertoire of dazzling inside moves and consistent outside shooting for the Rattlers.

And just when the Texas A&M defense adjusted to Hooker, St. Mary's forward Gary Gaspard lit up the Rattler scoreboard with his own array of

moves.

But Texas A&M pulled away from St. Mary's by using strong outside shooting from Roy Jones and Tyren Naulls to take a 45-33 lead at halftime. After the intermission, however, St. Mary's came back to close the gap to 51-48 at the 14:32 mark of the second half.

But after that short spurt by the Rattlers, Texas A&M gunners Kenny Brown and Doug Lee burst St. Mary's bubble with long-range bombs and tenacious defense.

Meyer said the strong play by Lee and Brown was the deciding factor in the game.

"I think they really made things happen for the Aggies in the second half," he said. "Brown broke our back with those big shots in the second half. He really helped them off the bench. I didn't think we played a really great game tonight, but I'm sure A&M had a

lot to do with that."

Jones was another key factor for the Aggies' inside game, Meyer added, since the Rattlers did a good job in keeping high-scoring Claude Riley from getting the ball inside.

"We slacked off of him (Jones) to work on Riley and he burned us a couple of times," he said. "They just had a lot more depth than we had. We came in here knowing we would have to play good defense if we wanted to win. We told ourselves that if we held them to 60 or 70 points we could win the game, but if we let them score 80 or 90 then we would lose. And that's exactly

what happened. We played their game."

Another factor working in Texas A&M's favor, Meyer said, was the partisan Aggie crowd. Although only 3,549 Texas A&M faithful showed up, Meyer said the vocal Aggies intimidated the Rattlers.

"When the game started we were very tight," he said, "and I'm pretty sure the crowd had a lot to do with that. Our players had heard so much about the A&M crowd that I guess it went to our heads. We got out of our game and we never really got back into it except for a short while in the second half."

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