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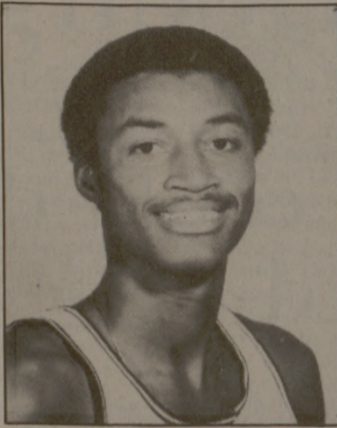
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## Aggies mash Longhorns, 96-59

by John Wagner

Sports Editor  
Don't feel sorry for Hawe and Co. They got to go on.

They have your sympathy for the Longhorns. They have outplayed in every aspect of the game — dug themselves a deeper into the foxhole day night, losing to the Aggies 96-59 in a game one can only describe as



Claude Riley scored 20 points in 96-59 victory

unconditional surrender. Throw in the towel surrender. Hide in the locker room surrender.

But the Longhorns, de-

spite falling behind by 20 points, 45-25, at halftime, came back out to start the second half.

What guts. Still, it takes more than guts to beat the Aggies. You have to have some players, also. And the Horns simply couldn't keep up the pace.

The 3,141 fans that did attend the game saw Texas take an early lead at 7-6. Aided by the strong inside play of Bill Wendlandt, Carlton Cooper and David Seitz, the Horns were able to stay even with the Aggies.

But once Texas A&M cut off the inside, the Longhorns fell behind.

With the score 20-15 in favor of the Aggies and 7:30 left in the first half, senior forward Claude Riley scored 10 straight points for Texas A&M, six of them on layups.

Three slam dunks by Tyren Naualls and Reggie Roberts, as well as some good outside shooting, boosted the Aggies' lead to its 20-point halftime margin.

The second half was more of the same, with the Aggies running and gunning right past the Longhorns. Their biggest lead was 40 points — at 3:23 of the second half — when Doug Lee scored on a reverse layup.

Aggie coach Shelby Metcalf cleared the bench in the second half, using 11 players. Ten of those players scored, five in double figures. No player played more than 30 minutes, and little-used players like Roger Bock (seven points) and Mark Peppercorn (six points) contributed greatly in the 39-point victory.

It was that kind of game. Metcalf said the fact that

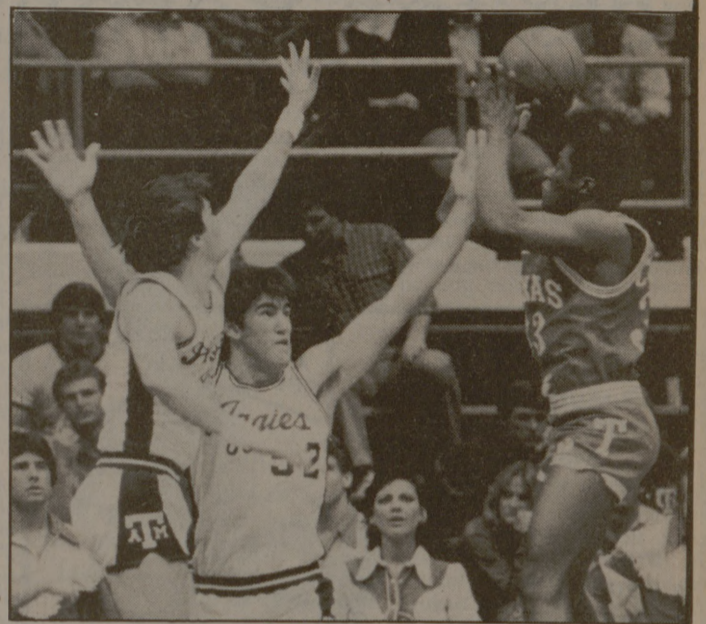
Texas isn't a powerhouse team didn't affect Texas A&M's desire to win.

"Here's what you've got to remember," Metcalf said. "The fact that they're Texas helps (get the Aggies fired up to play). Just listen to the words of our fight song, and I think you'll be aware there's a rivalry between us."

Riley, who led all scorers with 20 points, said the Horns are not a typical Texas team.

"It's kind of strange playing a Texas team like that because when we used to play Texas, and when you think of Texas, you think of some really good teams and players," he said.

"But they've had some problems as far as keeping guys on the team this year. It's hard to imagine playing Texas when they don't have any real studs on their team."



staff photo by David Fisher

UT's Carlton Cooper shoots over Roger Bock, center, and Mark Peppercorn, left, in the Aggies' 96-59 victory over Texas Monday night.

## Frustration

### UT coach Weltlich says Horns can't keep up with rest of SWC

by Joe Tindel Jr.

Battalion Staff

How does Texas basketball coach Bob Weltlich feel about the Horns' performance?

"I'm not sure that Bill (Wendlandt) or David (Seitz) had a good foul," Weltlich said. "I mean a good foul — a foul where they're making a good play. Everything was kind of 'reach and grab' after they had made a mistake. That's where we get the lack of discipline and the lack of concentration, and that bothers me."

"I really felt like we could get the ball inside because I thought they would allow us to have the ball in there, which they did. But we just didn't get it in there."

Despite the frustration, Weltlich praised his walk-ons for the hard work they've put in this season, and cited Lance Watson, the former cheerleader who started the game, for playing well considering his ability and lack of experience.

"I don't think he in any way, shape or form disgraced himself tonight in his performance," Weltlich said. "He handled the ball ade-

quately and I thought he really tried to do some things defensively. He surely was not the reason why we had the problems we had."

Watson scored four points in the effort, but Cooper led the scoring for the Horns with 19. Wendlandt and Seitz had 12 apiece.

Weltlich had some good things to say about the Aggies, who shot 58.5 percent from the field against Texas' 52.2 percent.

"I think they're probably the third best team in the league right now in terms of personnel and the way they're playing," Weltlich said. "I'm not sure that there's really anything that limits them in what they're able to do. Their personnel is exceptional, particularly in the backcourt. I think when you have Roberts, Naualls and Brown, you have three guards that are really legitimate big-time players."

er's injury last season, center LaSalle Thompson's decision to prematurely turn pro and change some players' attitudes about former Texas coach Abe Lemons' dismissal last year, Weltlich might have brought a powerhouse into College Station Monday night.

Slip Thompson, Jack Worthington and Wacker into the starting lineup with Bill Wendlandt and Carlton Cooper, and you might have a 14-1 Longhorn team instead of a 1-14 club.

But Weltlich's right. There's not a lot that can be done.

Instead, the Texas mentor started a freshman, a walk-on and a former cheerleader along with Wendlandt and Cooper, and all the Texas coach could do was sit and watch as the Aggies ran, slammed, stuffed and swished all night long.

"It's just alarming to watch the athletic abil-

ity that comes into play in a game like this," Weltlich said, "where we're out there and we're actually getting some pretty good shots and making some pretty good plays and they're (Aggies) just going higher and running faster."

The coach said his team's lack of speed versus the Aggies' abundance of it is the type of trouble his team has encountered all season.

"We have to get the game to where it's played from the top of the key on in," Weltlich said. "If we get in a game that's played from the top of the key to the top of the key we're lost. That's what happened tonight. When they ran it on us, everytime I looked up they were in a two-on-one or a one-on-nobody. I got tired of seeing the guards dunk it."

In addition to the mismatch in talent, Weltlich said the second frustration was the Horns' lack of concentration.

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