

Baseball

Aggies vs. North Texas
at Olsen Field
1 p.m. doubleheader

Aggies defeat Texas

By DAVE SCOTT
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Do three basketball thrashings in one season equal one 45-13 football thrashing? If you ask the Texas A&M basketball team they will undoubtedly answer yes.

For the third time this year the Aggies crushed the University of Texas on the basketball court. This time it was a 75-54 win and although A&M won, they did it in a strange, unexpected way.

Texas jumped to a 6-0 lead and they stayed hot for the entire first half shooting over 69 percent from the field. The Aggies were as cold as the Longhorns were hot shooting 31 percent in the first half.

Looking at just those two statistics, you might think A&M would be well behind at the half, but the Aggies actually led by two, 27-25.

The Aggies stayed in the game by controlling the boards. UT had just two offensive rebounds in the first half and was limited to only 13 shots. On the other hand, A&M had 15 offensive rebounds while shooting 35 percent.

Texas coach Bob Weltlich said his team just couldn't compete on the boards.

"Everybody they (A&M) put in the game was getting rebounds on the offensive end," Weltlich said. "Once they knew they could get inside they just made a commitment to do it."

After the game, coach Shelby Metcalf said he told his team at halftime not to worry.

"I wanted to get out to a good start," Metcalf said, "but it wasn't that weren't playing hard. We were doing what we had to do."

In the second half, the Aggies really did what they had to do. They left their cold hands in the lockerroom and shot 72 percent.

Freshman forward Winston Crite led the A&M charge finishing the game with a career 25 points.

It was easily Crite's best game of the year. He was named most valuable offensive and defensive player of the game by the cable TV network televising the game.

Crite was 7-12 of the field, 11-14 from the free throw line and chipped in four assists. Defensively he had two blocked shots, three rebounds and most importantly he held the Longhorns leading scorer, Carlton Cooper, to four points.

Metcalf said Crite played well but may become even better.

"Winston has a lot of god-given ability, but he still works hard in practice every day," Metcalf said. "He has the chance to become an outstanding player."

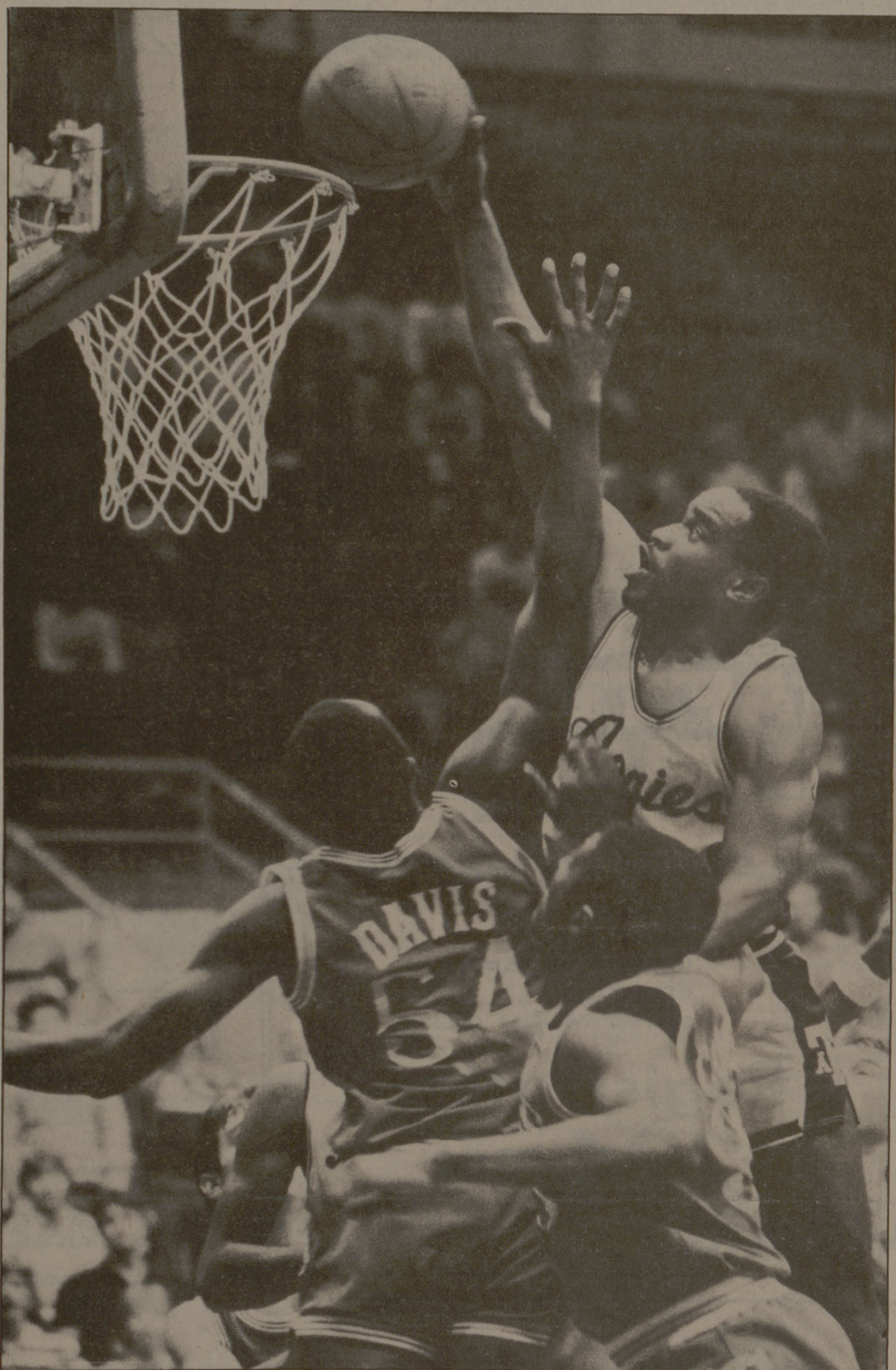
With this victory, the Aggies advance to the next round of the Southwest Conference Tournament where they will play SMU Friday in Houston. Metcalf has nothing but compliments for the Mustangs.

"I think SMU is probably just as good a squad as Houston or Arkansas," Metcalf said. "I can't see how they can miss going to the NCAA's with their record."

Early in the season the team goal had been to just make it to Houston to play in the tournament, but now Metcalf says they're simply going to extend their goal.

Guard Todd Holloway said the team is going to have the attitude that they will win.

"We're going to Houston with the attitude that we can win the whole thing," Holloway said, "that's what it's all about."



Winston Crite slams home two of his game leading 25 points against Texas

Tuesday night. The Aggies defeated Texas 75-54

Photo by JOHN RYAN

Corbett fans 7 in Ag victory

Sherman Corbett struck out seven batters in as many innings Tuesday as Texas A&M defeated North Texas State 3-0.

Corbett's record improved to 3-1 on the year and Beje Mahoe picked up his second save of the season. Chris Lowery, 0-4, took the loss for NTSU.

A&M improved its record to 9-1 on the year while NTSU fell to 0-13.

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Rice whips TCU, 64-52

United Press International

HOUSTON — Mike Cunningham's 16 points and a successful delay game down the stretch brought Rice a 64-52 win over Texas Christian Tuesday night. It was the Owls' first victory in the nine-year history of the Southwest Conference tournament.

Despite carrying only a 12-16 record, the Owls will move into the tournament's second round Friday night against Texas Tech — a 63-48 winner Tuesday evening over Baylor.

The Horned Frogs ended their season with an 11-17 record.

Rice held the lead most of the first half and settled for a 29-25 advantage at intermission thanks to TCU's 36 percent field goal shooting and eight turnovers.

The Frogs tied the game at 33-33 early in the second half, but a Washington stuff shot gave the Owls the lead for good at 37-35.

During the regular season the SWC used a 45-second clock, but without the clock in

operation during the tournament the Owls went to their delay game with 8:48 remaining and holding a three-point lead.

Tyrone Washington and Tracy Steele each scored 14 points for the Owls, who earned the right to host their first tournament game ever by finishing sixth in the final SWC standings.

Carven Holcombe had 21 points for TCU, but the Frogs' leading scorer, Dennis Nutt, managed just seven. Nutt averaged 17.8 points per game during the regular season.

"I think our guys did a great job," said Rice coach Tommy Suits. "It's a group of young men who dedicated themselves to having a good year. I'm proud of them. I'm as happy for them as I can be."

Suite praised the play of Cunningham and Steele, but said Washington's performance was a key.

"Tyrone has just carried us from the midpoint of the conference season on," the Owls coach said. "When we had to have a play, he got it."



Jim Killingsworth
TCU coach

Another important element, Suits said, was the fact Rice turned the ball over only eight times all night.

"We really have kept the turnovers to the low numbers," Suits said. "I think that is a big plus."

Bubba leads Tech past Bears

United Press International

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech's Bubba Jennings scored 17 points to pace the Red Raiders to a 63-48 win over Baylor Tuesday night in the first round of the Southwest Conference Post Season Tournament.

Tech will meet Rice in Friday night's second round at the Summit in Houston.

Baylor, which finished the conference in last place at 1-15, kept the game close through the first half, leading twice and trailing by no more than three points.

Coming out from a 29-27 halftime deficit, the Bears hit the first four points of the second half with Paul Kuiper's short jumper giving them a 31-29 lead.

Tech came back to take the

lead, strengthened by Vince Taylor's 16-point night, and gradually built a 17-point second half lead.

Kuiper was the only Baylor player to manage double figures, finishing with 11 points.

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Ray Irvin added 10 points for the Raiders.

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its season record to 17-11. Baylor ended the year 5-23, equaling the school's worst loss total set 60 years ago.

Tech coach Gerald Myers said a bye into the tournament, which could have been obtained with wins over SMU last Saturday and of the subsequent coin toss to decide the third place finisher between the two, would have been nice.

Baylor coach Jim Haller said he felt his team played hard, as he feels it did all season despite the record-tying number of losses.

"The reason they were able to beat us as handily as they did was they killed us on the offensive board the second half. They didn't do that the first half," he said.

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