

## Brown spurs Ags past ORU

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What Texas A&M lacked in intensity in its loss to St. Mary's last week, it made up for Wednesday night.

Aggie forward Kenny Brown proved what a week's worth of tough workouts can do for one's intensity level. Brown scored a career-high 29 points to help the Ags edge the Oral Roberts Titans 71-70 in G. Rolie White Coliseum.

Brown had only 8 points at the half and the Aggies only held a slim 36-33 lead. But the second half saw the Aggies, Brown included, assert themselves offensively and defensively. When the season's first episode of "Kenny Brown and Friends," finally rolled the credits, A&M had improved its record to 2-1 and Brown had something to tell his grandchildren about — a 21-point second half scoring spree.

Besides Brown's stellar performance, A&M Head Coach Shelby Metcalf also received good performances from guard Todd Holloway, who had 16 points, center Jimmie Gilbert, who chipped in 12, and forward Winston Crite, who had 10.

The Aggies outrebounded the Titans 33-29 and dominated the defensive boards almost the entire game.

"The defensive rebounds were the key," Brown said. "We're a small team, so we know we have to crash the boards to hang in there with the bigger teams."

Crite said the St. Mary's upset last Wednesday did nothing but help the Ags against an Oral Roberts team that lost to No. 13 LSU this season by only 3 points.

"Intensity," Crite said. "That was the difference tonight. The loss to St. Mary's made us realize we have to be intense every game to expect to win."

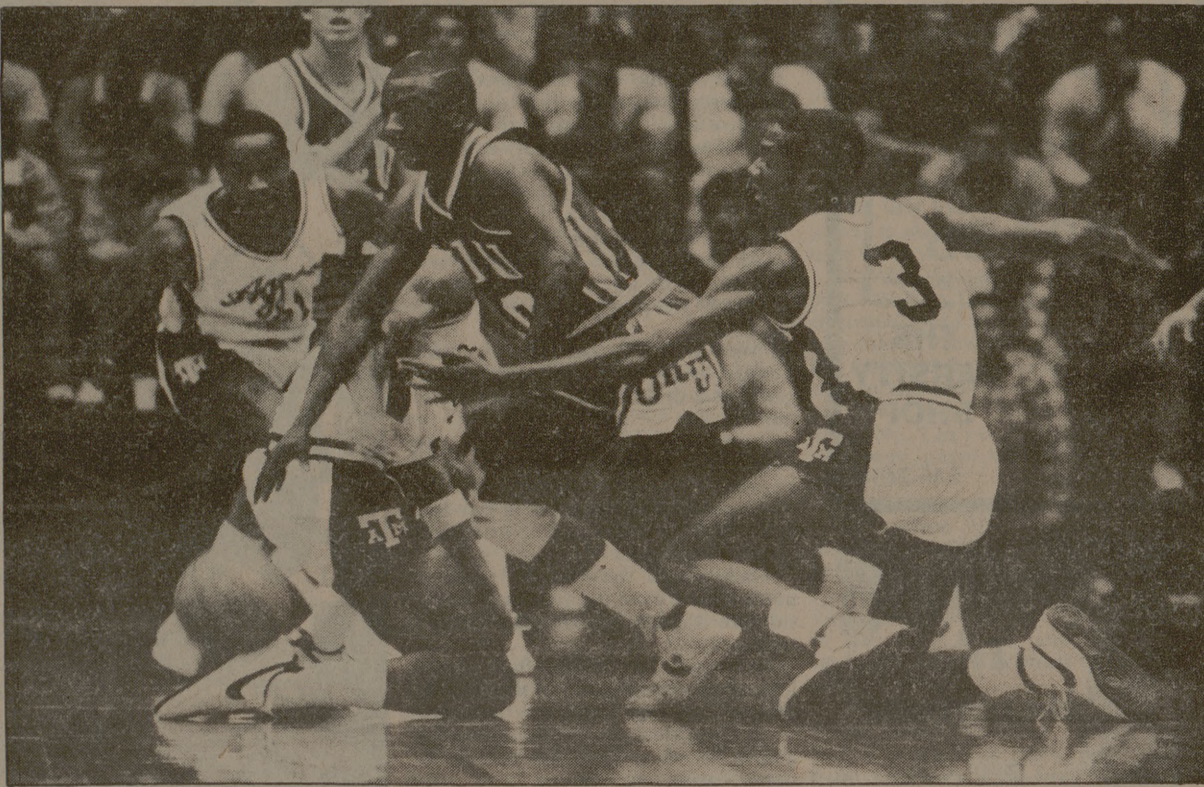


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Oral Roberts' Butch Berry scrambles (21) for a loose ball during the Aggies' 71-70 victory Wednesday. A&M travels to Edinburg Saturday to take on Pan American.

Metcalf was pleased with his team's intensity level.

"I thought we got 40 minutes of intense effort out there tonight," Metcalf said. "It's funny. We got beat on the boards bad last week, then we come out here and beat this team. I guess we weren't mentally ready to play (St. Mary's)."

The Ags had chances to put the game away with nine minutes left in the second half, leading by nine. ORU quickly cut the lead to

55-50 and, after that, the Ags couldn't seem to shake the pesky Titans.

After Brown hit a clutch jumpshot with just :40 remaining to give the Ags a 67-64 lead, ORU's Sam Potter came up with a clutch shot of his own — an 18-foot jumper to pull the Titans within one.

ORU fouled Holloway on the in-bounds play with just :22 left in the game. Holloway coolly stepped up to the free throw line

and sank both ends of a one-and-one, giving the Ags a comfortable 69-66 lead.

Well, maybe not *that* comfortable.

Titans' forward Jeff Acres hit a 6-foot jumper to cut the lead to one again, 69-68, with just :12 left. ORU pressed the Ags deep in the backcourt, hoping for the turnover, but Holloway raced the length of the court, after an "impromptu" lobbed pass, for an easy layup as time ran out.

## Time runs out on the Titans again

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For the third game in a row, time ran out on the Oral Roberts University Titans.

After losing to Tulsa by four and LSU by three, the Titans lost a 71-70 heartbreaker to the Texas Aggies Wednesday night.

ORU Head Coach Dick Acres was upset that the Titans (1-3) lost, but felt his team played well enough to win.

"We're very disappointed," Acres said. "To build confidence, you've got to win some. Good clubs win the close ones. We've lost three close ones. We were hungry for victory. We really wanted to leave here 2-2 on our way to North Carolina (to play the Tar Heels Saturday night). We just have to regroup and pray a lot."

"We didn't have one turnover in the second half. We just need to play as well in the first half as we do in the second."

ORU forward Sam Potter kept the Titans in the game. In the middle of the second half, it seemed as if he and A&M's Kenny Brown were involved in a shooting contest when the two began alternating outside jumpers.

Potter finished the second half with 14 points and missed only one shot. For the game, he was 11 of 14 from the floor scoring a team-high 22 points.

"They sagged in two guards on (Titan center) Mark (Acres)," Potter said. "That left me wide open. I like playing against zone defenses. My shots were just going in tonight. This was my best game. I really haven't shot that well this year. I just hope it keeps up."

Potter was impressed with Brown, the Aggie's forward.

"That No. 32 (Brown) is a phenomenal shooter," Potter said. "We knew he was good, but we didn't expect him to be that good."

Titan All-American Mark Acres, who was averaging 16 points a game, was shut down by the A&M defense. With scouts from the National Basketball Association's Dallas Mavericks on hand, Acres finished with 11 points and was only 4 of 12 from the field.

Acres became frustrated with the referees' calls and his shooting in the second half.

"It was pretty physical from the start," said Acres, whose father is Coach Dick and brother is starting forward Jeff. "You don't always get the calls on the road, but that's not what beat us. I was a little frustrated that I couldn't get my offensive game going."

Coach Acres said the Titans point guards lack of offensive production shut down ORU's inside game. The Titan guards finished with 23 points. Butch Berry had 6 points, Charles Dorsey 15 and Willie Irons 2.

"Our point guards were reluctant to shoot," Acres said. "That just makes it easier for the defense. A&M just gave our point guards the shot. They were smart. They took the shots away from our 'name' shooters and forced our point guards to shoot, but they just wouldn't take the shot. Even Dorsey was reluctant to shoot."

Acres said the crowd may have affected Irons, a freshman.

"Let's face it," Acres said. "He's 17 years old and going away from home for the first time. This is his first road trip."

The Titans beat the Aggies 84-66 in Tulsa last year. The Titan's said the Ags were a much improved team from a year ago.

"They played real well," Potter said. "Their big people went in hard and their guards created turnovers. They were just making the tough shots and the free throws. They did what it takes to win. They have a good team — a lot better than when we played them last year."



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