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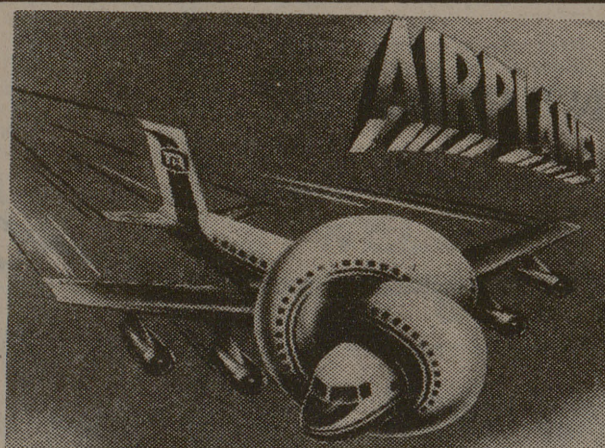
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-David Ansen, NEWSWEEK

SPORTS

A&M hopes to avoid bizarre against Rice

By BRANDON BERRY
Sports Writer

When Texas A&M and Rice get together, in any sport, bizarre happenings abound.

Aggie head basketball coach Shelby Metcalf remembers a prime example.

"When we went down there one time, a group of about 10 or 15 (Rice students) were waiting for us outside our bus, mooning us," Metcalf said. "And two of them were girls."

Metcalf hopes his Aggies won't be caught with their pants down as they embark on a two-game road swing. The Ags take on the Owls tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Autry Court in Houston.

The Ags moved into a three-way tie for second place in the Southwest Conference with Houston and Texas Tech after last Sunday's 71-69 win over the Cougars. But Metcalf said A&M can't afford to look past Rice.

"A lot of people forget that (Rice) has beaten Lamar, Tulane and Notre Dame down in their place," Metcalf said. "They had Houston beat if they would have just hit their free throws. They're a good basketball team."

After jumping out to a 7-3 record at the start of the season, Rice's performance has been less than mem-

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orable. The Owls are now 1-6 in the conference, 8-9 overall, and tied for last place with Baylor.

Metcalf said Rice's conference record is somewhat misleading.

"There's not a weak team in the conference," he said. "(Rice) plays hard and they play good defense. They have some really good athletes who can jump."

One of these "jumping Owls" is senior forward Tony Barnett, averaging 15.5 points per game to lead Rice in scoring. Barnett is also the tallest Owl at 6-foot-8.

"They aren't a very tall team, but they beat you with their quickness and their shooting from the perime-

ter," Metcalf said. "(Sophomore forward) Greg Hines and (Tracy) [name] both can get on a streak and kill from the outside. In the games they win, (junior center) [name] Cashaw always has a good game. "But we've got pretty good defense too. This is the most important game of the season because of the next one."

A look at the record book at Autry Court to be the friendly locations for the Ags to come their four-game winning streak. A&M has defeated Rice 11 times in Houston and Metcalf's 35-7 overall record against the Owls.

So the Aggies shouldn't be scared of playing a last-place team that's been like a Houston extension of G. Rollie White. But a road game's a road game. They're all tough in the SWC.

"Playing road games in Dallas, Lubbock and Houston is more than scary, it's really scary," Metcalf said. "But we do have health. Everyone has been all practice except Marbury and been touch and go for awhile."

"As for being a contender in the SWC championship, I don't know about that. But I've said all along that I like this team. I like their attitude and I like their players. They're just very competitive."

Bliss tightens up screws after SMU's loss to Tech

Associated Press

DALLAS — It isn't exactly Fort Bliss yet, but a touch of the bunker mentality seems to be settling in at Southern Methodist in the wake of the Mustangs' 64-63 defeat by Texas Tech.

It started when SMU Coach Dave Bliss closed the locker room to the media after Saturday's loss to the Red Raiders.

"There wasn't enough room to move," Bliss explained.

On Monday morning, he banned player interviews between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. to eliminate distractions immediately before and during workouts. And by Monday afternoon, he had closed practices.

In short, it looks as though the Mustangs are beginning to forgo hype and concentrate on inner peace.

"You know you're going to lose sooner or later, but you hope it's later," Bliss said.

The loss was SMU's first in conference play and dropped its Southwest Conference record to 6-1, just one game ahead of Houston, Texas A&M and Texas Tech. It also caused the Mustangs, 16-2 overall, to drop from second to fourth in the Associated Press poll.



SMU's Dave Bliss

"We're real disappointed about losing the ball game," Bliss told the Dallas Times Herald. "But I hope there's no reason to panic."

The defeat has prompted players to redouble their efforts in preparation for Wednesday night's important conference game against Houston.

"We let that No. 2 stuff get to our head," said SMU guard Butch Moore. "We didn't work out the way we should have for Tech."

Mustang center Jon Konkac, who tied his lowest scoring per-

formance of the season with 10 points Saturday against the Red Raiders, agreed.

"I think we need to get hurt again because we've just been going through the motions," Konkac said.

Despite the defeat, the coach and players were encouraged by the way the Mustangs scored consecutive points during three-minute span Saturday.

"That let us know we can come back," Moore said.

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