

# Titans may pose problems for Aggie

By Ken Sury  
Sports Editor

When the Texas A&M men's basketball team walks onto the court tonight to face Oral Roberts at 7:30 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum, the struggle could be, well, titanic.

A&M Head Coach Shelby Metcalf said he expects the Titans, 1-2, to provide a tough contest for the 1-1 Aggies.

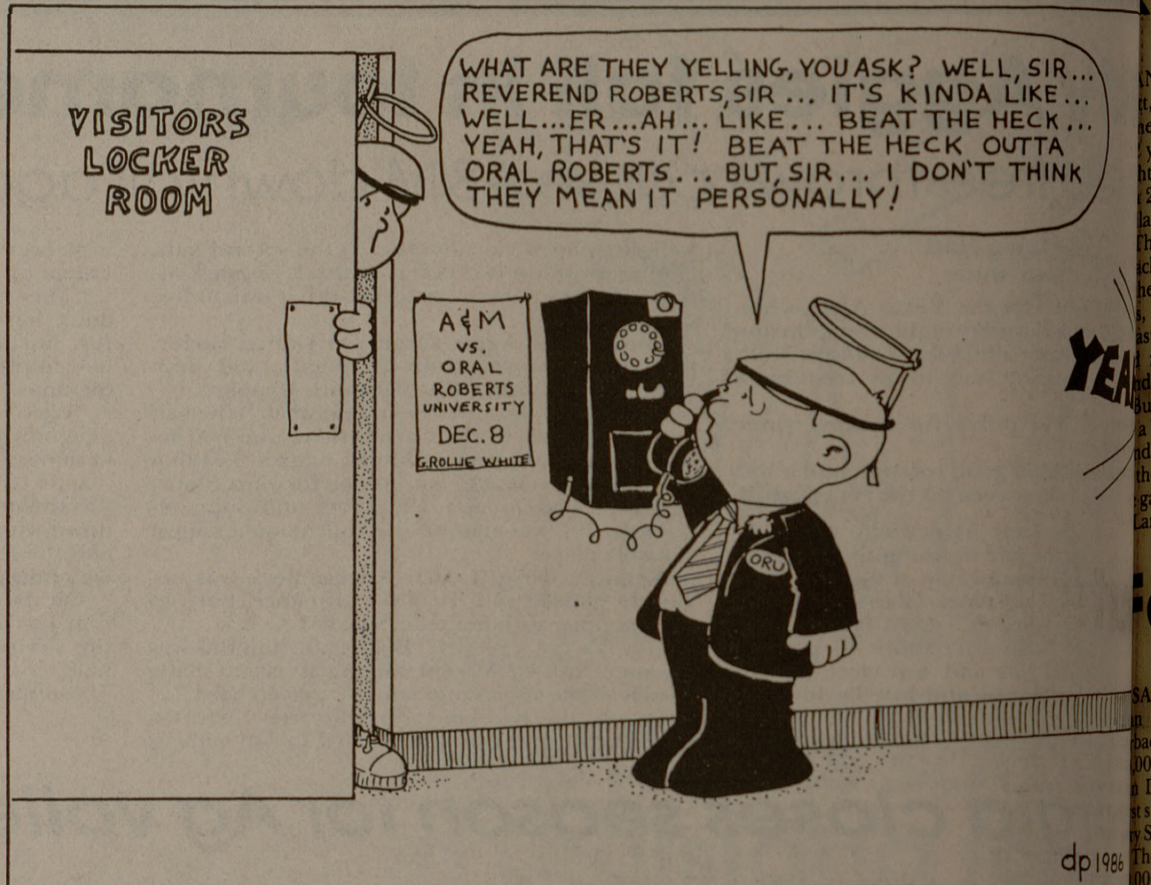
"We really need to play well," Metcalf said. "They've got a lot of good athletes and good jumpers. They were the preseason pick to win their conference (Midwestern)."

Metcalf said the Titans are similar to the Aggies. Oral Roberts has two top seniors back in 6-7 center Maurice Smith and 6-6 forward Akin Akin-Otiko. ORU Coach Ted Owens also is rebuilding his squad with junior college transfer players.

Akin-Otiko is the Titans' top rebounder with an average of 11 rebounds per game. Smith, who just recovered from a knee injury, came off the bench in his first action of the season to score 19 points against California-Irvine Saturday night. The Titans lost the game on a last-second tip-in shot, 92-91.

How well each team rebounds tonight could be the key to winning the game, Metcalf said. The Aggies have been outrebounded in both their games. A&M forward Mike Clifford has been the A&M defensive workhorse so far, averaging 12.5 rebounds a game. But the Aggies haven't seen much rebounding out of its big junior college transfers Jule Moor and Jessie Spinner.

"It's like in the game against Oklahoma," Metcalf said. "The good news is that Mike Clifford had 13 rebounds, but (6-0 guard) Todd (Holloway) was the second-leading rebounder. We need to continue to



score out of our defense, that's one edge we had against Southwest Texas (in A&M's 86-76 win Thursday night)."

Holloway has been the offensive spark plug for the Aggies. The senior is averaging 19.5 points after the first two games, but has had to put in a lot of time on the court since point guard Darryl McDonald has

been sidelined with a twisted knee. McDonald, however, will be wearing a brace and may play tonight to give Holloway some rest.

Junior college transfer Keron Graves has averaged 14.5 points from off the bench, and forward John Trezvant has pitched in 14 points per game.

Metcalf said tonight's game will be

important for the team to begin with the success of the regional Southwest Conference, particularly Arkansas and Houston, which big wins over the weekend. Fouts knocked off No. 6 Kansas in Fayetteville, Ark., while Howard defeated host Arizona State 80-50. The championship in the Classic in Tempe, Ariz.

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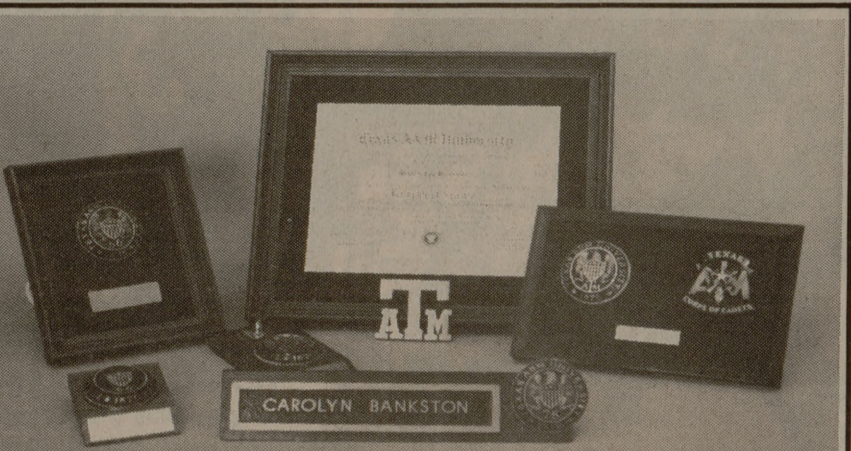
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## Mourners pay tribute to La Marque coach

LA MARQUE (AP) — More than 2,200 crowded into the La Marque High School auditorium Sunday afternoon to mourn the death of Hugh Massey, the head football coach who led the school to its best season ever.

"His caring for others was unbelievable," said John Jenkins, a University of Houston assistant football coach and a friend of Massey's.

"He was a great Christian," Jenkins said. "Therefore, facing death was no major obstacle for him."

Jenkins called the 39-year-old "a wonderful husband, a model father, a great leader to his coaches, an excellent teacher to his team and a loyal friend."

Several football players broke down in tears after Jenkins and two ministers spoke.

Playing in memory of the popular Massey, the Cougars advanced Saturday to a Class 5A semifinal match against Austin Reagan by defeating MacArthur, 26-10, in the quarterfinals. La Marque is now 13-1.

"In the fourth quarter I'm usually starting to get tired, but not this time," La Marque offensive guard Calvin Bell Cahee said. "In the fourth quarter, I was strong. I was doing it for someone. For Coach."

La Marque-area residents filled their side of the Astrodome and

watched their team score an 84-yard touchdown on its first offensive play.

"It was the play Coach Massey called in practice Thursday, the day he died," said wide receiver Ronnie Johnson after the game.

Vehicles carried tempera paint slogans of "God Bless Massey" and "All the Way for Massey," and cheerleaders, coaches and fans tied black mourning bands to their arms.

"We tried to put it (Massey's death) behind us until the game was over," quarterback Mike Little said.

However, the memory of Massey, killed when his auto rammed a stalled flatbed truck on Interstate 45 late Thursday night, hung heavy over the La Marque team and even over the opposing high school.

Before the kickoff, a spokesman for the MacArthur Generals expressed "the sympathy and sorrow" his school had for La Marque over Massey's death.

Massey came to La Marque in 1983 as head football coach and athletic director after a successful head coaching stint at Weatherford.

He is survived by his wife Janet and two sons, Hugh III and Gareld.

Additional services will be 2 p.m. today at the Church of the Greenwood Cemetery in Fort Worth with burial at the Greenwood Cemetery.

## A&M's Labuschagne stumbles in semifinals of clay court tourney

By Loyd Brumfield  
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Texas A&M's Kim Labuschagne advanced to the semifinal round of the International Tennis Coaches Association National Clay Court Championships in Bradenton, Fla., before falling to Sonia Hahn of Kentucky 1-6, 6-4, 3-6 Saturday.

Dean Goldfine of the Aggie men's team, fell in the quarterfinal round of the consolation bracket Saturday to Western Michigan's Mike Kieweit 6-4, 5-7, 2-6.

Labuschagne advanced by beating Wisconsin's Wendy Gilles 6-1, 6-0 in the first round and upsetting top-seeded Jennifer Prah of the University of California-Berkeley 6-3, 7-5 in the second round. Labuschagne defeated Alice Vodicka of Rice 6-0, 4-6, 6-3 in the quarterfinal round to earn a berth in the semis.

"Kim had a fabulous tournament and we're proud of the way she came back and played," A&M Women's Coach Bobby Kleinecke said. "We hope this is enough to

get her an invitation to the national indoors."

Kleinecke said he was especially pleased that Labuschagne could perform so well after coming off two groin injuries. "It meant a lot to her because she was playing well before the injuries, and this proves it was a fluke," he said.

Goldfine lost his consolation round match Friday to Ed Williams of the University of Florida 5-7, 6-1, 7-5 in the first round of the consolation bracket before falling to Kieweit.

A&M Men's Coach David said he was pleased with Goldfine's performance.

"He did pretty well considering he hasn't played on clay much," Kent said. "He ought to have a very good spring."

Kent said Goldfine was going to play in the Citrus Bowl tournament Jan. 2 in Orlando, Fla.

"This is a great opportunity for him because he's a Florida player," he said.

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