Hey, Coach
What’s That White Stuff?

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Losing Coach Johnny Howerton of Texas Wesleyan had no gripe over the game but for most of his players who hail from Texas they wanted to stay around in the area for another day or two to enjoy that white stuff that had fallen.

“We’ve got nine kids on this team that probably have never seen snow and when it fell last night (Tuesday) in the Washington area, the trip down here (Blacksburg) took twice as long,” declared Howerton.

“We didn’t get a plane to fly us out of from Washington to Roanoke so we drove down, but that may have been a mistake for it was bumper to bumper on the loop around D.C. and there were a lot of wrecks due to the snow. I know the kids would like to have jumped into it and rolled around some but our caravan of vehicles was headed to Va. Tech.”

“It’s really not snow in the Dallas/Fort Worth area and I know that most of our youngsters would like to go out and have a good snowball battle. But we’re going to drive back to Dallas Airport on Thursday and fly back home for conference games on Friday and Saturday,” declared Howerton.

“I thought Thorpe was probably their all around best athlete and when we packed the inside their game got hot and hot.”

“Will this year’s team, I wouldn’t dare play man to man because it hurts our fast break. I wanted us to run and get the (see WHITE STUFF, Page 5.)

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break going.”

“It worked in the first half and we get a couple of easy baskets because they (Tech’s) two unit, failed to guard us. But Mori’s club simply stopped us on defense and Thorpe and (Wayne) Robinson hurt us on the boards.

“Still the time is coming and we’ll probably not be back in the area next year. We try to move around and see some of the country each season,” added Howerton.

“Maybe we’ll take in some Pacific Coast teams next year. We tried to get VMI to play us but they turned us down, so we played before a small crowd of 3,800 Tuesday in Amosville and then tonight’s game there were a lot more people to see us play. 5,300 attendance.”

“Overall, Tech’s got a good ballclub and Mori’s got a couple of kids that I wouldn’t mind having, but most of the kids we get are homegrown Texas who have never seen snow and for that matter have never been on a plane before,” declared the bespectacled head coach at TWC.

Virginia Tech’s Ron Edwards (30) attempts to steal ball from Carl Webb.

Texas Wesleyan’s Webb evades With Behind The Back Dribble. Tech Won, 96-71