

AGGIES UP

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 shooting by Heitmann nullified the charge.
 Heitmann, who hit on his first five attempts in the second half, scored 11 of A&M's 13 points in the first five minutes of the period. This allowed the Aggies to keep their margin at 10 with a 58-48 lead.

It was all downhill for the Aggies for the remainder of the night as the lead constantly increased. Sonny Benefield hit a short jumper to put A&M up by 17 and then Barnett hit a free shot to make it 79-61 with only 4:56 remaining on the clock.

Shortly thereafter, the game

was halted for seven minutes as a major rhabarb erupted after Baylor guard Tom Friedman committed a vicious foul on Peret. PERET HAD just taken a court-length pass and was going in for what seemed an easy layup when Friedman climbed upon his back, gave his neck several violent twists and then bulldogged him to the ground.

A fight quickly broke out between several players from both squads as some of the fans joined in. Order was restored after the A&M band played the "Star Spangled Banner."

Peret sank both his foul shots and Heitmann connected on a baseline jumper to give the Aggies their biggest lead of the night at 83-63 with 4:10 remaining.

The Aggies enjoyed an exceptionally hot night from the field as they connected on 61.5 per cent of their shots compared to a 38.5 mark for Baylor. A&M hit on 16 of 26 from the field in each half. A&M outrebounded their shorter opponents from Waco 52-34 but committed 18 turnovers to 13 by the Bears.

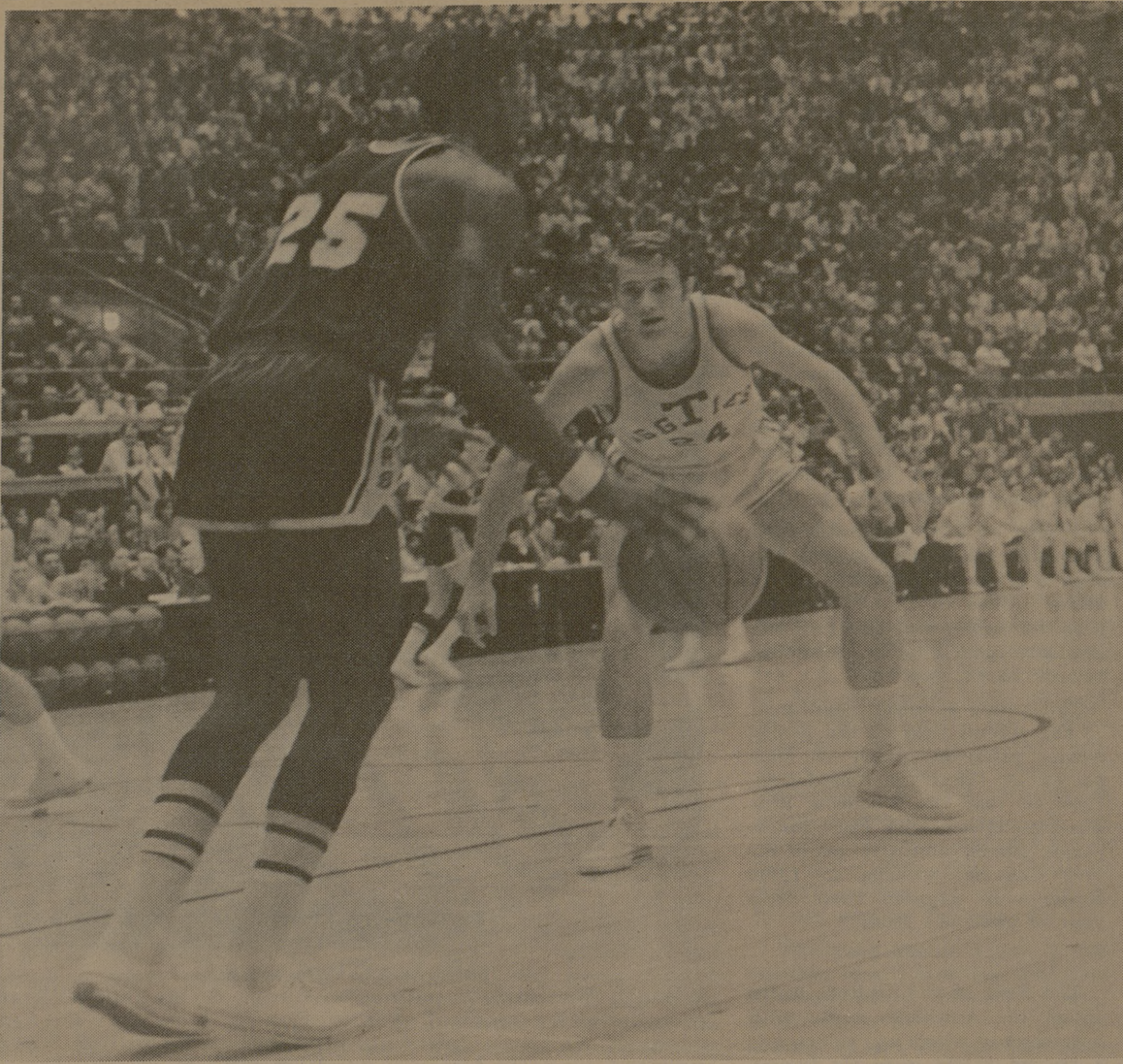
BARNETT, a senior from Brenham who has been the Aggies top scorer all season, once again paced the attack with 20 points while Heitmann added 19 and Niles and Smith each contributed 12. Tommy Bowman, who exited via the foul route with 4:56 remaining, was Baylor's top scorer with 19 while Gatewood added 15. Peret was the game's top rebounder with 11 while Barnett hauled down 9 and Niles and Smith each had 7. Bowman pulled down 7 for the Bears while Gatewood and Stan Schlvetter each had 6.

Following the game, Metcalf said that he thought it was A&M's finest game of the season effort wise.

"Our first eight played exceptionally well for us tonight," Metcalf said. "Mentally we were ready. You will never see any more effort than our kids gave out there tonight."

The Aggie head coach said that a big factor in the outcome was that A&M was able to control the game's momentum.

"We wanted to run and they wanted to slow it down. We played a gamblin', runnin' type game and when you do that you make mistakes but I feel we got more out of it than they did," Metcalf commented.



CLOSING IN

Billy Bob Barnett (24) closes in on Baylor's Tommy Bowman (25) as a full-court press helped the Aggies to a 86-74 victory and a two-game Southwest Conference lead. Barnett led all scorers in the contest with 20 points. (Photo by Mike Wright)

Cubs Hold On For Win, 71-70 As Fish Rally Falls Short

By RICHARD CAMPBELL

The Texas Aggie Fish fought valiantly to shake a cold shooting performance before the largest crowd to witness a Fish contest this year but finally fell 71-70 to the Baylor Cubs.

In the preliminary game to the important varsity tilt, the fans had jammed some 6,800 into G. Rollie White and saw the Fish drop their fourth conference game of the year. Their season mark is now 6-4.

The Cubs were hot from the floor in the opening half, hitting 59.4 per cent of their shots while the Fish could connect on only 41.2. In the first five minutes,

the lead changed hands six times until 15:01 left, Cub Pat Fees popped in a short jumper from the baseline to put the Cubs ahead 13-9.

A&M had trouble on the boards throughout the game and this was readily apparent in the opening half as they fell behind by as many as 15 points to the sharp-shooting Cubs. The Fish ended the game with 34 total rebounds to 39 for the shorter Cubs.

The Fish began to make their move with four minutes left in the half as Rick Duplantis completed a three point play and Frank Farnsworth drove the middle and scored. That raised the score to 43-33, where it remained for the last eight seconds until the half ended with the Cubs in the lead.

In the second stanza, the Fish began a comeback behind the clutch inside offensive work by big Jeff Watkins and Duplantis. They combined for four straight buckets to pull the Fish within five points at 54-49 with 10:55 left.

Duplantis tipped one in and Bobby Threadgill made a layup on a beautiful pass from Skip Carleton to chip away the Cub lead to only three. Then with 5:36 left, Duplantis dropped in a layup on an assist by Threadgill and then proceeded to connect on two free throws to give the Fish the lead at 60-59.

But Scott McDaniel of Baylor hit two straight from the corner to put the Cubs in front again, this time to stay. The two teams exchanged fouls for the last two minutes with Threadgill fouling Fees with only seven seconds left to clinch it for the Cubs. Fees made both shots and raised the Bear lead to 71-68. They gave

Watkins a free layup and the Fish rally fell short by a point.

For the Fish, Jeff Watkins led all scorers with 25 points as he connected on 10 of 14 shots from the field. Duplantis was next with 20, Carleton had 10, Threadgill 8, and Farnsworth 7. For the Cubs, Fees hit nine of 17 from the floor and six of eight from the free throw stripe for 24 points. Other Baylor scorers were Tom Stanton with 16, McDaniel 14, Steve Baldwin 12, and Randy Lee 3.

The Cubs now stand 7-3 for the season and now lead the conference with a 5-1 mark. They have beaten the Fish twice and the Texas Yearlings once to take over sole possession of first place.

The next game for the Fish will be Feb. 28 when they host the Christian College of the Southwest in G. Rollie White at 5:45 p.m.

Horned Frogs Defeat SMU

DALLAS, Tex. (AP)—Bill Swanson scored seven points in the overtime period Tuesday night as Texas Christian dealt Southern Methodist's Southwest Conference basketball hopes a severe blow 87-84.

SMU is now tied with Baylor for second place in the SWC standings with 7-3 records — two

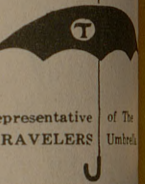
full games behind the Aggies.

The lead swapped hands times and was tied in the game.

The game was tied 77-all at end of regulation play as sides missed chances to win game.

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