

Ags Drop Midwest Consolation To Colorado, 97-82

By JOHN PLATZER
A tremendous season ended on a sour note for the Aggie basket-

ballers Saturday as they dropped a 97-82 decision to the hot-shooting Colorado Buffs.

The defeat came in the Consolation game of the Midwest Regionals at Manhattan, Kansas. Coach Shelby Metcalf's cagers had lost their opening game of the tourney 81-63 to the Drake Bulldogs, the eventual champions. Drake now plays defending national champion UCLA in the first round of the national finals in Louisville, Kentucky.

A&M, which got the regionals by way of the Southwest Conference championship and an 81-66 victory over Trinity, had trouble finding the basket in the first half as Colorado streaked away to a 51-31 lead.

Both teams hit their first shots of the night as Gordon Tope connected on a 25-foot set and Mike Heitmann countered for the Aggies with a 15-foot jumper. A&M had its last lead in the contest at 10-9 on another baseline jumper by Heitmann.

The Bufts of Coach Sox Walseth took over the lead for good on a jumper by Dudley Mitchell and then raced to a 19-12 advantage on a 15 footer by the 6-3 sophomore.

COLORADO steadily increased their advantage throughout the remainder of the opening half. A spurt of eight straight points upped the Aggie deficit to 33-20 with 8:08 remaining in the half and then Colorado closed the period with five straight points for their 51-31 lead.

The entire story of the first half can be told in the shooting percentages, as the Aggies hit on 10 of 33 for 30 per cent while

Colorado was connecting on 22 of 3 for 56 per cent. The two teams battled to a draw on the boards with each squad dragging down 24 caroms in the initial half.

Cliff Meely, the Buffs' best of a whole stable of great sopho-

mores, paced both teams in the first half with 16 points. Gordon Tope, a 5-11 junior, bombed the Aggies from outside for 12 points in the half.

THE AGGIES refused to fold and battled back time and again

in the final 20 minutes but Colorado continued to hit at a tremendous pace to hold off the rallies.

A left handed hook by Ronnie Peret narrowed the margin to 88-76 with 4:53 remaining to be played but layups by the Buffs' Mike Coleman and Tope built the margin back to 16. A pair of buckets with Heitmann reduced it to 92-80 with 2:48 left but five straight points by Colorado put the game out of reach for the final time.

The five starters for the Aggies for most of the season, Peret, Billy Bob Barnett, Sonny Benefield, Heitmann and Steve Niles led the Aggies' comeback in the second half. With Peret and Niles sweeping the boards, the Aggies built up a 29-19 rebounding edge in the second half and a 53-43 margin for the game.

PERET WAS the Aggies' leading scorer with 21 points while Barnett had 18, Heitmann had 17, Benefield had 12 and Niles contributed 9.

The Aggies were led to their rebounding edge on the work of Niles, a 7-0 sophomore, and Peret, a 6-9 senior. Both Aggie cagers pulled down 12 while Barnett contributed 8.

MEELY added 12 points to his game-leading total of 28 in the second half. Tope ended the game with 24 tallies while Mitchell added 12. Ted Erfert and Tim Wedgeworth shared top rebounding honors for Colorado with 7 apiece.

For the first time in the tournament the Aggies found their shooting eye in the second half against Colorado but it came too late. Coach Metcalf's cagers connected on 19 of 35 shots in the final 20 minutes for 54 per cent

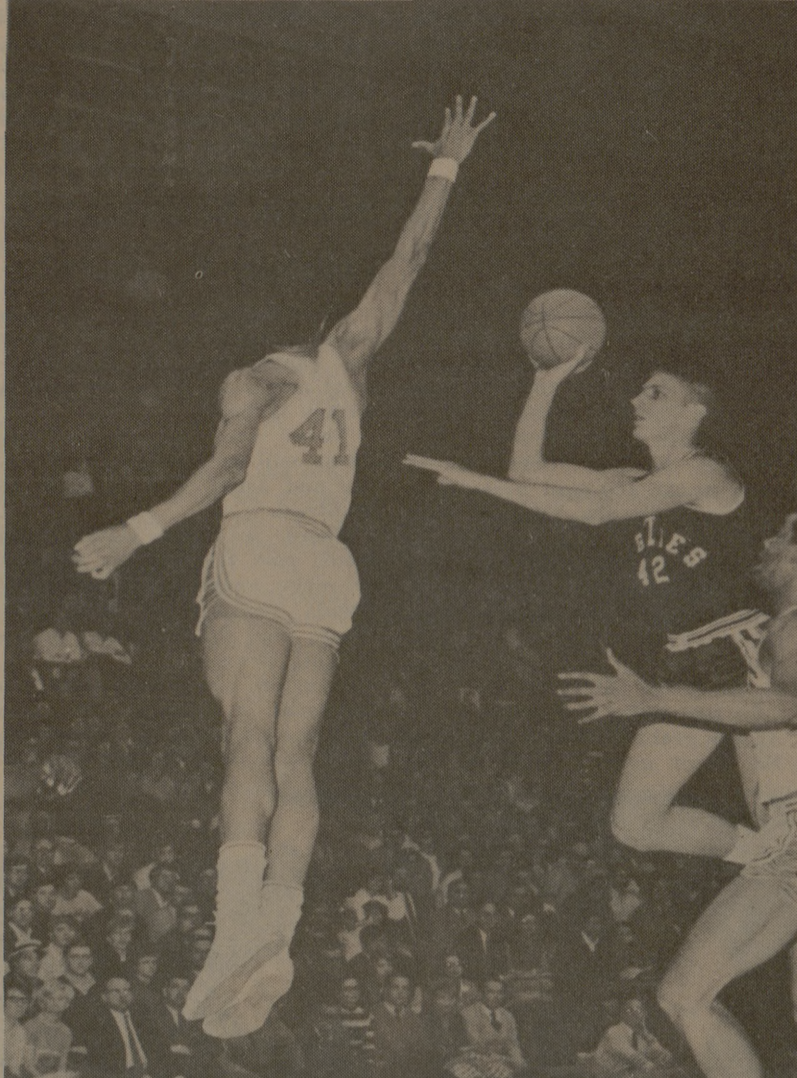
while the Buffs hit 19 of 33 for 58 per cent. The Aggies outscored Colorado 51-46 in the final 20 minutes.

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WHICH WAY?
Aggie forward Chuck Smith (42) finds the leaping Al Williams between himself and the basket in the second half of the Aggies' 81-63 loss to Drake. Smith, a sophomore from Odessa, scored 10 points against the eventual Midwest champions. (Photo by Mike Wright)

San Jac Tabbed To Repeat As JC Champ

HUTCHINSON, Kan. (AP) — San Jacinto Junior College of Pasadena, Tex., is a slight favorite to repeat as champion when the 25th National Junior College Basketball Tournament opens here Tuesday noon.

The Ravens bring a 29-game winning streak into the tournament, last losing to Tyler, Tex., 84-81 early this season. They avenged the loss by beating Tyler 120-114 in overtime and 100-78 to sweep the two teams' playoff for the national tourney berth.

For the season, Coach Ron Rucker's San Jacinto team is 42-1, and over the last three years it boasts an 86-3 mark.

San Jacinto meets Johnson and Wales Junior College of Providence, R.I., at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday in the opening round of the 16-team tourney.

Most veteran team in the tournament is Moberly, Mo., Junior College, which is making its 16th appearance. The Greyhounds have won the national

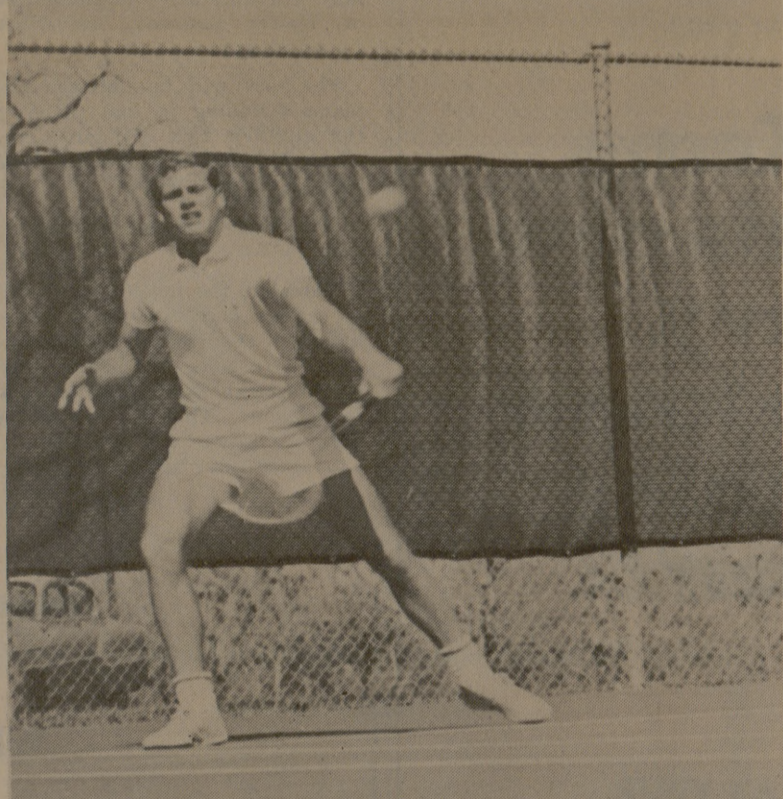
title four times, the last in 1967. It will take 26 games spread over five days to determine the champion in the double-elimination meet. Championship game is Saturday night.

East Texas Picks New Cage Coach

COMMERCE, Tex. (AP) — Jim Gudger, basketball coach at Western Carolina University for almost 20 years, will become East Texas State University's head basketball coach April 1, it was announced Monday.

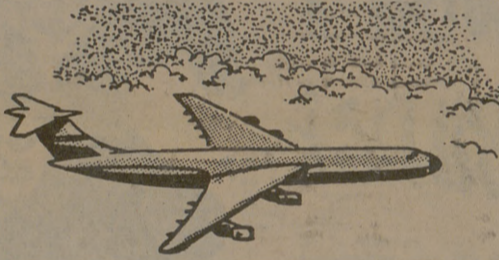
Gudger succeeds Phil Andrews, who was hired on a temporary basis after the resignation of Norman Pilgrim in October.

The 49-year-old Gudger compiled a 334-201 win-loss record at Western Carolina. In 1963, his team was runnerup in the NAIA's national championship tournament.



EASY DOES IT
Aggie Senior netter Pete Faust hits a backhand winner against Lamar Tech, whom A&M beat 7-0. So far this year, the tennis team has won 25 out of the last 26 individual matches and has a season mark of 6-2. This weekend, their top four netters will play in the Rice Tournament in Houston.

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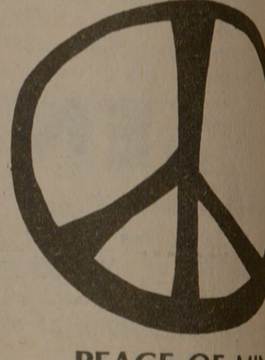
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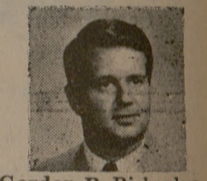
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