



Welcome to Texas A&M, Eric

Texas A&M was visited by a special guest last weekend when Eric Dickerson, the highly recruited senior from Sealy, came to College Station. The bluechip running back is seen here saving varsity's horns off in between Aggie football players Jacob Green and Leandrew Brown at Saturday's Texas A&M-Houston basketball game. Dickerson, 6-3 and 210 pounds, declined interviews but did say "I like everything

I've seen (at Texas A&M.)" Dickerson, who ran for 2,642 yards last season for Class AA state champion Sealy, has received school-paid visits from Oklahoma, the University of Southern California and Texas Tech. He visited Texas A&M at his own expense. The highly-sought Dickerson has until Feb. 21, the national signing date, to decide which school will receive his services.
Battalion photo by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.

Thompson, West defeat East in All-Star game

United Press International
PONTIAC, Mich. — Most Valuable Player David Thompson of Denver scored eight of his 25 points in the last 5:28 of the game Sunday to help the West steal a 134-129 victory over the East in the 29th NBA All-Star game.

Thompson scored 14 points in the first half as the West fashioned a 68-58 lead that threatened to put a game record crowd of 31,745 to sleep. It was the largest crowd ever for a basketball game in Michigan.

But the inimitable Dr. J — Julius Erving of the Philadelphia 76ers — took a dazzling third quarter show to the East outscored the West 24 to nearly make a game of it.

But then the West went back to work and five points, 105-100, 47 seconds into the third period was the closest the collection of stars representing the NBA's Eastern Conference could get.

Thompson hit a basket with 5:28 that gave the West a 123-110 lead and his eight points were the only scores his team could manage until teammate George McGinnis of Denver sank the last of three free throw attempts with 47 seconds to go to put the West ahead, 130-

George Gervin of San Antonio scored 13 of his 26 points in the fourth quarter and was second high in the East in scoring to Erving, who had 29. Thompson's 25 led the West, which also got 17 from Paul Westphal of Phoenix and 16 from McGinnis.

Thompson scored nine of his points in the first quarter and Westphal added seven to help the West jump off to a 36-27 start at the end of the first quarter. Erving

scored nine to keep the East close. The East was only getting one shot — and usually from 20 feet or greater — in the second quarter as the West controlled the backboards and shot a blistering .594 (19 of 32 shots) while the East was sinking just 12 of 27 shots.

The West scored six straight to expand a 40-33 lead and then ran off a 10-2 string to hike a 52-43 margin and finish the blazing 44-point second quarter with the last seven tallies of the period.

Late in the quarter East Coach Dick Motta of Washington began experimenting with a one-guard and no-guard offense that he was to use with great success in the third quarter, when the West saw its lead shrivel to 104-98.

Motta switched Erving back to guard and paired him with either Gervin or little Calvin Murphy of Houston or Pete Maravich of New Orleans and the tactic nearly pulled the game out for the underdogs.

The West tied two All-Star game records for field goals with its 19 in the second quarter and 35 in the first half.

Erving was sensational in the third quarter, bombing from long range and then going inside to score repeatedly from short range. He also passed off for two of his three assists in the game while the East was trimming a 91-70 margin in the last seven minutes of the quarter.

But Thompson, who only had three points in the third period, quietly took charge with the key baskets when his teammates fell si-

lent in the fourth period to repulse the East team whenever it threatened to get close.

The West scored 10 points to the East's one after its lead was shaved to five points at the start of the fourth quarter and there was never a doubt which team would win after that.

The East saw its edge in these NBA showcase games trimmed to 18-11.

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