

Great Year Ends For Solemn Cagers

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DALLAS — Like the quiet and still after the battle, so was the A&M dressing room in SMU Coliseum after the Texas Western NCAA midwest regional playoff game which the Aggies lost 68-62 in Dallas Monday night.

The players were dejected, and solemnly took the words of consolation and congratulations from the visitors with the feeling of the runner who led the race all the way but got caught at the finish.

WORDS CAME hard and choppy from the Aggie team that startled the crowd of 8,500 with a never-say-die effort to the final buzzer.

Miners' Coach Gives Little Credit To Ags

By JOHN WRIGHT
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DALLAS—Texas Western Coach Don Haskins gave the Aggies little credit for playing well, but instead blamed the poor play of his Miners.

"A&M has a good ball club, but we did a lot of things bad. Offensively they (A&M) were just being cleared off the floor. The first half we had ragged ball handling and our defense was horrible.

"We wanted to move Lenox from the side into the middle but we couldn't do it until the second half," Haskins concluded.

Jim Barnes (alias the Unjolly Brown Giant) saw fit to ignore the Aggies who came dangerously close to sending Western south instead of north.

"This was one of our worst games of the season. But we had a lot of sophomores and they probably had some butterflies."

Texas Western plays Kansas State in Wichita Friday night in the NCAA Midwest Regional Tournament.

Bill Robinette, closing out a great career and season for the Maroon said, "I thought we had a great year: We appreciate everything the Corps did to keep our spirit up."

Robinette and another Aggie senior, Bennie Lenox, shook hands in Maroon basketball uniforms for the last time.

"It's been wonderful," they echoed to each other.

KEN NORMAN, who kept the Aggies in the game all the way sat dejectedly on a bench, and spoke in tones barely audible through the din.

"We had a great season, but it's hard to lose one like that. Especially when you're leading at the half."

Jim Barnes was the man on the court against the Aggies that night. More than one A&M player said so.

"Big Barnes was too much," junior guard Paul Timmins said. "I didn't think one man could beat us, but he did. He was plenty tough."

ONE AGGIE who has two more years for the Maroon, John Reynolds, looked ahead with all the enthusiasm he showed on the court all season.

"We'll get them next year, if everything goes right... even the next two years. That Barnes, I didn't know one man could do all that."

Sophomore John Beasley, who did more to stop Barnes than any one on the court, stopped a moment to sign a program for a small boy, and then said, as he looked ahead,

"I think we'll have a good team. We're going to go, and I don't see anything to stop us."

COACH SHELBY Metcalf, who guided A&M to its first Southwest Conference outright basketball title in 41 years in his freshman coaching season, had words of praise for the Aggies.

"I was real pleased with the season. I would take one like it every year. It was real enjoyable.

"I worked with the finest group of young men any coach could be associated with. Oh, next year we'll miss Bennie and Bill, you just can't replace boys like them," the tired Aggie Mentor ended.

Bill Gasway, who has another year to look forward, put on his tie and said,

"We'll miss Lenox and Robinette. But we slipped in this year, and we can do it again."

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"I knew there was a catch to that excused absence to go to Dallas!"

Roberts, Nelson Pace Track Team

Big Danny Roberts set records in the shot put and discus while Ted Nelson led the field in the 440-yard dash to pace the Aggie track team in the Border Olympics in Laredo Saturday.

Roberts' standard-setting efforts were 58-9½ in the shot and 171-7 in the discus. The old record for the shot put was 57-5¾ by John Fry of Baylor in 1961 and the old discus mark was 168-9 by Russ Seitzinger of Hardin-Simmons in 1962.

Randy Matson, A&M's brilliant freshman weight man, competed in exhibition and tossed the shot 61-4½ and hurled the discus 168-1. David Glover captured a fifth place for the Maroons in the discus with a 151-5½ effort.

NELSON'S WINNING time in the 440 was 48.1 seconds. The junior speedster also anchored the fourth place mile relay team of John Collins, Jim Runge, Pat Mitchell and Nelson for a time of 3:17.5.

The Aggies copped two high places in the high jump and broad jump. Sophomore Bobby Brown placed second in the broad jump with a 23-6 leap and Dan Meadows earned a fifth place with a 21-11 effort. Archie McClure of the University of Houston won the event with a 23-8¼ jump.

COLLINS MANAGED a tie for second place in the high jump with Houston's McClure and John-

ny Jones of Abilene Christian at 6-2. Cecil Wood of A&M tied for fifth at 6-0.

Other point-makers for the Aggies were Meadows in the javelin with a fourth place toss of 187 feet, and Ilhan Bilgutay in the three-mile run with a time of 14:43.7. Robert Martin earned a fifth place in the 220-yard dash in 22.2 seconds.

A&M's 440-yard relay team of Cecil Shillings, Runge, Richard Hall and Martin finished fifth with a time of 4:24.

THE UNIVERSITY of Houston captured the university division first place trophy in the meet with 56 points. ACC was second with 49½, Texas was third with 48½, Rice fourth with 47½ and A&M was fifth with 36½.

GAME

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Team	fg	fga	ft	fta	reb	fls	pts
Texas Western (68)	6	14	0	1	10	3	12
Stoglin	1	4	0	0	1	1	2
Banks	16	23	10	13	19	3	42
Barnes	2	7	3	4	2	1	7
Tredennick	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
Dibler	0	1	0	1	1	0	0
Flournoy	1	3	3	3	3	1	5
Team 6							
26	53	16	23	42	10	68	
A&M (62)	fg	fga	ft	fta	reb	fls	pts
Gasway	1	2	0	0	5	3	2
Robinette	1	4	1	2	4	2	3
Beasley	6	12	1	1	4	3	13
Lenox	11	25	2	2	1	1	24
Timmins	3	7	0	0	1	2	6
Ferguson	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Stringfellow	2	3	1	1	2	2	5
Norman	3	5	2	3	1	3	8
Timmerman	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
Team 8							
27	59	8	10	26	18	62	

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