

Wolverines Take First In AP Poll

(AP)—Michigan's powerful Wolverines, preseason favorites as the No. 1 college basketball team in the country, confirmed that estimate Tuesday with an almost unanimous vote in the Associated Press' first regular season basketball poll.

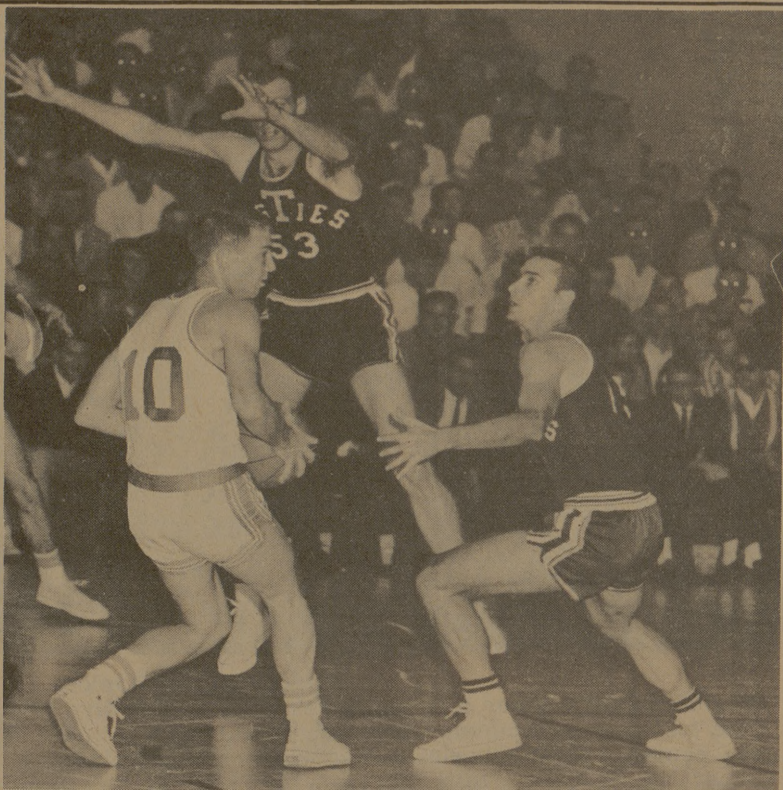
The Wolverines, led by Cazzie Russell and Bill Buntin, romped past three opponents in the first week of the season and romped off with 32 of the 34 first-place votes and a 100-point budget over second-place Wichita.

Impressive in an 86-79 decision over Top Ten opponent Duke last week, Michigan gained 337 points in the balloting based on 10 points for first, nine for second, etc. Wichita, finished in the runner-up spot with 236 points.

The Wheatshockers, who have had only one game to show their talents, get an opportunity to further impress the selectors when they tangle with Michigan Monday night.

The Top Ten, with first place votes in parentheses and points:

1. Michigan (32) 337
2. Wichita 236
3. Vanderbilt 189
4. St. Louis 170
5. San Francisco 140
6. Minnesota (1) 133
7. UCLA 86
8. Duke 83
9. Kentucky 62
10. St. John's, N. Y. 58



AGGIES PRESS BEARKAT ... Timmins and Gasway apply pressure.

By LANI PRESSWOOD

Towering John Beasley ignited a late Aggie rally Tuesday night which blew down a fired up Sam Houston State quintet, 75-58.

A&M's All-American candidate hit 23 second half points to keep the Cadets alive until their game-breaking spurt in the last three minutes.

Captain Paul Timmins continued to display the floor leadership he has shown all season. The Clear Creek playmaker received a one-inch gash above his forehead but was back in action several minutes later. Though still bleeding from his wound, he sparked the Cadets to their third season win.

The smallest Sam Houston gym was packed—and then some—to watch the Bearkats try to knock off the favored Aggs. They came much closer than the final score indicates. With less than three minutes to play only a pair of field goals separated the two clubs.

The Maroons turned in an uninspired first half which ended 29-27 in favor of A&M. The score was tied five times and the lead

changed hands on four occasions. Shelby Metcalf's performers could only muster seven field goals and lost the ball numerous times in the sloppy first 20 minutes. Despite a height advantage, the Bearkats bested the Aggies on the boards, 23-18.

Better basketball was in evidence the second half but the margin was nearly as close. The Cadets led all the way but were unable to gain over a six-point advantage until the decisive last three minutes.

With the score at 42-39, Beasley took matters into his own hands.

He began firing away and hit 17 of the next 18 Aggie points.

At 2:45 the scoreboard clock flashed 60-56. The Aggies then meshed 15 points and held the Bearkats to a lone field goal.

Of the 15, six came on free throws by Kenny Norman, and four were contributed by Bill Gasway. A Beasley field goal and a Stringfellow free throw accounted for the remainder of the total.

Beasley wound up with 25 points to maintain his Southwest Conference scoring leadership. Paul Timmins collected 15 while Norman

and Gasway had 13 and 10 points, respectively.

6'6" Gary Cornelison paced the Aggies with 22 points to pace the Sam Houston State scorers. All but four of the total came from the field.

Both the orange-clad Bearkats and the Aggies employed stout, pressing defenses. The aggressive defensive play produced numerous fouls. Three players from the Huntsville school led the contest with five fouls.

The verdict left the Aggies with a 3-1 season record. Sam Houston State now stands 4-3 for the season.

Beasley Dominates Stats After 3 Cage Skirmishes

Six-foot nine-inch center John Beasley is the leading Aggie scorer after three cage games. The junior letterman is averaging 27.7 points a contest.

Paul Timmins is second in points averaged a game with 12.7. The fiery guard has hit at a .769 clip from the foul line to lead the team.

Beasley is also pacing the team in the rebound department with 37. Guard Dickie Stringfellow is apparently the most consistent shot as he has hit at a .923 clip from the floor.

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He has the most total points in a game, hitting 38 points in the Southern Mississippi game. He also has the most field goals, 16, and the most rebounds, 20, in a game—both against the Southerners.

Team sparkplug and captain, Timmins, managed to steal one of the Aggie highs from the big center. Timmins has the high for free throws, 7, against Southern Mississippi.

The Aggs had their highest scoring spree against Arlington State, marking up 97 points. They also hit the most team field goals in that game, 43. They had their top

mark against the Southerners in the foul line with 19. They committed the most fouls against Southern Mississippi, 26.

The lowest score the Aggies had against their opponents was 70 against Southern Mississippi. Memphis State attempted the least number of free throws against the Aggs, also made the least. They attempted 17 and made only 12.

The Ag cagers next game will be against the only team that has beaten them. They will host Memphis State here Thursday night at 8 p.m.

| Player | Games | FG-FGA | Pct. | FT-FTA | Pct. | Reb. | Pts. | Avg. |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------|-------|--------|-------|------|------|------|
| John Beasley | 3 | 36-67 | .537 | 12-18 | .667 | 37 | 83 | 27.7 |
| Paul Timmins | 3 | 14-30 | .467 | 10-13 | .769 | 7 | 38 | 12.7 |
| Ken Norman | 3 | 14-32 | .438 | 8-9 | .889 | 14 | 36 | 12.0 |
| Dick Stringfellow | 3 | 12-13 | .923 | 5-7 | .714 | 4 | 29 | 9.7 |
| Bill Gasaway | 3 | 10-20 | .500 | 1-1 | 1.000 | 22 | 19 | 6.3 |
| Tim Timmerman | 3 | 7-14 | .500 | 1-4 | .250 | 7 | 15 | 5.0 |
| Billy Atkinson | 3 | 6-11 | .545 | 1-3 | .333 | 0 | 13 | 4.3 |
| Dick Rector | 3 | 3-4 | .750 | 1-1 | 1.000 | 4 | 7 | 2.3 |
| Tommy Bantle | 2 | 1-1 | 1.000 | 2-2 | 1.000 | 1 | 4 | 2.0 |
| Eddie Dominguez | 3 | 1-6 | .167 | 1-2 | .500 | 2 | 3 | 1.0 |
| Reggie Gilbreath | 2 | 2-2 | 1.000 | 0-1 | .000 | 2 | 4 | 2.0 |
| Sonny Fethkenher | 2 | 0-1 | .000 | 0-1 | .000 | 3 | 0 | 0.0 |
| John Reynolds | 2 | 0-2 | .000 | 0-0 | .000 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Team | Rebounds | | | | | | 17 | |
| AGGIES | 3 | 106-203 | .522 | 41-62 | .661 | 121 | 253 | 84.3 |
| FOES | 3 | 84-197 | .426 | 64-89 | .719 | 135 | 232 | 77.3 |

Human Bullet Joins Cowboys

DALLAS (AP)—The Dallas Cowboys signed the world's fastest human — Bullet Bob Hayes, double gold medal winner in the Olympics — to a three-year contract Tuesday and it brought a delightful vision to Coach Tom Landry.

"Think about Hayes and Mel

Renfro playing safety together and running back those punts," said Landry, his eyes shining.

Renfro has carried back punts and kickoffs 1,393 yards this season and is the bright light of an otherwise lackluster Dallas football campaign. Renfro, from Oregon, also was a star trackman.

Hayes, who holds the world's record of 9.1 in the 100-yard dash and 10.0 in the 100 meters and was 100 meter champion of the Olympics, also has been a football star at Florida A&M, playing flanker back, running back, safety, punter and place kicker.

Landry hasn't seen him play but will Jan. 9 when Hayes appears in the Senior Bowl. Landry will be the coach of the South team.

"He is a great athlete and he should fit into our plans admirably," said Landry. "He's too small for running back, but he's just right for flanker or split end and safety."

Hayes weighs 186 but expects to

be up to 192 by next football season. "I ran the 100 in 9.1 when I weighed 192," said Hayes. "I can run faster when I'm bigger."

The 21-year-old Hayes, a native of Jacksonville, Fla., finishes at Florida A&M in April. He was red-shirted in football so took five years to complete his eligibility. That's why Dallas drafted him No. 7 last year and Denver of the American League made him No. 1 among its futures.

"I talked to Denver, but they didn't offer me as much as the Cowboys," said Hayes.

So he signed a no-cut contract at an undisclosed figure—"I am quite happy with it"—and gave up his final season of track eligibility at Florida A&M.

"I had reached the highest goal I could in amateur athletics," he explained. "I think when you have done that it's time to step out and give somebody else a chance."

Hayes also indicated he thought it was time to start cashing in on his athletic fame.

Hinze Signs With AFL Buffalo Bills, Will Play In East-West Shrine Game

Aggie senior tackle Ray Gene Hinze signed a contract with the Buffalo Bills of the American Football League for an undisclosed amount last week.

The 235-pound tackle is a product of LaVega High School near Waco. The burly lineman was picked to the AP All-Southwest Conference offensive team.

Hinze has also been selected to play in the East-West Game at Kezar Stadium in San Francisco.

Two other Aggs gained recognition by being picked to various all-star elevens.

Defensive halfback Mike Pitman was picked to the AP All-Southwest Conference defensive team. Pitman intercepted two key passes last season that set the Aggies up for scores. The first was against

Texas Tech and the other came in the University of Southern California tilt.

Guard Ronnie Moore was picked to the Houston Post All-Southwest Conference team for the second straight year. The Post only picks eleven players each year.

Moore is a former Brownwood All-stater.

Soccer Team Eyes Title

The soccer season is a long one. It begins in September and ends in May. Ten league games are regularly scheduled plus the Houston Cup and Texas Championship games if the team qualifies.

The Cadet soccer team has been frustrated in the past two years by losing the final Texas Championship game to Randolph Soccer Club in San Antonio.

This year the Aggie Captain Jason Guyzagonich, feels that the championship will be brought back to A&M.

The squad lost four starting players from last year's squad, but by intensive training, shifting positions and employing fresh players this year's squad appears swifter and stronger than last year's.

This year's record shows it clearly. After a slow start where Aggies beat Aventus 2-1 and lost in Houston with Saugusburg 1-0, the Cadets started moving the ball by blasting Mexico 8-0 and blanked Barcelona 5-0 the following weekend.

Guyzagonich praised the excellent job done by the defensive line so far this season by holding opponents to a stingy two goals

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