

Ags Top Hog In 60-53 Victory

By GARY SHERER
 "There's no place like home," goes the old refrain, and the Aggies were singing right along as they extended their home record to 5-3 with a 60-53 victory over the Arkansas Razorbacks Tuesday night.

Playing before a sparse turnout of 2,700, the Aggies came from behind in the last five minutes and brought their SWC record to 4-5. Arkansas is now 2-7.

It was the foul shots of John Underwood and Ronnie Peret that were most instrumental in the Aggie comeback victory. After Terry Trippet had brought the Maroon and White back to within one point (48-49) with a jump shot, Peret sank four straight foul shots to put the Aggies ahead 52-49.

Underwood followed up a Hog basket with two free tosses to put the Aggies up by three again. The 6-3 junior from Honey Grove, who has been a clutch performer all year, then followed up another Arkansas bucket with two more charity throws and the game was decided with the clock showing 22 seconds left.

This apparently wasn't enough for Billy Bob Barnett, as he was

also fouled by the same man that had fouled Underwood each time (Wally Freeman) and Barnett sank his two free throws.

Barnett still wasn't through. Arkansas brought the ball down hurriedly and a frantic pass was picked off by Trippet. The Odesa junior tossed the ball to Barnett and the Brenham Bomber stuffed the ball through the basket to complete the scoring for the night.

It is ironic to note that Arkansas' Freeman, while forced to wear the goat horns tonight, was the man who beat the Aggies at Little Rock in the two teams' first meeting this year.

Regardless of goat horns, the Aggies weren't to be denied this night as they matched the Razorbacks basket for basket in a hot-shooting first half and took a halftime lead of 31-30.

The Maroon and White continued their 50-percent-plus shooting which they had shown in Houston over the weekend, as they hit on 12 of 23 from the field for 52.2.

But, that second half letdown, a menace in recent games, struck them again and Arkansas got the lead with seven minutes gone into the final 20.

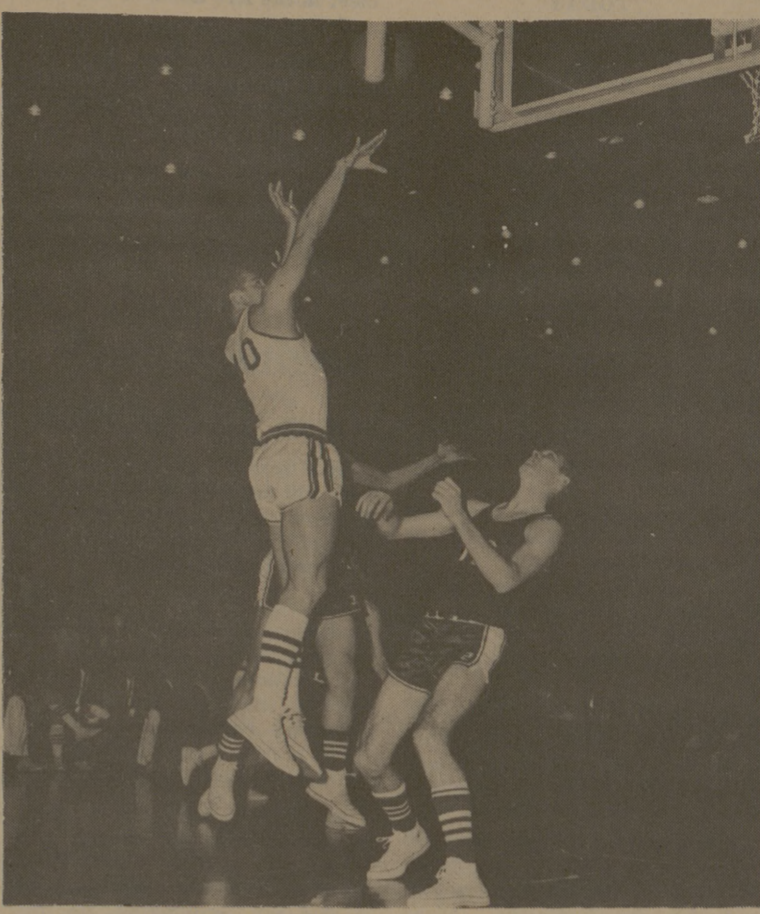
Sonny Benefield led the Aggies in the first half with 13 points, with six pretty jump shots and one free throw. The Sweeny Swisher cooled off in the second half as the second-period jinx got to him.

While the second half was cool, shooting-wise, the crowd in G. Rollie White Coliseum was hot. There were some questionable foul calls made in that final twenty minutes and most of them didn't make the Aggie partisans too happy. At one point, many of the fans were trying to remember the words to the song, "The Arkansas Traveler," as they tried to assist the officials in their job.

Coach Shelby Metcalf had a big smile on his face following the game as it was evident he was pleased with his young team and its come-from-behind win.

The Aggies now 5-14 on the year, were led by Benefield and Peret with 14 apiece and Barnett added 13. Arkansas' high point men were Benton Cone and Tommy Rowland with 14 each.

Saturday night the Aggies will be in Lubbock for their second meeting with the Texas Tech Red Raiders. Last week the Aggies topped Tech at College Station in a 70-67 thriller.



TWO FOR BARNETT
 Billy Bob Barnett (40) pops in a jump shot over Arkansas' Tommy Rowland in Tuesday night's 60-53 Aggie victory.

Aggies Announce 19 "Blue Chips"

The Texas A&M recruiting staff came up with some fine "blue chippers" when they signed a high school All-America end and an all-state end.

Mark Black of New Mexico Military Institute was named high school All-America this past season and had been sought by many other schools. He, along with All-Stater Mitch Robertson from Abilene Cooper are among 19 prize high school football prospects named by A&M Tuesday as in the fold for 1967.

Other prospects announced were another end Wayne Harkrider from Dumas, tackles Kenny Smith from Gainesville, Mike Tighe from San Antonio Lee and Dale Watts from Lawton, Okla.; guards Leonard Millsap from Fredericksburg, Tommy Deaton from Dallas Bryan Adams and Allan Sikes from AAAA champion San Angelo;

Centers Ted Davis from Bryan and Andy Tewell from Austin McCallum; quarterbacks Rocky Self from San Antonio MacArthur, Kyle Gary from Dallas Bryan Adams, Jimmy Sheffield from Houston Waltrip and Billy Hodge from Bryan.

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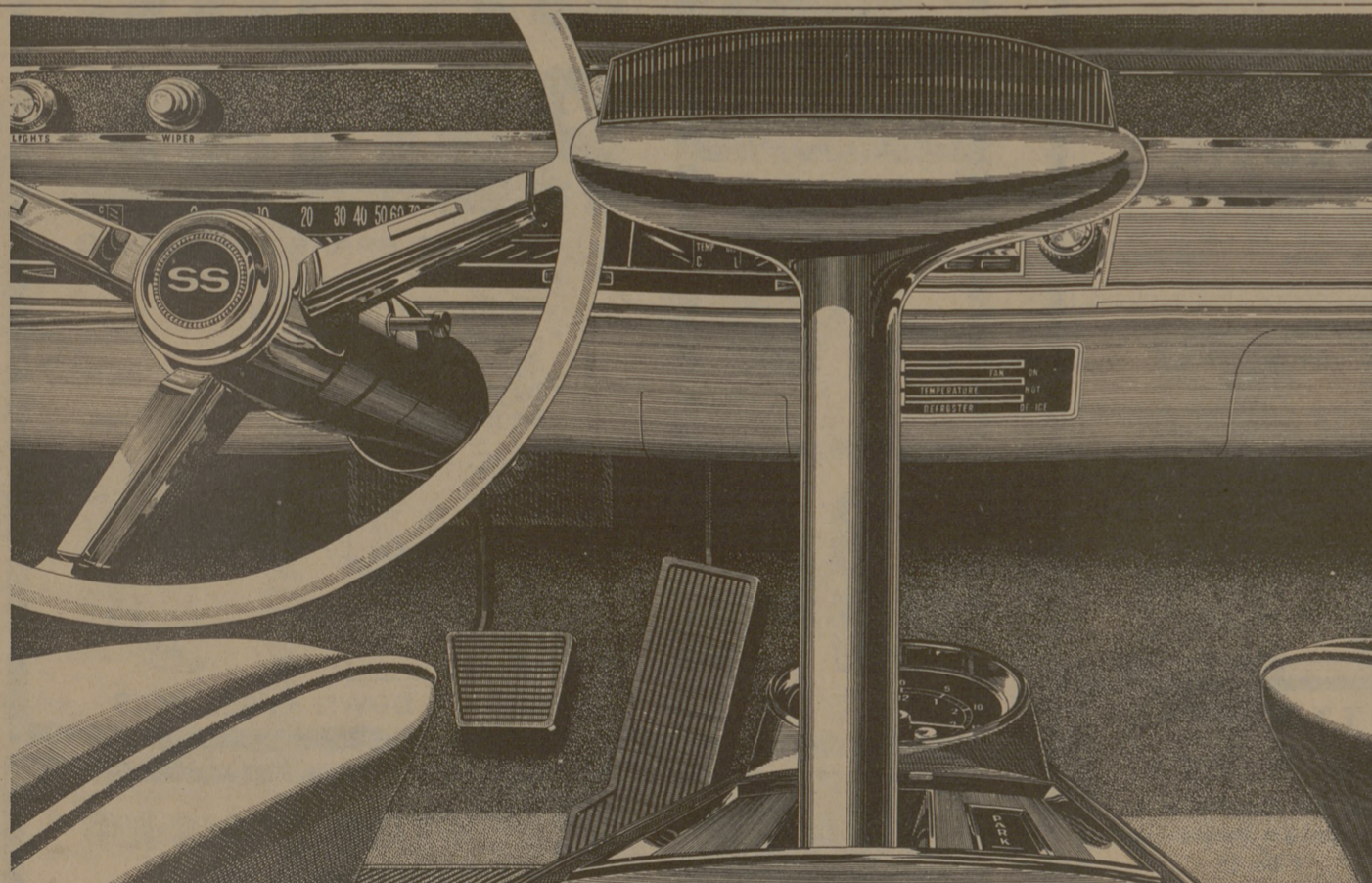
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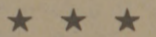
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