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Aggie Five Makes It Two With 106-95 Win

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By GARY SHERER With the 1967-68 Aggie basketball season two games old, the Maroon and White roundballers have accomplished three things that didn't happen in 24 games last season.

Monday night, the Aggies duplicated one of the feats by knocking off the highly-touted Trinity University cagers from San Antonio, 106-95 in overtime, before 3,500 fans at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

THAT FEAT WAS topping the Aggies' best single game scoring mark of last season for the second game in a row. In fact, Monday night's total was the best single game performance for

the Aggies in history. And, this includes the John Beasley years when 100 points was not unheard of for the Aggies.

The other two accomplishments are: (1) winning a game on the road and (2) a two-game winning streak.

One didn't have to be told that this is an improved Aggie basketball squad as just eyesight was enough. This game came on the heels of the Aggies' Friday night 84-77 victory over Louisiana Tech at Rustin, La.

Where Billy Bob Barnett was the high scorer at Louisiana with 24 points, the top man honors shifted to sophomore Mike Heitmann Monday night.

HEITMANN, the leading scorer for the Fish last year with a 21.9 average, led the Aggie score sheet with 28 points. What was most significant about the Houstonian's performance was that 21 of his total came in the second half. Heitman set the pace for the Aggies' hot second half shooting performance with 7 of 11 from the field in the second 20 minutes.

The Aggies missed just 10 shots in the second half but Trinity put up 27 more shots to erase the nine-point lead the Aggies had taken to the dressing room at halftime. Trinity not only erased the lead, they took the long end of the score at the 1:40 mark of the second half.

With Trinity up 87-84, Heitmann personally wiped out the three-point deficit in the 21 seconds that remained in the game. The Sam Houston High product hit on a driving layup and was fouled by a Trinity player and the 6-4 blond coolly sank the foul shot to give him the all-important

three-point play. THE AGGIES didn't have to come from behind again as Trinity lost three players on fouls in the five-minute overtime and the Aggies coasted home.

Heitmann, who also topped the Aggie rebound totals with 13, received lots of assistance from his teammates. Ronnie Peret, who carried the scoring load in the first half, popped in 21 points to take runner-up honors for the Aggies.

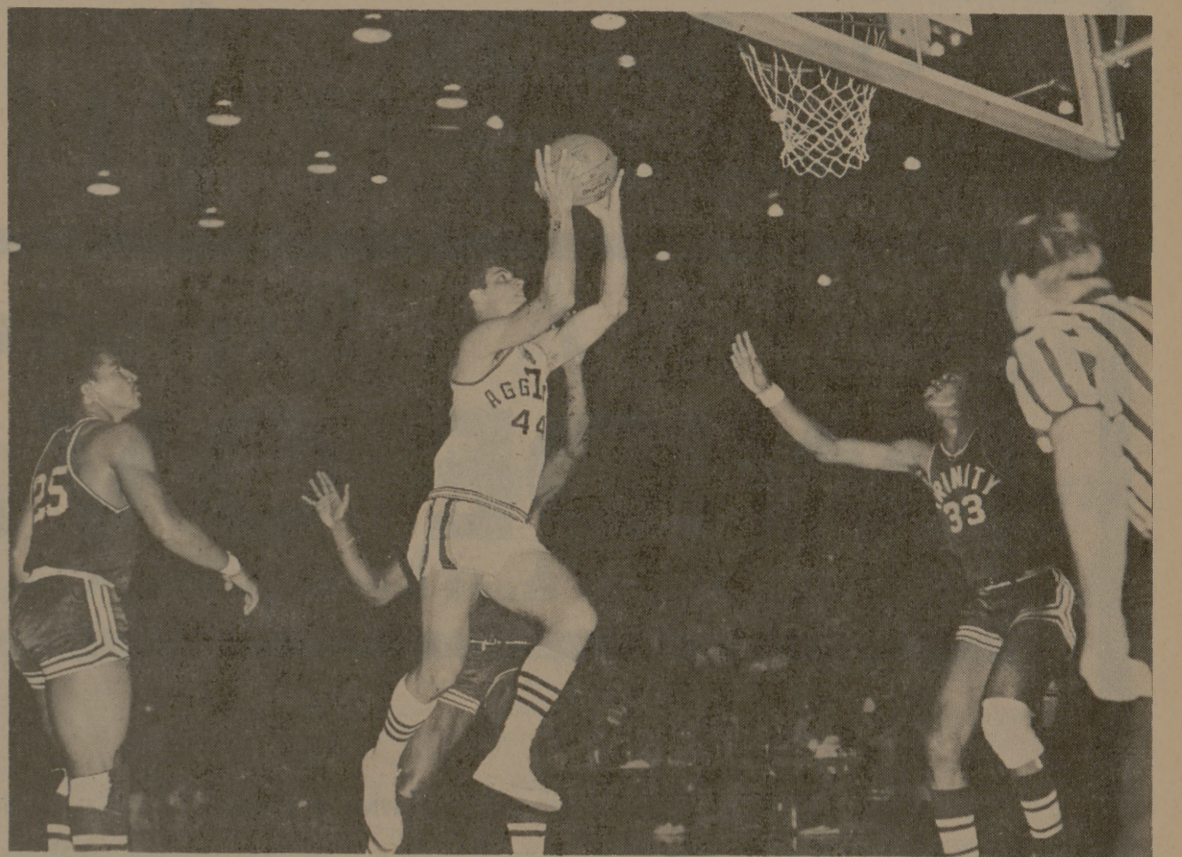
Senior John Underwood who was the floor general for the Maroon and White, was next with 16 markers. It was Underwood's two jump shots that pulled the Aggies to their 41-32 halftime lead.

Captain Terry Trippet and Tyler JC transfer Harry Bostic were next with 14 and 12, respectively. Trippet's harassment of Trinity's big gun Larry Jeffries in the second half added to the final result.

JEFFRIES finished with 31 points to take game honors but Trippet hounded the talented junior from Illinois to a 4 of 11 field goal performance in the final 25 minutes. Jeffries, however, did his damage from the foul line as he threw in nine free ones in the second half.

Bostic, who was the top rebounder for the Aggies Friday night with nine, pulled down 11 errant shots to place second to Heitmann in the department. The 6-6 St. Paul, Ind., product, who led Tyler JC in scoring last season, scored 15 points in the Louisiana Tech game.

Barnett finished with seven points as the Brenham junior had to sit out a lot of the action be-



PERET SCORES Ronnie Peret (44) drives for two of his 21 points in Monday night's 106-95 Aggie win over Trinity University of San Antonio. Defenders for Trinity are Larry Jeffries (25) and Felix Thruston (33).

cause of foul trouble. As mentioned, last season's Aggie MVP was high scorer Friday night and his absence was felt in the hectic second half.

HECTIC is the word for the Aggies' schedule this week. West Texas State will invade G. Rollie White Thursday night followed by Southwest Texas State on Saturday evening.

Coach Shelby Metcalf hopes the heavy schedule will prepare his charges for their upcoming two-night tournament in Kansas Dec. 15-16. The Aggies will participate in the Sunflower Classic with the other teams being Kansas, Kansas State and Cincinnati. With opposition like this, the Aggies will have their work cut out for them.

Fish Top HCJC In First Outing

By JOHN PLATZER Battalion Sports Staff Paced by Bill Cooksey's 24 points, the Aggie Fish opened their college careers with a convincing 77-70 victory over Henderson County Junior College Monday night in G. Rollie White.

After being tied at 2-2, the Fish surged to an 11-4 lead and were never caught. A short jump shot by Chuck Smith gave the Fish their biggest lead of the first half at 41-24 with 2:16 left. A brief closing rally by Henderson narrowed the gap at 43-28 at the half.

The shooting of Roddy McAlpine, Steve Niles, Smith and Cooksey gave the Fish control of the game at the beginning of the second half as they gradually pulled away to their biggest lead of the game at 67-43 with 8:42 left. Henderson then began to chip away at the lead but was never able to get any closer than the final spread.

Throughout the game it was the Fish shooting from the field that pulled them through. A&M had 11 turnovers in the game to 7 by Henderson and were out-rebounded 45-44 but they hit on 31 of 60 shots for a 51.7 mark to gain the verdict.

Cooksey got all his points from the field with a 12 for 21 night while not attempting a free shot. Smith followed Cooksey with a

21 point total and was the game's leading rebounder with 15. McAlpine also finished in double figures with 11 points while Niles grabbed 12 rebounds and scored 7 points.

Also scoring for the Fish were Danny Berry with 9 and Bryan's Billy Hodge with 5.

Leading the scoring for Henderson was Danny Gaines, a sophomore from Memphis, Tenn., with 19.

The next game for the Fish will be against Lon Morris Junior College at G. Rollie White Saturday. Lon Morris is annually one of the strongest Junior College teams in the state.

Lynch Wins First In Karate Meet

Four Texas A&M Karate Club members placed in the League City Invitational Karate Tournament this weekend, with John Lynch taking top honors in the Green Belt division.

Second place was won by Don Earnst, while Joe Greenslade finished third.

Leonard Hockstelder took fourth place in the Yellow Belt competition.

Other A&M team members included Brown Bel Jeff Neiland and Walt Cloyd.

Teams from Texas City, Huntsville, Houston, Waco, Pasadena, Galveston, and League City also competed in the tournament.

SWC Cage Roundup

The Southwest Conference finished 2-5 in last night's cage action. The Aggies and Baylor were the only SWC teams to gain victories. TCU, SMU, Rice, Texas Tech and Texas all came out on the short end of the score.

AUSTIN (AP) - Pete Maravich hit for 42 points Monday night in leading Louisiana State to an 87-78 basketball victory over Texas.

PORT WORTH (AP) - Oklahoma scored 10 points on free shots in the last two minutes of play to pull away from Texas Christian and win its second basketball game 65-57 Monday night.

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) - Baylor's taller Bears outbounded Centenary 82-58 and chalked up their second straight victory of the college basketball season Monday night 93-78.

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) - Mike Stewart scored 23 points to lead Memphis State past determined Rice 64-56 in a college basketball game here Monday night.

DALLAS (AP) - Georgia Tech's Dave Clark dropped in two free throws with 58 seconds remaining to secure a 77-74 basketball victory over Southern Methodist Monday night.

Texas Tech gave Brigham Young a tough test Monday night but fell to the top-ranked Utah team 72-58 in a game played at Provo, Utah.

UoffH Gets Win

HOUSTON (AP) - Elvin Hayes collected 33 points and 21 rebounds and led Houston, the nation's No. 2 college basketball team, to a 90-75 victory over Abilene Christian Monday night.

Abilene Christian's ball-control game kept it within two points of the Cougars, 36-34, at intermission. The Wildcat attack centered around John Ray Godfrey, who scored 29 points, hauled in seven rebounds and made seven assists.

The Wildcats' defense dropped Houston's scoring average to the 100-point mark after two games. In the Cougars' opener against Sacramento State, all five starters ended in double figures.

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