

# Ags Stay Unbeaten After 78-74 Final Seconds Win

By GARY SHERER  
Say you are a basketball team. What do you do when you miss 42 shots? What do you do when the other team misses half of your total? What do you do when

the referees' whistle makes you think, "What did I do now?"

If you were the Aggie basketball team, those thoughts would have gone through your mind Saturday night at G. Rollie White Coliseum. The Maroon and White's solution to these perplexing problems came in the persons of two players; Ronnie Peret and Mike Heitmann.

THIS DUO accounted for all the Aggies points in the last four and a half minutes of play as the unbeaten Aggies scored a come-from-behind 78-74 victory over Southwest Texas State.

The Aggies matched the weather outside in their first half shooting statistics—very cold. In fact, this was the Aggies' first shooting letdown of the young season. Coach Shelby Metcalf's talented shooters had been averaging over 50 per cent a game.

While the Aggies couldn't buy a basket, Southwest Texas was performing as though they had had a pregame pep talk from their famous alumnus who now lives

in the White House. The team, and especially their restless coach were very high for this game.

METCALF commented after the game that Southwest Texas' style this season had been simply run and shoot. The San Marcos team crossed up things and played a little more deliberately with almost complete success.

The crowd of 3,500 (good turnout considering the high school football game in Kyle Field) voiced their objections many times to some of the calls made by the harried referees. The whistle-toters seemed to blend right in with the theme of the whole game—thrilling but confused.

Confusing was the word as the Aggies went to the dressing room at the halftime break with a 33-25 deficit staring them in the face. This was the first time this year that the Aggies had been behind at halftime. In fact, when Southwest Texas took the lead early in the game, it was only the second time that the Aggies had been behind in the four games played.

THE AGGIES CAME out for the second half and started to pick away at the SW Texas lead. Finally at the 12:10 mark, captain Terry Trippet knotted the game at 48-48 with a corner jump shot.

At this point, Peret started his heroics with some assistance from Bill Brown and the Aggies grabbed the lead. Brown along with Trippet is turning into an accomplished relief man and pro-

Capt. William S. Busik, Navy's athletic director for three years through 1964, is now stationed at Pearl Harbor.

After five games Stanford's football team had made 41 first downs rushing. Their opponents had just as many.

ved this Saturday night with his heads-up play.

Brown's play didn't halt Southwest Texas' desire however, and they grabbed back the see-saw lead at the 5:15 mark. They held onto the lead until four straight points by Peret brought the Aggies back to a 69-68 margin.

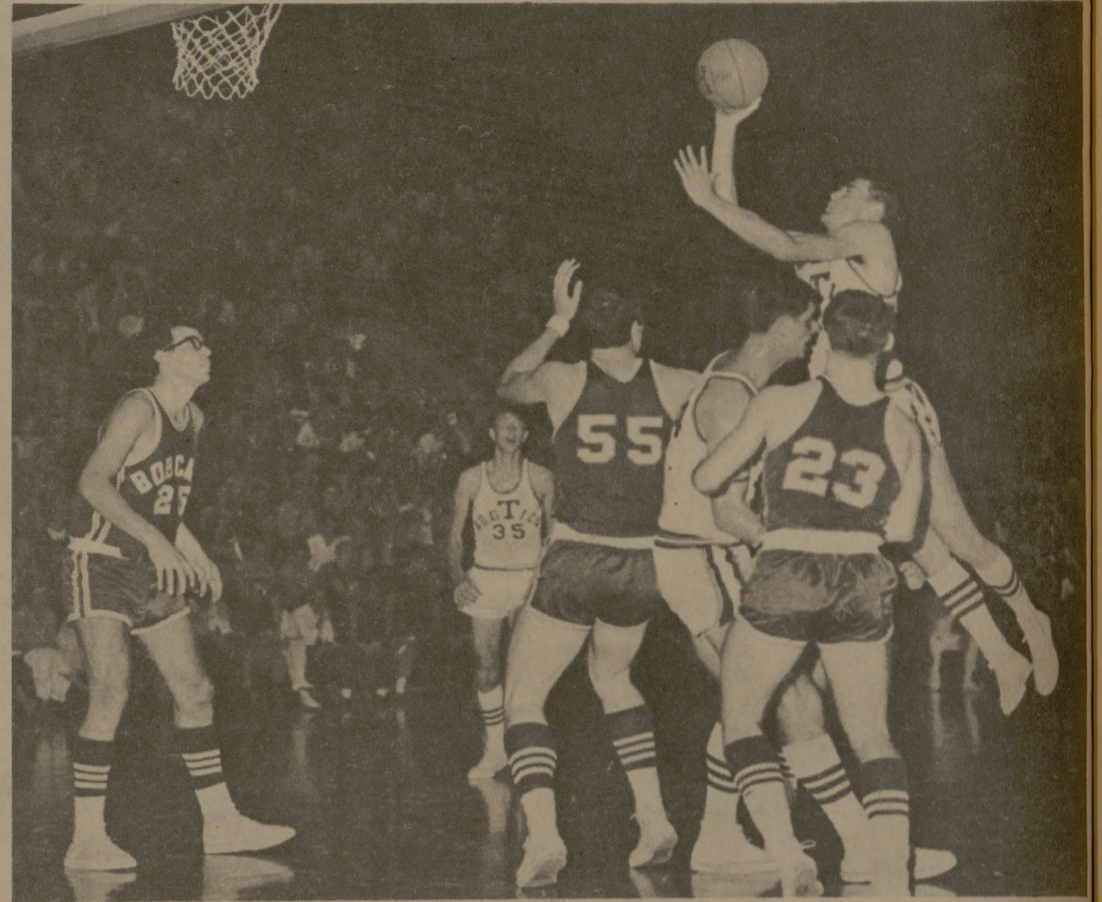
Heitmann then joined the party and after a confusing technical foul call, iced the game for the Aggies with three free throws. Peret added a layup after this and Southwest Texas' spirited upset effort had failed.

Peret, whose 30 points matched his career high, completed a successful home stand. In the three games played at G. Rollie last week, the 6-9 junior from Plainview netted 70 points.

HEITMANN WAS runner-up with 17 and Trippet added 11 to complete the double figure parade for the Aggies. Peret and Heitmann added to their domination of the game with the leading rebound totals of 10 each.

High for SW Texas was Gary Mullen with 20 points and he took game-rebounding honors with 16.

This week, the Aggies are involved in a tough road trip. It starts Wednesday night in Denton against North Texas State and then on to Kansas for the Sunflower Classic.



TWO FOR HEITMANN  
Mike Heitmann goes up for two of the Aggies' points in Saturday night's 78-74 victory over Southwest Texas State. Harry Bostic (35) looks on for the Aggies.

## Fish Fall 92-81 To Lon Morris JC

Despite getting double-figure scoring out of three players, the Aggie Fish fell to Lon Morris Junior College, 92-81, Saturday night to even their record at 1-1.

Lon Morris controlled the opening tip and raced to a quick 4-0 lead. They never were caught by the Fish in the contest.

After Lon Morris increased their lead to 11-4, the teams traded points for the rest of the half as the junior college players retired to the dressing room with a 44-35 bulge.

In the second half Lon Morris gradually increased their advantage to the game's biggest lead of 70-50 with 8:48 left.

The Aggies then began to chip away at the lead and got to within seven points at 77-70 with four minutes left. Lon Morris then pulled away once again to their final 11-point margin.

The ability to hit from the floor that meant so much to the Fish in their Monday night win over Henderson County Junior College seemed to desert them Saturday. They ended with a 39.7 mark from the floor on 29 of 73 shots after hitting on only 14 of 38 shots in the initial half for a 36.8 mark.

Lon Morris on the other hand hit on 35 of 75 shots in the contest for a 46.7 mark with only 10 turnovers to 19 by the Fish. The Aggies were able to dominate the boards with 61 rebounds to 46 by their opponent.

Bill Cooksey once again led Fish scoring with 23 points while

Chuck Smith contributed 22 and Steve Niles 18. Lon Morris' Mike Fischer was the game's top point maker with 27 while Russell Johnson contributed 23.

Niles and Smith were the main reasons for the Aggies domination of the boards as they pulled down 13 and 12 rebounds respectively.

The next game for the Fish is not until January 6 when they take on the Texas Christian Wogs in G. Rollie White in their first conference game.

### Basketball Scoreboard

Notre Dame 79, Southern Methodist 59
Indiana State 105, Lamar Tech 93
Sam Houston State 116, University of Texas at Arlington 110
Northwestern Louisiana 93, Houston Baptist 81
Arkansas 85, Centenary 65
Trinity Tex. 100, Texas A&I 70
Colorado 90, Texas 75
Rice 88, Tulane 81
Pan American 96, Prairie View 86
Marquette 87, Air Force 61
Morehead 111, Kentucky St. 82
Mississippi St. 71, Memphis St. 66
Oklahoma St. 78, MacMurray, Ill. 60
St. Bonaventure 93, Xavier, Ohio 69
Bradley 83, Murray St. 78
Catholic U. 78, Washington Coll 68

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