

# Kansas Squads Topple Aggies

By JOHN PLATZER

Things went from bad to worse for the Aggies this past weekend in the Sunflower Basketball Classic as they took it on the chin from two of the nation's strongest teams.

The two defeats brought A&M's once 4-0 record down to 4-3.

After playing Kansas State to a virtual standoff in the classic's first game, the Aggies were swept off their feet by powerful Kansas in the Saturday game. They suffered their worst defeat of the season at the hands of the Jayhawks, 78-52.

The outmanned Aggies led Kansas at 2-0, 4-3 and 6-5 in the game and were tied at 8-8 when five straight turnovers put the Jayhawks out front to stay. The shooting of all-everything Jo Jo White and Roger Bohnenstiel allowed Kansas to parlay the Aggie mistakes into ten straight points that shot them to a 20-9 lead that was never threatened.

BY HALFTIME Kansas had turned the game into a rout increasing their advantage to 41-19. The score was due largely to the outside play of Whitt who hit for 21 points in the half and

the inside play of Dave Nash who had 10.

The margin kept increasing in the game's final half as the Jayhawks didn't seem to be able to do anything wrong. Terry Trippett, one of the Aggies' key sensors, led the Aggies efforts in the second half as well as the game. He pumped in 10 points in the period after being held scoreless in the first half.

With 10 minutes left in the game, Kansas had increased its advantage to 58-31 and gave White a rest for the remainder of the contest. He ended up high point man in the game with 18 followed by Nash with 16 and Bohnenstiel with 12. In all Kansas placed 10 men in the scoring column.

KANSAS ENJOYED its biggest lead in the contest with a little more than three minutes left at 73-40.

Backing up Trippett's scoring for the Aggies was the Southwest Conference's leading scorer, Ronnie Peret, with nine, Billy Bob Barnett with eight and Johnny Underwood and Mike Hazel with seven each.

The Aggies gained the respect of a whopping crowd of over

15,500 in their Friday night game of the classic, as they battled a strong Kansas State team down to the wire before bowing 82-77.

Coach Shelby Metcalf's hustling cagers built up a quick 11 point lead in the game before Kansas State battled back to take the lead 45-42 at intermission.

With the majority of the large crowd roaring for them, the Aggies came back out firing to open the second half and take the lead 50-47.

THEY HUNG onto the lead at 56-55 when Kansas State pumped in a field goal to never trail again. The teams traded points until, with nine minutes remaining and A&M trailing 67-64, Kansas State began to pull away.

The midwest team built up its biggest lead of the night with six and a half minutes to go at 75-64, but the Aggies once again

began to chip away. They narrowed the margin to 77-73 with three minutes left but could get no closer.

One of the big reasons for the Aggies' outstanding showing in the game was the outside shooting of junior college transfer Harry Bostic. He pumped in eight field goals and three free throws for Aggie high point honors with 19. Peret also had a big night with 16 points while Mike Heilmann contributed 12 and Sonny Benefield had 10.

THE NIGHT'S high point scorers went to Kansas State's Small with 28 on 11 field goals and 1 free throw. Honeycutt also had a big night for Kansas State with 18 points.

Rounding out the four team field in the Classic was perennial power Cincinnati which dropped its first game to Kansas and then defeated Kansas State in overtime.



ROOKIES OF THE YEAR BOTH LIONS

Detroit Lions rookies, roommates, are rookies of the year on offense and defense. Pictured at Detroit, Mich., are Lem Barney, left, cornerback, and Mel Farr, runner and pass receiver. (AP Wirephoto)

## Seattle Tournament Final Stop Before Conference Play Opens

Coach Shelby Metcalf's Aggie basketballers are currently taking a two week rest from the cage wars before returning to action December 29 in Seattle University's Legion Invitational tournament.

The Aggies, possessing a 4-3 record, are in the throes of a three game losing streak that began December 13 against the North Texas State Eagles in Denton. Following the Denton loss, the Aggies came out on the short end of the score against Kansas State and Kansas, two of the country's finest teams.

First round opponents for the Aggies in the Seattle tournament are the hosting Chiefs. Seattle annually has one of the West Coast's outstanding teams and this year is no exception.

The Chiefs posted a fine 18-8 record last season and have not had a losing record since the 1949-50 team posted a 12-17 mark. During this span they have posted a fantastic combined record of 376-117.

Four of the Chiefs' top scorers of last season have left through graduation but three two-year lettermen return. They are captain Steve Looney, a guard who averaged 12 points last season, Jim LaCour, a 6-6 senior, and John Wilkens, a 6-3 senior.

Help has also come from Seattle's freshman team of last year which posted a 13-3 record. Key sophomores are Tom Little, who carried a 21 point average last year, and Sam Pierce, who averaged 17.

Seattle currently has seven graduates performing in pro basketball including the Los Angeles ace Elgin Baylor. Baylor has been a dominant factor on the National Basketball Association's all-star team since leaving Seattle as a junior in 1958.

Other teams in the tournament are the University of San Francisco and Colorado State University. The tournament's championship game will be played at 9:30 p.m. December 30 following the third place contest.

Two-time national champions San Francisco may carry the title of favorites into the tournament. The Dons, alma mater of Boston Celtic great Bill Russell, had a disappointing record of 13-12 last year but seem to have enough to bounce back to prior greatness this season.

Top players for San Francisco are expected to be senior forwards Dennis Black and Don Snyder and guard Art Wilmore. Black, 6-5, scored at a 19.3 pace last year while Snyder, 6-4, hit at a 15.3 average and Wilmore connected at a 12 point clip.

## Aggies Direct Full Attention To 'Bama Tide

After two weeks of work on conditioning and fundamentals, the Texas Aggies Monday turned their full attention to Alabama, their New Year's day football foe in the Cotton Bowl.

The Aggies received a detailed scouting report on the Crimson Tide then went through a lengthy running session.

Coach Gene Stallings indicated that his Aggies would work fairly hard the rest of the week rehearsing offensive plays and defensive tactics.

Stallings has announced that after Friday's workout, he will dismiss the squad so the players can spend Christmas at home. The players will reassemble in Dallas on Dec. 25.

The Aggie attack is built around the passing of quarterback Edd Hargett, the running of Larry Stegert, Wendell Housley and Bill Sallee and the receiving of Bob Long, Tom Buckman, Tommy Maxwell, Barney Harris and Jimmy Adams.

All-America linebacker Bill Hobbs leads the Aggie defense. Some of his top mates include tackles Rolf Krueger and Harvey Aschenbeck and end Grady Allen.

The 1968 Texas Aggie football schedule lists LSU, Nebraska and Army in road games for their first three contests.

The Dons lead their conference over the past 15 years compiling a 137-49 mark. Basketball teams from A&M and San Francisco have met only once over the years with the Aggies coming out on top in that contest.

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