Tuesday, December 19, 1967

THE BATTALION In Sunflower Classic



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 tourna-

The Aggies, possessing a 4-3 John Wilkens, a 6-3 senior. 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.

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.

Oiler Hopes **Ride On Arm Of Beathard**

HOUSTON (P) - Until Pete Beathard arrived, the Houston Oilers were trying to live on defense while rebuilding their offense.

The Oilers have moved since

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

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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.

Aggies in the Seattle tournament are the hosting Chiefs, Seattle **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 Stegent, Wendell Housley and Bill Sallee and the receiving of Bob Long, Tom Buckman, Tommy Maxwell, Barney Harris and Jimmy Adams.

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 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 Jay hawks, 78-52.

The outmanned Aggies led 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 Bohnenstiehl 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

had 10.

The margin kept increasing in the game's final half as the Jayhawks didn't seem to be able to chin from two of the nation's do anything wrong. Terry Trippet, one of the Aggies' key senors, 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 Kansas at 2-0, 4-3 and 6-5 in the Bohnenstiehl with 12. In all Kans- points until, with nine minutes as placed 10 men in the scoring

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

the inside play of Dave Nash who 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 intermis-

sion 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 ors went to Kansas State's Small pumped in a field goal to never trail again. The teams traded 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 defeated Kansas State in over 75-64, but the Aggies once again time.

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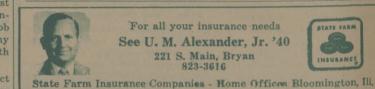
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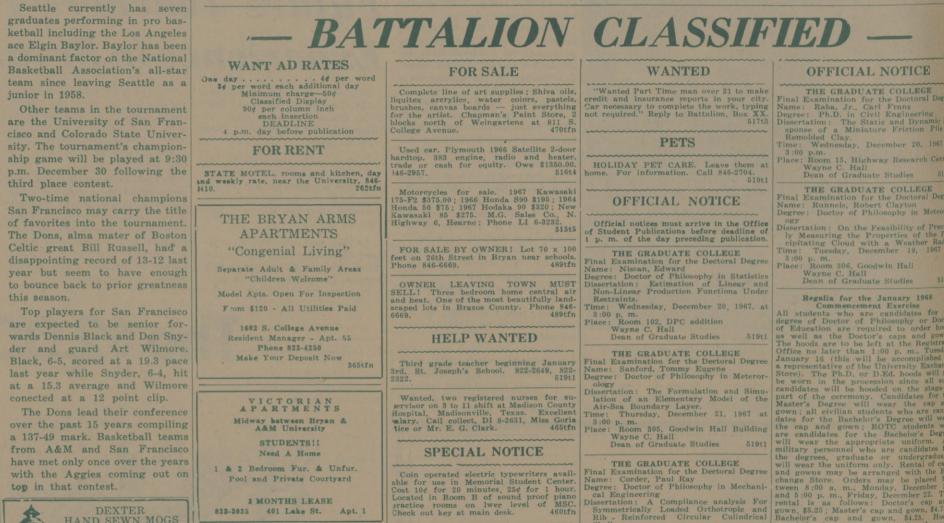
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Rounding out the four team field in the Classic was perennia power Cincinnati which droppe its first game to Kansas and the







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last season from the cellar to the top of the American Football League's Eastern Division. Most of the comeback has developed since Beathard, the former understudy to Len Dawson at Kansas City, moved to town Oct. 9.

A victory or a tie next Saturday night at Miami would send the Oilers into the AFL championship game against Oakland. The Oilers were 2-2-0 when the club acquired Beathard. They move into their final regular season game at 8-4-1. Coach Wally Lemm says Beathard has given noticeable improvement every week despite the handicap of joining the club well after the season was under way.

"I thought the San Diego game Saturday was Pete's best," Lemm said. "He was finding his secondary receivers better than ever. He hit his secondary receivers on both touchdown passes. His primary receivers were well covered both times."

The passes for eight and 15 yards were to Woodie Campbell and Alvin Reed.

Beathard probably was as much surprised to see Campbell in the open in the Charger end zone as the San Diego secondary was

"Woodie's first job is to block and that is what he did on that play," Lemm said. "He got his man and then got off the ground and ran into the end zone. Pete did a good job finding him and getting the ball to him."

Beathard fired the ball sidearm past an onrushing San Diego

Lemm believes the Houston defense has been remarkable, particularly since the club had only a 3-11 record last year.

"Don't forget that of our 11 defensive starters only one was at the same position last year, W. K. Hicks at cornerback," Lemm said. "Players at the other positions are either new or new to their positions."

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.

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