

Ags Whip Colorado St. Bears, 63-54

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The Texas Aggies rekindled their winning ways Tuesday night with the outstanding play of Pat Kavanough and at the same time downed the Colorado State Bears, 63-54, before 2,800 fans at the Rolie White Coliseum.

Smith turned in his best all-around performance of the season as he led all scorers with 18 and grabbed down 20 rebounds for the individual Aggie board show of the year.

The Cadets led from the first half of the contest and were never ahead as they upped their season mark to 2-3. They now begin preparation for their visit this weekend to El Paso where they will play in the Sun Carnival.

Pat Kavanough, a 6-0 junior, came to life against the Bears as he hit five of seven from the field and finished with 15 points. He started the scoring of the game by sinking two free throws to give A&M the first points and that was as close as the Bears from Greeley, Colo., would ever come.

Behind the balanced scoring of Smith, Kavanough, Mike Heitmann and Bill Cooksey, the Aggies slowly increased their lead to 17 at 4:29 left in the first half. Cooksey hit two short jumpers in a row with a Bear sandwiched in between to give A&M its biggest lead of the game, 29-19, with 3:16 left. But when the halftime buzzer sounded, the Aggies were up 35-27 after some good outside shooting by Colorado

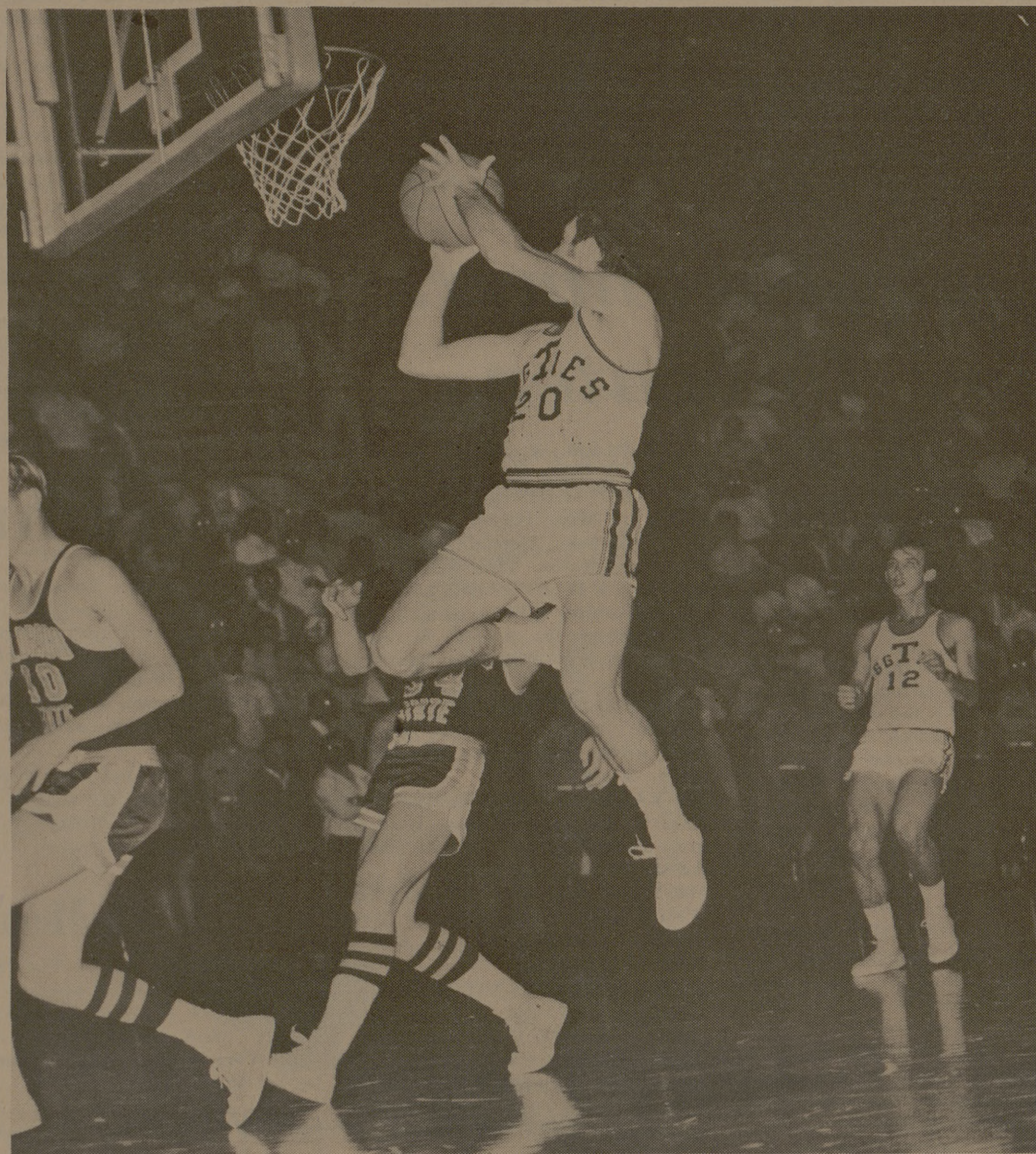
State had narrowed the margin.

In the second half, Smith went to work to keep the Aggies out in front as he covered the floor from end-to-end stealing passes, scoring and rebounding. The agile 6-5 junior from Odessa hit eight of 18 from the field and two from the free throw line to total his 18 points.

The Colorado State zone began denying the Cadets the inside route, so much of the shooting came from the outside as Cooksey, Smith, and even Kavanough, who has been reluctant to shoot from afar, hit consistently to pace the Aggies to their second win of the year. The usually hot-shooting Aggies felt the impact of the outside shooting though as they hit 24 of 62 for 37.8 per cent but managed to connect on 17 of 24 from the charity stripe to keep the game out of reach.

Whenever the Bears could manage to creep within eight points of the Aggie lead, the Cadets did what they had to do to keep them at a safe distance. The Aggies built up a 62-48 lead with 5:18 left and managed to hold on as they got only a Robert Threadgill free throw in the remaining time while the Bears could not connect on two crucial 1-1 free throw situations.

For the fourth time this year, the Cadets won the battle of the boards by outrebounding the Bears 54-28 but they also managed to win the battle of the turnovers too, 12-10. Cooksey ended with 12 points, Heitmann had 10 and Rick Duplantis got five with eight rebounds.



EASY TWO POINTS

Pat Kavanough puts in two of his 15 points against the Colorado State College Bears on a layup in the second half of the Aggies' 63-54 win last night. Kavanough, a 6-0 guard from Camden, N. J., also shot well from the outside as the Aggies registered their second victory against three defeats. (Photo by Mike Wright)

Overhouse Leads Ag Fish Over Wharton JC, 75-59

By Mike Wright

The Texas Aggie Fish rode the hot shooting of Jeff Overhouse to a 75-59 victory over the Wharton County Junior College Pioneers here last night. Overhouse singled the cords for 33 points and pulled down 12 rebounds before fouling out late in the contest.

The Pioneers had lost only two games before last night's contest. Cisco Junior College and the University of Texas at Austin Freshmen were the conquerors of the Pioneers while the junior college team has amassed nine victories.

Wharton led only once early in the game, 2-1. Wayne Howard hit a short baseline jump shot to erase that lead and the Pioneer hopes. The Fish lead during the first half varied from eight to 15 points, with the Ags taking a 38-25 lead into the dressing room at halftime.

The second half was simply more of the same, as Overhouse continued to find the range under the Pioneer basket. The Aggies were plagued with 20 turnovers, which possibly held the score down. Wharton was charged with 12 miscues.

Wharton was also troubled with a poor shooting percentage. In the first stanza the Pioneers hit 10 of 35 from the field for a cool 28.6 per cent. The second half wasn't much better as the group sank 14 of 38 for a 36.8 clip. The Pioneers managed 24 to 73 for the game, shooting a low 32.9 percent.

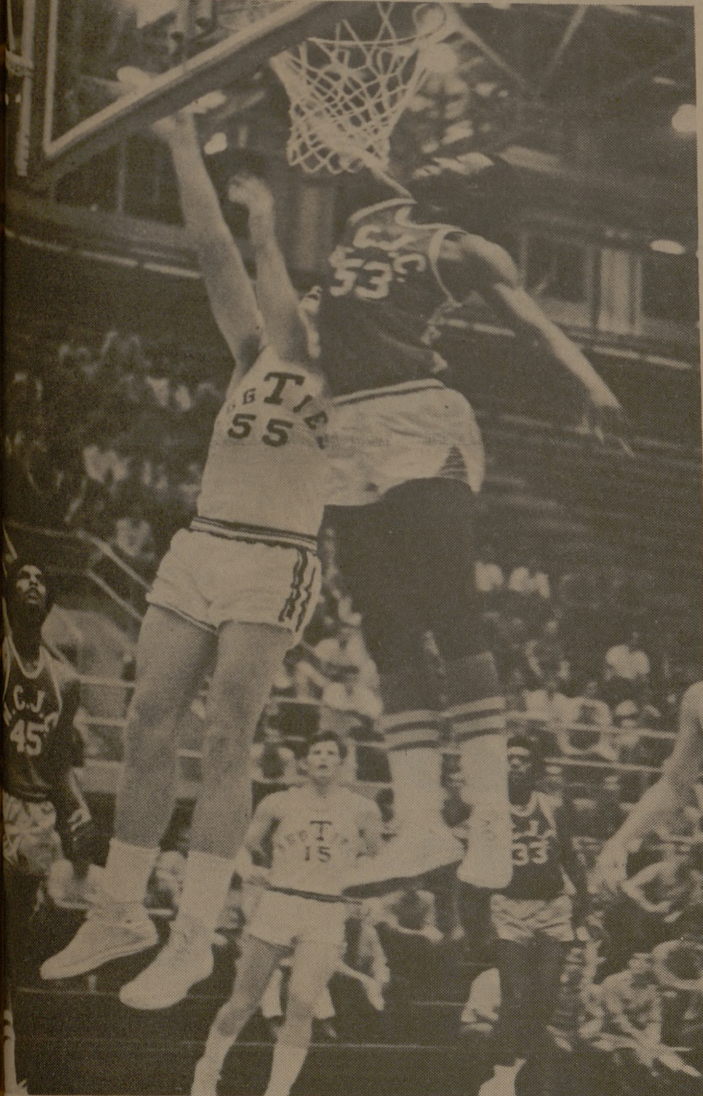
Meanwhile the Fish sank 15 of 32 for a 46.9 clip in the first half and blitzed 14 of 25 in the second, for an overall total of 29 shots of 57 and 50.9 percent.

The other Fish postman, Bryan Mezger, contributed 13 points to the cause and was the game's leading rebounder with 15.

Bob Gobin and Bill O'Brien contributed only six and four points, respectively, but they were

credited with numerous assists in setting up other players with shots.

The Fish will be off during the Christmas break and will return to the floor January 10 against the Baylor Cubs here at 5:45 p.m.



LEADING SCORER

Jeff Overhouse (55) goes up for a layup against John Becker (53) of Wharton Junior College. Overhouse was the leading Fish scorer with 33 points as they swept to a 75-59 triumph last night. (Photo by Mike Wright)

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