

# Floyd's clutch shot puts A&M back on top

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"Mr. Clutch", "Iceman", "Superman", call him whatever you

want, Mike Floyd and a cool bundle of nerves put the Razorbacks on ice for the season with a 15-foot jump shot with one second left in a hotly

contested Arkansas-Aggie game Saturday night. Floyd had his second highest scoring game of the year with 16, his

previous high coming last Saturday against the Razorbacks in Fayetteville.

Playing before a record crowd of 10,305, the Aggies slipped by Arkansas, using head coach Eddie Sutton's favorite weapon against him.

With the score tied at 56 all after a Barry Davis jump shot for the Ags, Sutton tried to engage his previously successful four-corner stall game. But the Ags came up with a steal and Floyd was fouled by Robert Birden. Floyd hit both free throws to give the Ags the lead 58-56. Two seconds later, John Thornton was called for fouling Ricky Medlock. True to form Medlock answered with two points on a one-and-one situation.

Arkansas had the ball back seconds after A&M missed a crisp shot and put the stall into low gear again. But with a little more than four-and-a-half minutes left Thornton stole a pass and the Ags looked like they had the setup again. But alas another shot missed and Arkansas recovered. This time the Hogs wasted little time in sending Kent Allison to the bucket for a drop in shot and the lead at 60-58. The Ags brought it down court and Floyd tried to drive one under, but was stopped dead cold by Allison whose seven inch taller frame simply got between the basket and Floyd.

Allison caught the eye of Referee Joe Shosid, though, and was awarded his fifth foul of the night. "Cool man" Mike hit both of his free throws and the game was tied again. For the final time, 60-60. With 2:24 left to play, Arkansas had the ball, and apparently the drivers seat as they had a week earlier in the cradle of the Ozark Mountains.

Sutton's troops tried the stall again, and made it work for 1:11. But a miscue and a little nervousness overcame a previously solid Hog team and they threw the ball away with 1:03 left.

A&M called a timeout and Aggie head coach Shelby Metcalf turned the table on Sutton and put the Ags into the stall. The Ags looked a little tight but managed to hold off the Razorbacks for almost a minute. The Ags called a timeout with 20 seconds left to plan a final strategy.

When the plan failed, Floyd just gathered the nerve and bulled his way to the free throw line where he put up a shot.

It fell through the net with 0:01

left. The crowd and the team went wild. But it wasn't over. Yet.

Arkansas had the ball for one second. The ball was passed in to Birden, but Davis came up with his clutch play of the night by stealing the inbounds pass as the buzzer sounded. Delirium. What could easily be the most important basketball game in the history of the Southwest Conference ended with A&M on top 62-60.

Floyd said, "I didn't see it go in. I was too worried about fouling Birden."

"I didn't even know Floyd took the shot, I passed out three seconds earlier," Metcalf jokingly said.

Arkansas jumped out to the early lead at 2-0 and 4-2, but the Ags got untracked and with four minutes

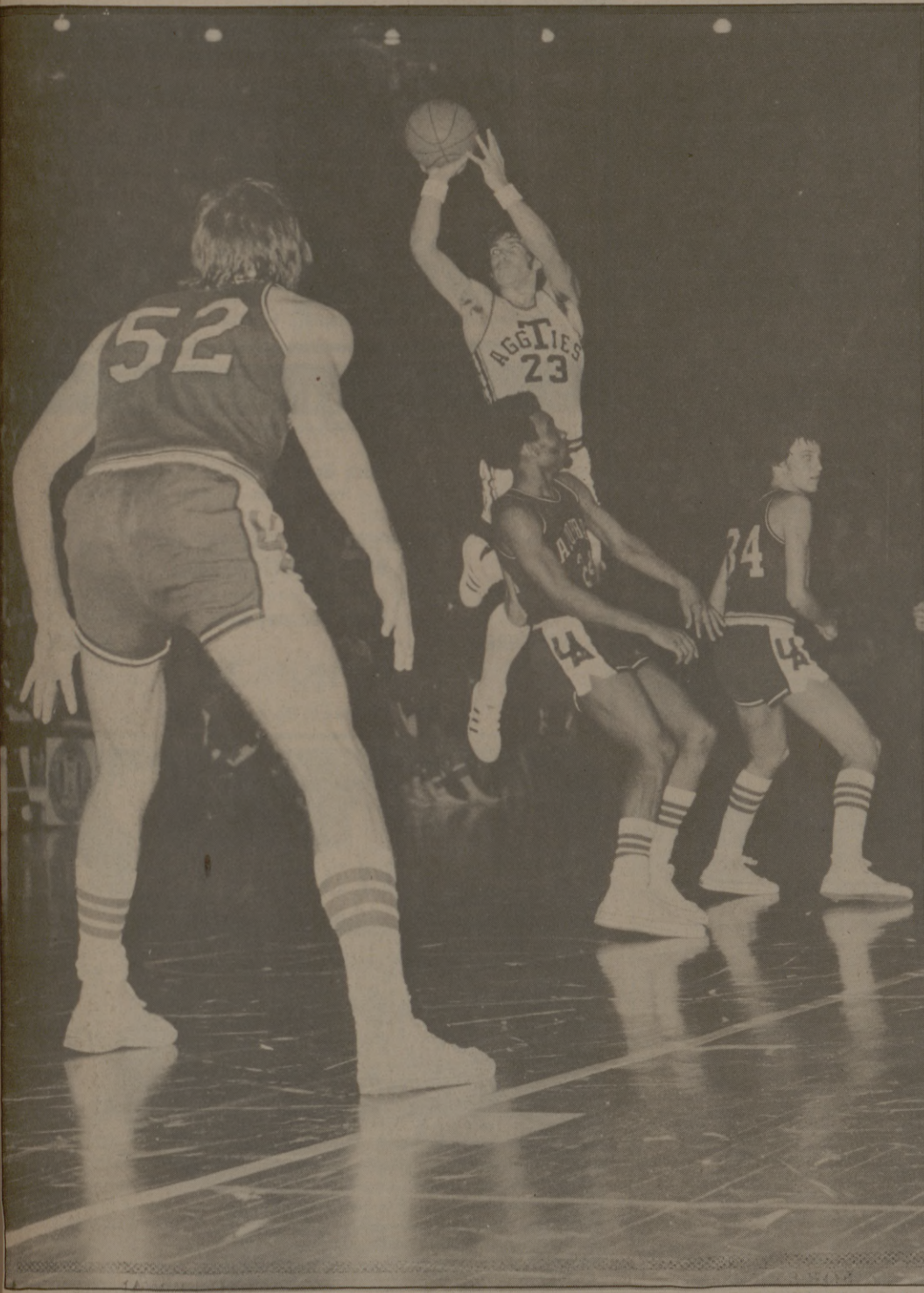
left in the first half held an eight point lead.

Arkansas rallied to within three at the half 32-29. The Aggies came back strong after the intermission and in four minutes built up an 11 point lead at 44-33. But that lead was cut to six before the Ags had the ball again. Jack Schulte put in a layup on a fourth rebound and Davis was awarded a technical for grabbing the basket ring. Medlock made the free throw, and Allison hit a layup on the inbound pass. Arkansas cut another two from the lead when A&M missed a free throw and

Schulte tipped in a shot seconds later.

Allison led all scorers with 17, followed by Birden with 14 and Med-

lock with 11 for the Razorbacks. Floyd led for the Ags followed by Webb Williams and Davis with 12 and Thornton with 11. Arkansas outscored the Ags again 31-23 and was led by Schulte's nine caroms. Allison had eight, Davis and Darryl Saulsberry had five each.



Mike Floyd fires the shot heard throughout Aggieland

Photo by Steve Kraus

## Batt sports

### Ags defend SWC lead, go against Bears tonight

By DAVID WALKER  
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Number one hits the road tonight as Dr. Shelby Metcalf and his Aggies travel to Bear country to play the young, but mad, Baylor Bears.

The Bears have lost their last three games by a combined score of 32 points. Two one-point losses to Texas and a 30 point set-back to the Ags last Tuesday night at C. Rollie.

The Aggies have won their last two by the same 32 points. The above mentioned Bear bash 96-66 and the two point thriller over Arkansas Saturday night.

The Aggies lead the Southwest Conference with a 7-1 record over second place Arkansas and Texas Tech with identical 6-2 records.

The bears are out of the SWC title chase with a 3-5 record but are not being taken lightly by the Aggies.

"That 30-point victory doesn't mean anything when we go to Waco," said assistant coach Norman Reuther Sunday after the Aggies went through a brisk 50 minute workout. "They will be ready for us and we will just have to forget about our last game with them because they are a different team in Waco."

Tonight's game will be the 127th between the two schools with A&M holding 77-49 all-time edge over the Bears. The Ags have won six of the last seven.

The Aggies are coming off their biggest victory of the year, 62-60 over Arkansas. They will be trying to bounce back in the rebounding column after being out-rebounded by the Razorbacks 31-23. The Hogs beat the Ags on the boards at Fayetteville 41-26. Between the two Arkansas games the Aggies had one of their best rebounding games of the year against the Bears as they out-rebounded them 51-26. The Aggies hope to reach top form again against

the Bears. Barry Davis was the leading scorer for the Aggies in their first game with the Bruins with 19 points. He had all of his points in the first half hitting on eight of nine from the field to give the Aggies their 51-29 halftime lead.

There are plenty of tickets remaining for the 7:30 tip off. If you can't go to the game it can be heard on KTAM with Mike Mistovich doing the play-by-play.

### Soccer team downs Baylor for fifth time

The soccer team suffered through rain and mist Saturday morning to defeat a feisty Baylor squad 6-2.

It was the fifth win against no losses for A&M teams against Baylor this season. The Ags lead in the scoring department 23-6 in those five games.

The Ags led 3-0 at the half after dominating with a strong controlled passing attack. Habib Ben-Ali, Ricardo Schwartz and Mehrdad Farrokhnia all scored for the Ags in the first period.

A&M and Baylor traded scores midway through the second half,

but A&M had the last say when David Bernard slipped one between the Bear goalkeeper's legs. Other second half scorers for the Ags were Habib and Jim Davis.

The Ags season record now stands at 6-4-4. The Ags have scored 41 points to the opponent's 31 and score an average of 2.93 goals per game to the opposition's 2.22 point per game average.

The next competition for the Ags will be the second weekend in April as the Ags travel to Waco to compete in the Baylor tournament.

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