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their way for much of the second half.

Then their luck changed. When Binnion, who scored only 10 points but was a force on the boards with 13 rebounds, fouled out with a little over five minutes left, Morehead took advantage of his absence, dominating the rebounding from that point on.

Earl Harrison's two free throws with 3:30 left knotted the score at 68. The Aggies then spread their offense, looking for the good shot. With 26 seconds left, they called time out to set up the potential game-winner and a chance for this Aggie team to win the school's historic first NCAA tournament game.

As things turned out, A&T didn't get the shot, but it sure made history. As the Aggies lined up for the inbounds pass, Harrison grabbed James Horace's shirt as he broke from the Aggie stack. A two-shot foul was called, but Boyd, nearly an 80 percent shooter from the line, stepped to the charity stripe instead, claiming *he* had been fouled.

Neither chief referee Mickey Crowley nor his two colleagues were sure who the victim was, so Crowley, without hesitation, jogged across the floor to where the ESPN TV commentators sat.

"We want to be sure on this one. Could you give us a replay?" he asked.

Using the replay to confirm who had indeed been fouled, the officials sent Horace to the line and he made the second of his two free throws for a one-point Aggie lead.

Morehead inbounded the ball to Guy Minnifield, who had notched a goose egg in scoring the previous 39 minutes, six seconds, but didn't shy away from the everything-on-the-line pressure. As Minnifield drove toward the basket

and the clock ticked down, the ball was slapped away by an Aggie defender. But Minnifield somehow recovered it and dropped in a 10-footer with four seconds left to put Morehead up by one.

The Aggies still had a chance to win it, though, and called time out with three seconds left to set up a final shot. The play worked to perfection -- almost. Horace made the inbounds pass A&T needed to the man the Aggies no doubt wanted to have the ball, Eric Boyd, at the top of the key. But Boyd's shot at the buzzer bounced off the back of the rim, leaving the Aggies with their third straight NCAA loss.

"I thought the shot was going in," said a disappointed Boyd. "I got a good release." Meanwhile, Corbett, who failed again to get the NCAA monkey off his back, looked at the game stats and had trouble believing his team had lost.

"We played too well to lose," he said, noting that the Aggies had shot a sizzling 61.5 percent from the field, making 32 of 52 shots from the floor. "We didn't make a lot of mistakes and we even got the shot we wanted at the end of the game."

And Corbett found little consolation in the fact that the officials' call for a replay -- which netted them a reprimand from the NCAA -- assured his team a place in history. "I had no problems with the officials looking at a replay," he said, matter-of-factly. "They admitted that they didn't know who was fouled."

Probably the only replay Corbett would have been really interested in would have been the chance to have those final three seconds to play just one more time.



Aggie James Horace (shown here in regular-season play): Was he or wasn't he fouled? Only ESPN knew for sure (photo by Joe Daniels).

## SIDELINES

# Linebacker's Tackling Faith, Academics Now

"Money is no longer important! The Lord has opened my eyes."

Flashing a radiant smile, Moses Davis, once an outstanding football player at Livingstone College, speaks candidly about the spiritual conversion that has helped him in his quest for a college degree.

Moses, a 6-foot, 235-pound linebacker, excelled as a freshman and was elected co-captain of the Bear football team as a sophomore. His career was hampered, however, by a nagging foot injury that relegated him to reserve status by his senior campaign.

The son of Mrs. Martha Davis from Florence, S.C., Moses says he learned early the value of self-respect as well as respect for others.

"My mother worked hard to raise seven children with very little assistance," he says. "We were led in the teaching of Jesus and to love

and respect our fellow man as we would ourselves.

"My mother and grandmother, Mrs. Mary Dicks of Durham, N.C., helped me persevere in that I am the first member of my family to attend college and I accepted the injury as God's direction for me to strive harder in my academic pursuits."

Evidently, Moses has tackled his classroom chores with the same fervor he once displayed when tackling opposing running backs. He has earned a \$2,000 academic scholarship from the Alcoa Foundation and has maintained dean's list status throughout his college career.

Now serving as president of Livingstone's newly-organized chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Moses talks about new priorities that transcend the lure of big-money pro football and the fortune and fame envisioned by many

but realized by few.

His eyes help tell the story as Moses recalls his spiritual conversion on Christmas Eve 1983: "It was like the Day of Pentecost. I had a warm, cleansing feeling that God had come into my heart and my purpose was being revealed."

Formerly active in a campus fraternity, Moses has renounced his membership, saying, "I do not believe the Lord would have me committed to secular ideals while giving my all to the furtherance of His kingdom."

Moses has always loved music and leads a group of football players who have formed a gospel group on campus. He is an excellent bass guitarist and has become proficient on the piano while writing and composing some gospel music.

Moses' roommate, Langston "Tank" Brown, says "Big Mo" (as

he is affectionately nicknamed) is genuinely happy.

"He really believes he has accepted something fantastic in his life by his deeds rather than by his words," Brown says.

Moses says Brown had a positive influence on his decision to attend Livingstone, as well as Alton Baker, Sylvester Moore and Billy Wilson, each of whom excelled in football at Livingstone. Brown is currently completing his degree requirements in political science and served as a student assistant coach for the football team this past fall.

As for its deeds rather than words, the Livingstone chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes is conducting a clothing drive to assist needy families and fire victims. Persons wishing to help in this venture may contact Moses at Livingstone.