

## Seven Colored Cagers Sparkle

# Recruiting A Factor In Texas Western's Victory

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — (UPI) — Don Haskins was born the year the Baron of Basketball — Adolph Rupp — started his legendary 36-year coaching career at the University of Kentucky.

But the 36-year-old Texas

Western coach did something to one of the Baron's teams that had never been done before — he piloted his third-ranked Miners to a 72-65 upset victory over top-ranked Kentucky in the finals of the NCAA basketball tourney.

**RUPP HAD** coached Kentucky into the finals four times — and had won all four times. But in his bid for an unprecedented fifth crown, he instead watched Haskins win for the first time in the finals.

"It was quite a thrill for me to even play in a game with Rupp let alone win," Haskins said after the victory.

"It was the finest coached team we've played, we haven't seen a zone that aggressive. It's also the best offensive club we've watched, the motion of their offense is amazing."

A 1953 graduate of Oklahoma State, Haskins credited his team's defense for being the difference.

"We knew Kentucky could shoot the ball and if we didn't defend it, we'd be second. But we didn't do anything different, we didn't even have a chalk talk before the game. We came to play our game, not Kentucky's."

Although his team played superbly and never trailed in the second half, another key to the championship for the school that was almost unknown until he came there five years ago was the recruiting of Haskins.

**ALTHOUGH** it was the first title ever won by a Texas

team, only one player from Texas — **DAVID DATTIN** of Houston—played in the game for Texas Western.

Haskins sold three boys from New York — **WILLIE CAGER**, **WILLIE WORSLEY** and **NEVIL SHED** — on the school and talked two more from Gary, Ind.—**HARRY FLOURNOY** and **ORSTEN ARTIS**—into going to El Paso.

**THE OTHER** player and hero for the Miners was **BOBBY JOE HILL** of Detroit although Haskins discovered him playing junior college ball at Burlington, Iowa JC.

Although the loss of the crown was a bitter disappointment for Rupp, he hopes it wasn't his last hurrah.

"**I'LL COACH** until they haul me away." Rupp quipped after the game. "I can't imagine having so much fun as having all you sportswriters gather to listen to what I have to say. I hope to be back here sometime." Actually, Rupp hopes to coach six more years until he's 70.

Rupp summed up the game quickly: "Hell, they whipped us, that's the story of the game."