

GAME NO. 15

ONE MINOR RECORD (SEE LAST GRAF)

1959 UIL Girls Basketball Tournament
Conference AA --- Championship
Abernathy 59, Buna 57

A U S T I N, March 14---Abernathy's Antelopes repeated as girls' Conference AA basketball champions Saturday night, edging previously-undefeated Buna, 59-57.

Abernathy outscored Buna 19-11 in the third quarter to rally from a 28-24 halftime deficit and carry a 43-39 advantage into the final eight minutes. The lead changed hands several times during the last quarter before Abernathy pulled ahead 59-55 and halted a Buna rally just before time ran out.

Margie Guinn scored 28 points for Abernathy to lead the winners, but it was Diann Owen who had the biggest single hand in the Antelopes' rally. Owen scored 9 points in the third-quarter surge to finish with a total of 17.

Linda Johnson of Buna tied Guinn for high-point honors with \$ 28.

Buna, in its third tournament appearance, was seeking its third championship. The Cougarettes won Conference A in 1956 and AA in 1957 in their only prior appearances. Their defeat was their first in 34 games this season.

Abernathy also has made three trips to the tournament, failing to win in 1955 but taking state titles in 1958 and 1959. The Antelopes' Saturday night win over Buna gives them a final ~~33~~ 33-3 season record.

Buna's 57 points enters the record books. It is the highest score a losing AA team has scored in a championship game.

ABERNATHY (59)	fg	ft-fta	pf	tp
Margie Guinn, f	8	12-16	3	28
Linda Shipman, f	7	0-0	2	14
Diann Owen, f	7	3-4	2	17
Lera Johnson, g	0	0-0	2	0
Paula Apperson, g	0	0-0	1	0
Billie Houston, g	0	0-0	5	0
Lisa Habbings, g	0	0-0	4	0
Carolyn Northcutt, g	0	0-0	1	0
<u>Totals.....</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>15-20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>59</u>

BUNA (57)	fg	ft-fta	pf	tp
Linda Johnson, f	11	6-10	3	28
Deon Cummings, f	6	2-5	4	14
Funice Killen, f	4	7-12	0	15
Katherine Drews, g	0	0-0	3	0
Judy Germany, g	0	0-0	3	0
Nancy Richardson, g	0	0-0	3	0
Mert Garsee, g	0	0-0	0	0
<u>Totals.....</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>15-27</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>57</u>

Abernathy.....	11	13	19	16	---	59
Buna.....	16	12	11	18	---	57

Officials: Fred Russ and J. D. Shipp.

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