

Optimized thick-apex unstiffened equivalent ellipsoidal shell. Refined model with 480 elements eig. 1, pcr(STAGS) =2.7574 x 460 =1268.4 psi; BIGBOSOR4 gets 1270.7 $^{\circ}$  §i -35.84 y z tep 0 eigenvector deformed geometry. Axisymmetric mode 1  $\Theta$  z 35.63 linear buckling of perfect unstiffened 180-degree "soccerball" shell from STAGS

Fig. 177 Linear buckling mode from STAGS that corresponds to the lowest eigenvalue for the **optimized unstiffened equivalent ellipsoidal shell with the thick apex with t(apex) = 0.4 inch; the optimum design is listed in Table 78.** Compare this 180-degree "soccerball" model with the 360-degree STAGS model displayed in Fig. 147. Also compare this mode with the axisymmetric mode 1 determined by BIGBOSOR4 and displayed in Fig. 145.