

Aggies Trail Owls by One, Four Games Behind Texas

The Aggie nine dropped back to the third place position in the Southwest Conference last week while the Texas Longhorns and the Rice Owls stepped up their pace for first and second place spots.

Texas is a full three games ahead in the won column while the Farmers trail Rice by one game. Texas won a pair over the Baylor Bears Friday and Saturday while

the Aggies were bowing twice to Southern Methodist and Rice as they downed Texas Christian.

A&M has only four games remaining on their slate, two against

last place TCU in Fort Worth and two with the leading Steers in College Station. The Cadets are the only team in the conference to beat Texas in SWC play.

The Aggies jumped back into the win column Monday after dropping their two contests with SMU Friday and Saturday with an 11-4 victory over Texas Tech.

A&M has been searching for that 11-game win mark for almost a month now but the elements have been against them. Three times they have been rained out, missing an important series with Rice and one game with Baylor.

In conference action this week: Friday—Baylor plays SMU at Dallas, Texas hosts Rice at Austin and A&M visits TCU at Fort Worth.

Saturday—The Aggies battle TCU at Fort Worth, Texas meets Rice at Austin and Baylor and SMU collide at Dallas.

Rice Owls Blank Cadet Tennis Team

The A&M tennis team, coached by Beau Bell, was blanked by the Rice Owls in conference play yesterday, 6-0, at College Station.

The Aggies currently hold down the bottom rung in the Southwest Conference race, having won only one game, while Rice appears to be a cinch for conference honors.

Rice's ace Ronnie Fisher downed the best the Aggies could offer, defeating Harvey Barber 2-6, 6-1, 6-3.

Scores of the remaining matches: Paul Como, Rice, def. Robert Jones, A&M, 6-3, 10-8. Art Foust, Rice, def. Richard Box, A&M, 6-1, 6-1. Doug Bashrum, Rice, def. William Jamison, A&M, 6-1, 6-1. Fisher-Foust, Rice, def. Barber-Jones, Rice, 6-4, 6-0. Como-Bashrum, Rice, def. Box-Jamison, A&M, 6-0, 6-4.

The Aggies' next tilt will be Friday when they tackle Wharton Junior College on the A&M courts. A&M's last game of the season will be May 8 against Texas at Austin.

Moreno, Mitchell Win Marlin Match

A pair of Aggie golfers captured championship honors Sunday in Marlin in the second annual Marlin Country Club Partnership Low-Ball Golf Tournament.

Marcel Moreno and Binky Mitchell teamed up for an eight-under par 100 over the 27-hole course to win the championship flight.

Aggies Ralph Poland and John Lively were runners-up in the first flight while teammates Ed Triplett and Art Hull won the second flight.

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The Long Stretch

Aggie first baseman Dick Hickerson stretches his 6-3 frame to combat a short one yesterday in baseball practice on the Kyle Field diamond. The Aggies sport a 4-4 conference record and have slipped down to third place behind Texas and Rice.

Ag Golfers Qualifying For Conference Meet May 8-9

Golf Coach Joe Fagan is having but not good enough to cop the tournament honors. "A&M should finish third behind Texas Tech and TCU," he said. "We have beat them both, but not by a large enough margin."

The Red Raiders sewed up the preliminary SWC crown Saturday when they downed the Baylor Bears in Waco. The A&M team will enter two men in the conference tournament. Participants in the meet are based on the place the team holds when regular season play ends. "The Aggies will have a better than even chance of copping the tournament honors, though, since they will be playing on their home course."

Tournament play will start May 8 with 36 holes being scheduled for each day of the two day meet.

Annual Bowling Tourney Set On MSC Lanes This Weekend

The ninth annual Interscholastic Bowling Tournament will get underway at 2:30 p. m. Saturday in the Memorial Student Center, according to Tom Lake, tournament chairman.

Competition will be made up of eight colleges and universities entering a total of 14 teams. Squads are coming from Texas Tech, SMU, Arlington State, Oklahoma State, Baylor, University of Texas, San Antonio College, Rice and A&M.

The Aggies' No. 1 match team will consist of Larry Dantzer, Don Jones, Bob Brown, Tony Servello and Ken Savage.

These bowlers, along with Kent McMahan and Floyd Hardimon tied for sixth place in the state bowling meet last weekend. A&M's overall score for the match was 2,757 pins, 54 less than the meet's all-time high of 2,811.

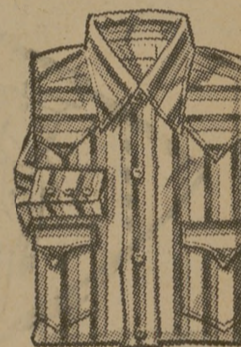
Bob Brown and Floyd Hardimon took eighth place in the doubles match, while Hardimon, Servello and McMahan took 3rd, 13th and 18th respectively in the singles matches.

The Aggie team is unbeaten in 11 straight matches, and supports a total individual average of 950 for the crew.

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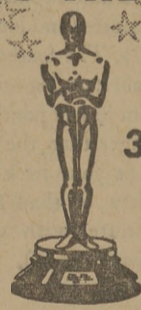
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