



FROM THE

# Sidelines

By Van Conner

After Sunday's tie with the University of Houston, the A&M Soccer Team remains undefeated with 17 victories to their credit since school began last September. Now they have qualified to play for the state championship for the first time since 1957.

Although there remains the formality of one more game in two weeks, the Aggies captured first place in the Houston Soccer League for 1963.

Despite the fact that International of San Antonio is also unbeaten, it looks like a cinch for the A&M Club to beat them before a television audience in Houston Sunday and walk away with the Texas championship.

Wouldn't it be interesting if this Aggie team — which should prove fairly conclusively that they are the best Texas has on Sunday — could represent the state in national competition?

## Chances Are Slim

Unless some unforeseen benefactor turns up, or some change of heart among the powers-that-be occurs, the A&M team will never have that chance.

As a student club, the team receives \$390 a year which it uses for gas on trips and uniforms. According to Augusto Cruzalegui this sum falls short of what is actually needed to make the trips, but the team members don't mind chipping in what they can in order to represent A&M in Houston League competition.

Cruzalegui says the team would rather do most of their competing against other college teams. They'd like very much to see how they measure up to out-of-state adversaries.

The only out-of-Texas team they've met this year has been a group from Nuevo Laredo at a Houston invitational tourney.

The ideal solution, of course, would be membership for the A&M Club in the National Collegiate Athletic Association. As a point of information, the NCAA maintains an extensive soccer program, with a number of eastern and northern schools competing hot and heavy each year.

But NCAA membership requires a school to consider soccer a "major sport." The team would have to have a coach, provided by the school. And the school would have to make a formal application for admittance.

And it would cost money to participate in NCAA competition — more than \$390 a year and more than team members could pay out of their own pockets.

## Too Late This Year

It is too late this year for A&M to become a NCAA member. In fact, the national tournament is over and St. Louis University is 1963 NCAA champion. Even so, the Aggies want to issue a challenge to St. Louis for an exhibition game.

If St. Louis accepted — though it isn't likely that they would risk their record — the A&M Club probably couldn't go without more help from the school.

Lost cause? Maybe so, but it seems a shame that A&M, which has such a high enrollment of students from countries where soccer is the national sport, couldn't somehow be able to play in national intercollegiate competition in the future.

The club can't swing it by itself. They've gone to the top of the pile in Texas almost entirely on their own, but now they need help.

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## Getting Ready

Xavier Lobo from Monclova, Mexico lines up on the soccer ball (out of picture) as the A&M Soccer Team readies for its game with San Antonio's International for the Texas championship.

# Soccer Team Ties 1, Wins 1; Will Play Title Game Sunday

For the first time since September, the A&M soccer team fell short of a victory after a 3-3 tie with the University of Houston in Houston. The Aggies remain undefeated after 18 games.

The week before, A&M defeated the Necaxa team from San Antonio, 5-2.

The Aggies now face International of San Antonio for the Texas championship. They will play at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Houston's Memorial Park. The president of the Texas Soccer League has made arrangements for the game to be televised.

## Intramurals

Volleyball league winners in the Class A division will meet Friday at 5 p.m. in the DeWare Fieldhouse.

Winners are Sqd. 8, Sqd. 10, D-3, Sqd. 7, F-2, Sqd. 9 and a play-off between C-1 and Sqd. 12 Wednesday will determine the winner in league G. Play-offs for Corps championship will begin Monday.

Freshman handball winners Tuesday: Sqd. 7, Sqd. 2 and Sqd. 13. Winning freshman for Sqd. 7 were Patrick Crouch, James Roberts, John Thorhill, Charles Reeh and Wilfred Dorn.

Those for Sqd. 2: Richard Stults, Ken Blanchard, Ed Simmons, Lynn Moore, Larry Hunter and Irving Queal.

Sqd. 13 winner's: Robert Dillard, Robert Skinner, John Nelson, Bruce Don, Gerald Thompson, and Robert Vacker.

Intramural softball will begin April 1.

# Ags Take Over SWC Lead With Win Over Rice Owls

By JIM BUTLER  
 Battalion Ass't. Sports Editor  
 Ag hurler John Crain spotted the Rice Owls three runs in the first innings then shut the door as the Cadets took a 5-3 decision Tuesday on Kyle Field.

The junior right-hander allowed only six hits, all in the first three innings in notching his first win of the season against no defeats. Rice had two baserunners in the last six frames, one on an error by shortstop Jerry Ballard in the sixth and one on a walk in the ninth.

The win gave the Aggies a 2-0 record in Southwest Conference play, putting them in the league lead one-half game in front of Texas Christian and Rice. The Horned Frogs lost to Baylor, 3-2, for their first SWC loss. Rice is now 2-1.

RICE STARTED the scoring when shortstop Billy Hale doubled in Lee Raesener who had singled. After retiring two Owls, Crain gave up a single to Randy Kerbow that drove across Hale and Gene Fleming. Fleming had gained first on an error by Frank Stark.

A&M took the lead with four runs in the second, capped by Bill Hancock's third home run of the season. Centerfielder Ray Hall opened the inning with a sinking

liner to right field and moved to second when Bill Grochett drew a walk. Catcher Bill Puckett singled to load the bases. Crain then grounded to short and two Cadets scored as Rice failed in a double-play attempt.

THE NEXT hitter, Ballard, hit a hard liner to the Owl shortstop who dropped the ball and threw wild to first. Hancock followed with his drive over the right field fence.

A&M was robbed of two runs in the fifth when Hall hit a long fly ball to right field with Stark on second base. Owl right-fielder Donnie Longcope reached over the fence to grab the ball and the inning.

The Cadets tallied a bonus run in the seventh on Hancock's single and Robert McAdams' double to end the scoring.

A&M pounded Frank McKeown for 10 hits with Ballard, McAdams

and Hancock getting two. Crain, who pitched Houston to a state championship, pitched two stretches in which he set nine Owls in a row.

THE GAME was one of the shortest ever played on Kyle Field, taking only one hour and 53 minutes.

The Aggies take a break in conference competition to visit Minnesota in a two-game series Wednesday and Thursday at 11 a.m. The Gophers trounced Texas 15-6 Monday.

Coach Tom Chandler has Ed Singley to pitch the opener. Sophomore Ronnie Byrd is the second game.

Following the Minnesota game the Aggies travel to Dallas for a game with Southern Methodist Saturday. Chuck McGuire, underdog thus far, will probably get the starting pitcher against the Mustangs.

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