

Aggies Meet SA In Soccer Finals

BY BENITO LOPEZ
Special Writer

Another A&M champ—the answer lies in the outcome of the state championship game between the defending state champion, San Antonio's "International Soccer Team" and the A&M Soccer Team which will be played in San Antonio, at Olmos Park on Sunday, April 12, at 2 p.m.

FOOTBALL SOCCER, the world's most popular organized sport, has been at A&M for over ten years. In this period, the A&M team has had many triumphs, including the State Championship in 1957. Ever since 1957, A&M has been trying to regain the title, and in both 1960 and 1963 the team finished second. This year, there is a good chance that A&M will have the Texas Cup back in its trophy case.

cluding the U. S., Mexico, Guatemala, Argentina, El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Brasil, Philipinas, etc.

THE SOCCER TEAM cordially invites everyone on the A&M Campus and in Brazos County to become familiar with this sport and attend their daily practice and home games at the soccer field located East of the tennis courts, near the South gate.

Soccer had its U. S. beginnings on the East Coast, but European and Latin American influence has spread soccer over the northern and western portions of the country as well. In Texas the Leagues are active in the larger cities, such as Houston, San Antonio, Dallas, Fort Worth, Waco and Lubbock. Each league has minor tournaments to send a representative to the Texas Cup, or State Championship. The Aggies have won all their preliminary games and will represent the Houston area leagues in the finals at San Antonio.

Last year's record of 18-1-1 was good enough to place the Aggies in the finals. Unfortunately, the only loss of the season was in the championship game to San Antonio's International Soccer Team. But after a season record of 11-2-1, the Aggies are again back in the Cup finals and are very eager to avenge last year's defeat.

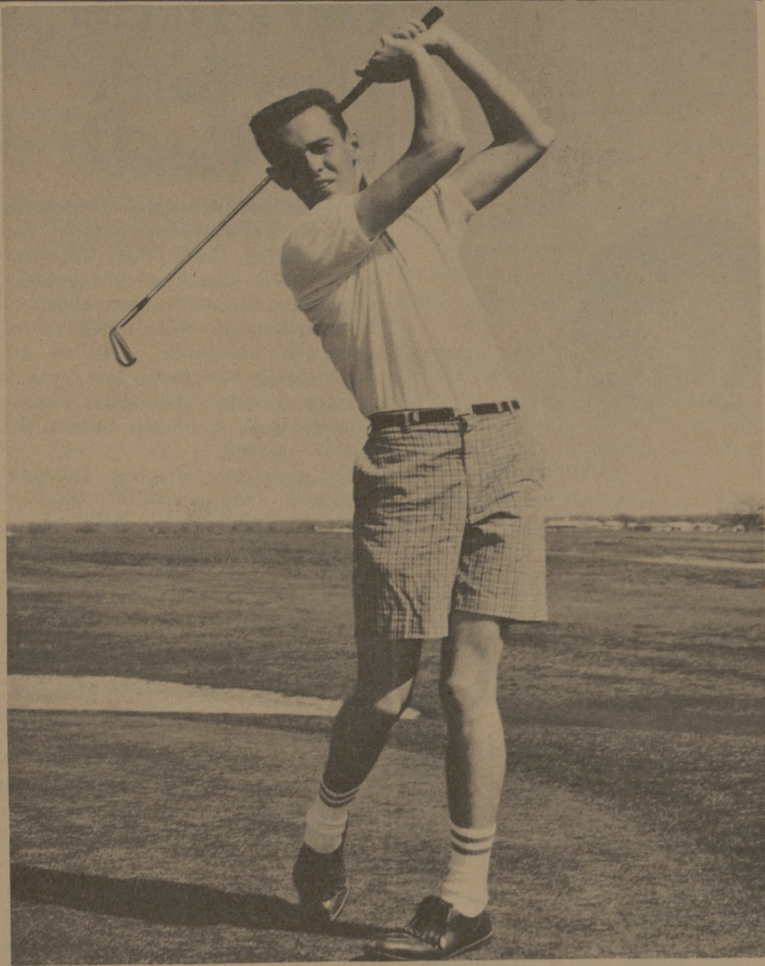
BESIDES THE TEXAS CUP, the Aggies will sponsor the Fifth Annual Pan American Week Tournament on Saturday April 18. It will be held on our Campus and the Aggies play host to the University of Texas, Southwestern University, and St. Mary's of San Antonio.

Our Aggie Team is made up of players from many countries, in-



Aggie Soccer Team

Standing, left to right, Benito Lopez, captain, Mexico; Jose Rodriguez, Costa Rica; Mauricio Martinez, El Salvador; Klaus Seeger, Argentina; Guillermo Valiente, El Salvador; Julio Diaz, El Salvador; Don Gilmore, United States; Juan Dominguez, Mexico; and Cor-rigan Cooper, Honduras. Kneeling, left to right, Richard Smith, Guatemala; Fernando Rojas, Mexico; Armando Velarde, Peru; Ricardo Percival, Costa Rica; Guillermo Castro, Costa Rica; Carlos Matamoros, Honduras; Gryzagoridis, Brazil; Eduardo Estrada, Costa Rica; Charles Valarezo, Ecuador; and Humberto Angel, Columbia.



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Maroon Linksman Meet Arkies Here

BY JAY FERGUSON
Special Writer

The A&M golf team will get a chance to widen their Southwest Conference lead Saturday when they meet Arkansas at the College Station golf course.

After clipping TCU 5-1, and salvaging a 3-3 tie with SMU in Dallas, the Aggies, who are 8-4, are leading the SWC by a single point over Texas Tech and TCU who are at 7-5. Texas, who has only played one match, stands at 3-3, and Arkansas is yet to play a match.

Eddie Smith, TCU's ace, fired a one-under par 69 to triumph over the Aggies' Mike Higgins 5-4 for the Horned Frogs only point. For the Cadets, Jeff Andrick defeated Dave Turner of TCU 3-1 and the team of Andrick-Higgins turned back Smith-Turner 1 up on a last hole birdie by Higgins. In the second foursome, Jay Ferguson of A&M won over John Lawson, TCU, 3-1, Doug Dyer of A&M defeated Ty Dickinson, TCU, 7-5, and Ferguson-Dyer clipped Lawson-Dickinson 4-2.

In Dallas Tuesday, A&M was forced to split with Southern Methodist as the Mustangs' Rod Bliss turned the Cadets back with a fine two-under par 69 over the wind-blown Glen Lakes Country Club course. Bliss defeated Mike Higgins 6-5, and helped his partner Alvin Johnston to win over the team of Higgins-Andrick 4-3.

Andrick won his individual match over Johnston 2 up for a single Aggie point. In the second foursome, a last nine rally fell one hole short for the Cadets as Jay Ferguson missed a 15 ft. birdie putt on the last hole to lose 1 up to Bobby Parks of SMU. But Doug Dyer of A&M defeated Tommy Culp of SMU 2-1 and Ferguson-Dyer won over Parks-Culp 3-1 for the Aggies' other two points.

Foreign Athletes Boost A&M

By JIM BUTLER
Battalion Sports Editor

A&M will have two sports teams consisting mainly of foreign students carrying the Maroon and White colors into action this weekend with a spirit that would match that of most home-born Aggies.

The story directly above deals with the Aggie soccer team that will be trying for its second state championship in San Antonio Sunday. In this special story for The Battalion, team captain Benito Lopez tells the history of A&M's soccer team and shows the spirit with which this team

competes. This squad practices as long and hard as any other sport and has brought the name A&M to the top in a sport of interest to many, though being outside the realm of major athletics.

On Saturday, A&M's cricket team hosts the University of Tex-

as in a match to be played on the main drill field across from the Memorial Student Center.

With cricket being relatively new to the Aggie campus, Coach John Griffiths and his team eager to acquaint Aggies with this sport.



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