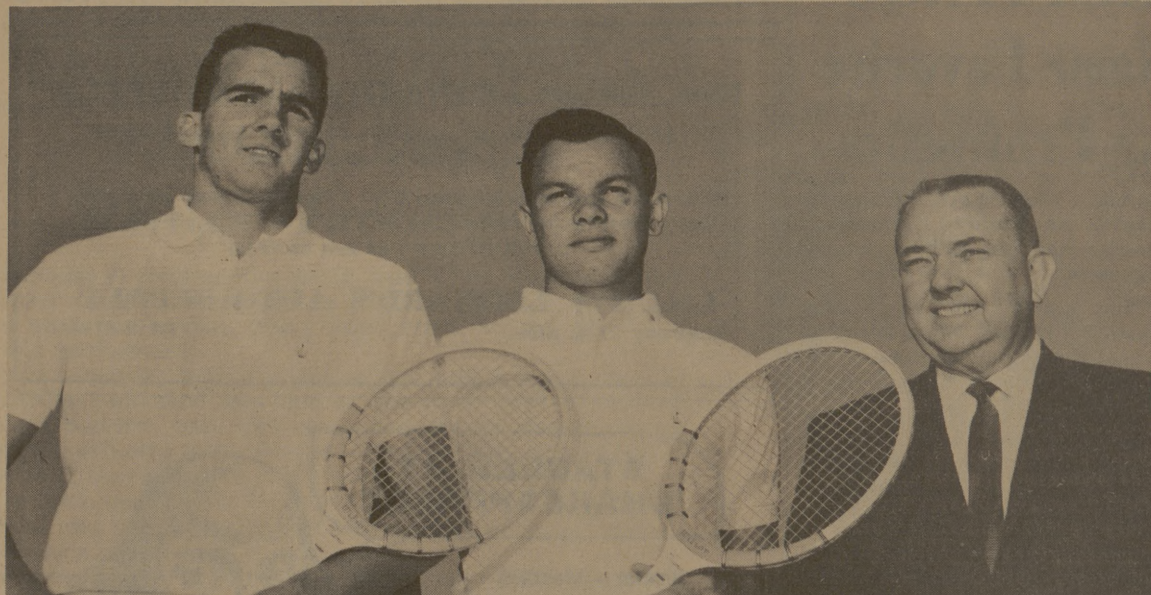


Net Team Was Omar's Pride



SWC TENNIS DOUBLES CHAMPIONS AND COACH . . . Richard Barker, Luis Rojas and Omar Smith.

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The 1964 A&M University tennis team was in all probability the finest in the school's history.

The evidence to back up this statement is plentiful, according to Coach Omar Smith, who says of his young crew, "Each one of these boys improved greatly during the season. They really exceeded my expectations."

And indeed, at the year's start, who would have thought that this inexperienced squad would: (1) finish the season in second place in the Southwest Conference; (2) compile a 15-4 season record; and (3) furnish the SWC doubles champions.

Each of these feats was a historic one, as none had ever before

been achieved by a previous A&M net team.

In reviewing the season, Coach Smith points to the Trinity University match early in the season. "After getting shut out in that match, the boys became more determined and started to jell."

"We probably hit our peak this year against Pan American. They've won the NALA title the last four years and have one of the top clubs in the nation. Our most enjoyable victory of the year was over Texas, a school A&M had never defeated before in a dual match."

"Our first conference match was with Rice and we caught them on a day when they could do no wrong. We lost that one, 5-1. After that, we won our last eight matches, taking 45 out of a possible 48 individual matches."

A&M's final conference record was 29-7, which trailed only the 32-4 reading of Rice. The Aggies gained sweet revenge in Lubbock

over the weekend, though. Richard Barker and Luis Rojas downed both the Owl doubles teams, and three out of the four Rice singles entrants were eliminated by Aggies.

Captains this year were Barker and Rojas. They were joined by Raul Contreras and Ricky Williams on the front line. These four were backed up by reserves Albert Aldrich, Bobby Neal, and Bill O'Bryant.

What about next year's chances?

"It should be another battle between A&M, Rice, and Texas," declared Coach Smith. "We have everybody coming back, and each boy will have had an added year of

experience. But Rice only loses boy and Texas had the best boys in the conference. I'm not looking forward to next season."

In summing up the history of the son just past, Coach Smith said, "The greatest single factor in our success this year was desire."

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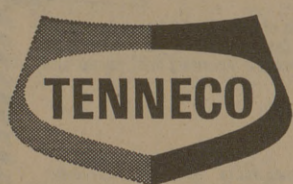
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FROM THE

Sidelines

By MAYNARD ROGERS

Despite all that, and all that, the money keeps trickling in for the Champ Fund, like the last dribble of water in a West Texas creek. Most of it's coming from former students, of course. The most gladly received contribution to date, and one in traditional Aggie spirit, came into the Batt Cave Tuesday. It was not too large a donation, but it had something more than dollars behind it. The money was collected from a group of Aggies on Muster Day a few weeks ago by the Central Rhine Valley A&M Club, at Wiesbaden, Germany . . . The Champ contribution is certainly appreciated, but it looks like the Rhine Valley A&M Club hasn't heard the bad news . . .

Aggie quartermiler Ted Nelson, holder of the Southwest Conference 440-yard dash standard after a brilliant 46.6 in the conference meet Saturday in Lubbock, was a little surprised about his time in the initial 220-yards of the race. Nelson blazed around the first turn and halfway down the backstretch in 21 seconds flat. The time matched the record John Roderick of Southern Methodist set in the open 220. "I thought it was a little fast," Nelson said. "I usually like to run about a 22 second first half." . . . SMU's retiring cinder coach McAdoo Keaton thought Ted's time was a little too swift, too. "If Nelson had run about 22.3 for the first 220, he would have had a low 45 second quarter," the white haired track mentor of 41 years said . . . When A&M's champion shot putter Randy Matson, holder of the SWC shot record of 63-5/8 set Saturday, heard that world record holder Dallas Long heaved the iron ball to another globe standard of 66-7/8, he appeared unconcerned (outwardly). "Pretty good toss, isn't it" the big freshman said . . . Randy said one of the reasons he came down from his previous best shot efforts at

the SWC meet in Lubbock was the ring was slippery and he was coming across with too big a step, and the sand was getting in his contact lens . . . Matson also stated, "I wasn't as nervous for this meet as I had been in some of the others" . . . Randy will have the chance this week as he meets Long in the Coliseum Relays in Los Angeles. "I'll probably be too nervous then," the big Aggie quipped . . .

Aggie footballer Ray Kubala may be back in uniform this summer. The big lineman from West will be in the All-America Bowl in Buffalo, N.Y., and the College All-Star game in Chicago against the NFL champion Bears . . . S. M. (Monk) Meeks, equipment manager for the Aggies, has many philosophical phrases, one of which is: "Everybody brings happiness—some by coming, some by leaving."

Fish Nine Blanked By UT In Finale

The Texas Shorthorns pounded eleven hits in a 4-0 shutout of the Aggie Fish baseballers in the season finale for both teams at Travis Park Thursday afternoon.

Starter Minton White picked up the win for the Yearlings, while Tommy Chiles absorbed the loss.

The Fish collected six hits, with Mike Arrington and Jeff Warren each picking up two.

The Fish ended the season with a 6-6 record.

Cricket Team Feted

The A&M University Cricket Club held its annual dinner Saturday evening in the Triangle Restaurant. Pramod Desai was awarded the most valuable player trophy for leading the team to a 5-1 record for the year.

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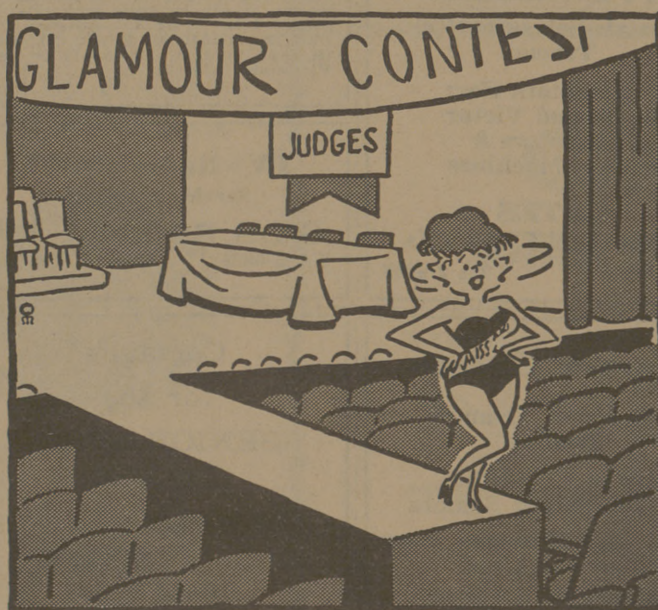
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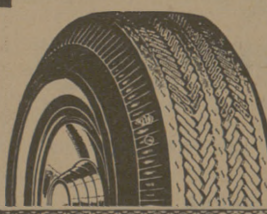
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