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*Sports Aplenty*  
**Baseball Season Starts Today**  
 By GARY SHERER

The Aggie baseballers, who start today, are behind the starting dates of Rice and Southern Methodist.

The Owls have played three games thus far and have won them all. The same situation holds true for SMU. The two teams, incidentally, are the favorites for the Southwest Conference crown.

Aggie Coach Tom Chandler says this year marks the first time in many that the Aggies or Texas weren't picked as pre-season favorites.

In Friday's game with St. Mary's of San Antonio, Chandler's trio of pitchers figures to be Walter Varvel, Tommy Chiles and Tommy Patrick. Chiles should act as the steady influence in the trio, as he is the only one with varsity experience.

With five out of nine pitchers being sophomores, Chandler will be looking with a seasoned eye to pick out the most outstanding hurlers in time for the Aggies first SWC game with Texas Christian March 11.

Two varsity footballers are on the baseball squad. Bob Long, a halfback, becomes the starting centerfielder for the Aggie nine. Dan Desterfield, starting defensive back, will be backing up Long. Westerfield, a senior, will be playing his first baseball since high school.

On other Aggie sports fronts, Randy Matson will lead the track team into a triangular meet with Rice and host Texas at Austin this weekend. Word from there is that they have surveyed their shotput ring and throwing area and everything is in readiness for the big Pampa athlete.

Texas hopes the Saturday event will be the scene for Matson setting still another and longer record for the shot. The 6-6 senior owns the Memorial Stadium record of 69-0<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, set in this same tri-meet in 1965.

Matson won both the shot and discus in the meet with Baylor Friday and will be the overwhelming favorite to repeat the double win in the Austin meet.

Turning for a look at the national college basketball scene, upsets were the rule in last weekend's action.

The trend was especially true for teams that had already clinched their league championships.

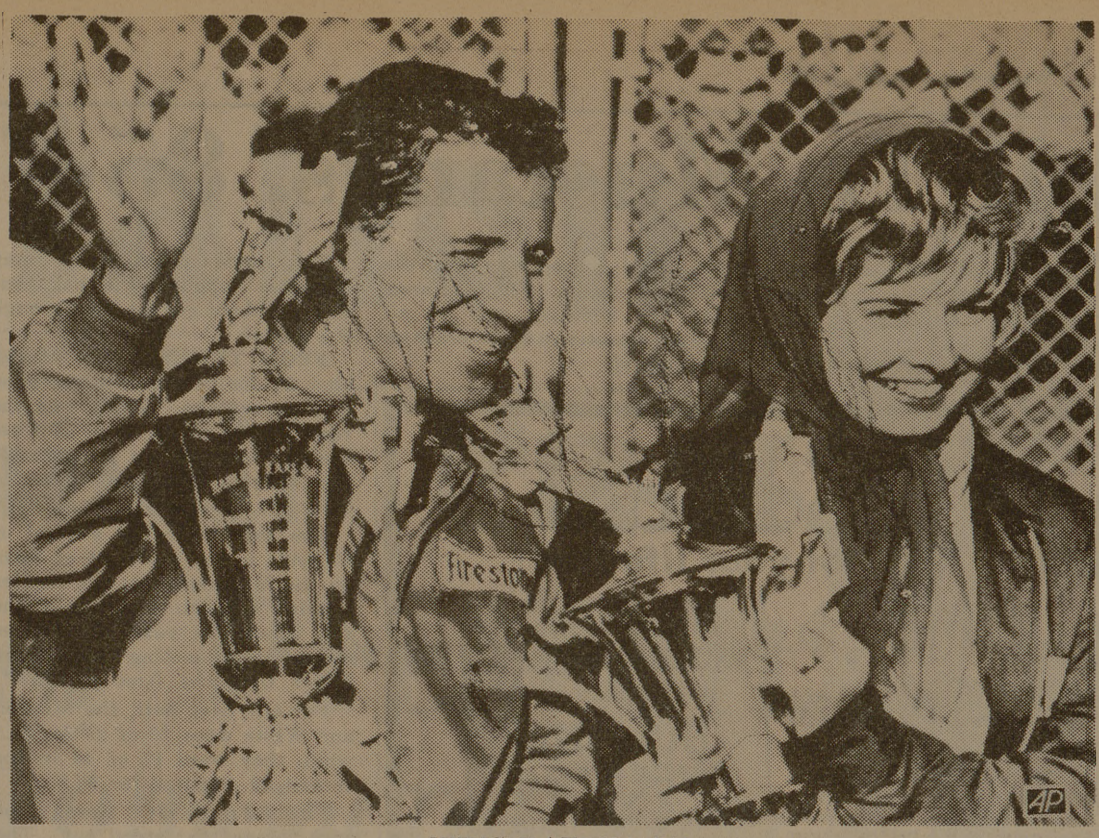
Connecticut which is headed for the NCAA finals, was dumped by second-place Rhode Island at Providence, 97-96. Western Kentucky, which also had clinched its league title (Ohio Valley Conference), lost to Murray State, 75-69. A final upset was Louisville (Missouri Valley Conference champ) losing to Wichita, 84-78. As would be expected all the losses occurred on the underdog's floor.

**Holman Praises Aggie Fans**  
 DIGRESSING just a bit, SMU basketball star Dennis Holman deserves a compliment for certain statements he made about the crowds he has played before in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

In addition to praising the basketball court in an article by Bob St. John, sports writer for The Dallas Morning News, Holman praised the fans.

"A&M has a fine court to play on and the crowd is certainly loud, but it isn't bad at all. It's not like a lot of places where they throw things at you."

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**WINS DATONA 500**  
 Mario Andretti of Nazareth, Pa., is a very happy man after winning the Daytona 500-mile stock car race at Daytona Beach, Fla. Helping him hold his trophies is his wife. He won the 200-lap race with an average speed of 146.926 mph driving a 1968 Ford. (AP Wirephoto)

*Spring Sports*  
**Minor Sports Top Weekend**

By CHARLIE ROWRON  
 The Texas A&M soccer team won its second straight game with the Rice University squad with a score of 8-1.

Gilberto Garza put on an excellent scoring performance as he tallied five points for the Aggies. Leon Americus completed the scoring for A&M with three second-half goals. The Aggies have a new goalkeeper in Carlos Guerra but he did not have much of a chance to demonstrate his ability as the other defensive players did a top-notch job.

**IN THE SOCCER** tournament now going on, South America defeated North America 3-2, and Tunisia topped Central America 3-1. The tournament will continue this Sunday with two more games starting at 1:30 p.m.

**SWIMMING**  
 The Southern Methodist University swimming team did little to injure its No. 6 national ranking as their swimmers whipped the Aggies 79-25.

The twelve-event dual meet was almost a complete sweep for the Mustangs as the Aggies won only one event. The 400-yard freestyle relay team of Bob Dommel, Steve Ash, Tom Holder, and Jerry Keating won that event in 3:28.9, one second faster than the SMU quartet.

**THE AGGIE FISH** also lost to the SMU Colts, but by a narrower margin, 67-37. The Fish won two of the twelve events in their competition.

Larry Linn was the only Aggie to win an individual event. His time of 2:12.5 was good enough to take the 200-yard individual medley. The freshmen also won the 400-yard freestyle relay. Larry Sherrill, John Greenhut, Hank Paup, and Jerry Deutsch swam the distance in 3:37.9.

Arlington State will provide the next opposition for the swimmers Friday at 7 p.m. in Downs Natatorium.

**TENNIS**  
**THE TENNIS TEAM** plays host to the University of Corpus Christi Friday afternoon and East Texas State Saturday. UofCC has five top Central and South American players.

Vicente Zarazua, a sophomore from Mexico City, plays in the top position for the Tarpons. His list of accomplishments is impressive. His titles include: Mexican National champion, 1966; Junior Champion of Mexico for four years, 1959-62; a No. 1 ranking in Mexico's men's singles; and a No. 2 ranking in doubles.

In their last match, the Corpus Christi netters mastered the

Baylor team, 6-0. With opponents with records as impressive as this, the Aggies have their work cut out for them. The dual match starts at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Varsity Courts.

The freshmen netters return to action Tuesday against Trinity University at College Station.

**GOLF**  
**THE TEXAS A&M** golf team will get its first real test of the season Friday and Saturday at the Fort Worth Recreation Meet.

Coach Henry Ransom has six lettermen back from last year's team, including potential SWC individual champion Lee McDowell. The senior two-letterman tied for second place in the SWC's individual tourney as a sophomore. McDowell shot a nine-over par 289, one stroke more than winner Randy Geiselman of Texas.

McDowell lost to Mason Adkins of Texas last year, again by one stroke. Adkins birdied the next to last hole after he was given a drop that McDowell termed unfair.

Senior Ron Thomas is the only other two-letter winner on the squad. Returning one-lettermen are Terry Archer, Skip Bresk, John Buffin, and David Holcomb. Bill Wade, a junior transfer, and Tommy Hamilton, a sophomore, complete the team.

**Overbeck Leads Texas Offense In 88-79 Victory**

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — Gary Overbeck's 20 points and 18 rebounds were more than enough to spoil Texas Christian coach Buster Brannon's last road appearance Tuesday night and to lead Texas to an 88-79 victory over the Horned Frogs. It gave Texas sole possession of second place in the Southwest Conference basketball race.

Texas Christian led all the way in the first half although Texas pulled within a point with 1:47 remaining. The Frogs were ahead by as much as 11 points but had to be content with 30-37 at intermission.

Overbeck got 12 points in the second half and Texas' fast break and under-the-basket shots gave the Longhorns the lead 50-49 with 15:39 remaining. Mike Gammon's free throw furnished the first Longhorn lead and Texas never was behind the rest of the way with TCU managing to tie it six times in the second half but not able to take over.

The Longhorns hit 49.3 from the field compared to 42.3 for the Frogs.

Overbeck led all scorers with 20 but the five starters for both teams were in double figures. Wayne Kreis got 19 to top TCU. It was Texas' highest conference score of the year.

Second baseman Jim Lefebvre of the Los Angeles Dodgers will be tried at third base this spring. He played 40 games at the spot last season.

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