

AG'S RICK DUPLANTIS (30) goes up for a shot after grabbing a rebound in last Thursday's 62-61 loss to The Citadel at Charleston, S. C. Contesting the ball for The Citadel are John Sutor (31) and Mile Ruddle (30). (AP Wirephoto)

Play Lamar Tech Friday...

Ags snap losing streak

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Inspired play from sophomores Charlie Jenkins, Bob Gobin and Jeff Overhouse provided the highlight for the Texas Aggie basketball team's week as they split a pair of road games, breaking a four-game losing string.

The Aggies lost to The Citadel, 62-61, when Ben Ledbetter hit two free throws with five seconds left and then snapped their losing streak with a 66-62 win over the University of North Carolina at Charlotte on Saturday.

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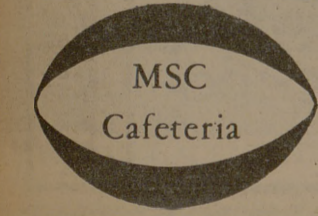
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Swimmers at OU meet

The Texas Aggie swimming team will face its biggest challenge of the season Thursday through Saturday when they travel to Norman, Okla., to swim in the University of Oklahoma Invitational Meeting.

The meet will be run just like the NCAA swim meet—all events in the three day meet will be the same ones as in the national meet, run off in the same order on the same days as if it were the NCAA meet.

Eighteen events are scheduled for the meet with Coach Dennis Fosdick taking 16 swimmers to the OU classic.

The meet will be divided into three relays, two diving events and 13 individual events.

Fosdick's swimmers will take the meet just as if it were another practice as they will try to reach their peak performance later in the season.

"We've been swimming about 9,500 yards in the morning and 8,500 in the afternoon since we started back work after Christmas," Fosdick said.

"We came back from the holidays Jan. 3, and we've had two swimming workouts and one with the weights each day.

"Before the holidays we were swimming about 7,000 yards a day," he said.

The Aggies swam in a meet at Houston last week, but Coach Fosdick said the rugged workout schedule was not cut down and the swimmers showed their tiredness.

That is, all except freshman Steve Prentice of Houston.

Prentice came within .5 second of tying the A&M school mark in the 200-yard backstroke.

"Steve didn't even swim a hard race. He swam relaxed and if he would have known he was that close to the record he would have had it, but he coasted in. He didn't really push," Fosdick said.

The University of Arkansas pulled a surprise last week with an upset of the University of Texas at Austin in a dual meet at Arkansas.

"That makes our only home meet look like a real tough one," Fosdick noted, regarding the Ags' only appearance at P. L. Downs Jr. Natatorium, a dual meet Feb. 6 with the Razorbacks.

Making the trip for the Aggies will be sophomore Eric Wolff, who set school records in the 200-yard freestyle, 500-yard freestyle, 1,000-yard freestyle and 1,650-yard freestyle last season and Kim Blakeman, who holds school marks in the 100-yard freestyle. Both were members of the record-breaking 400- and 800-yard freestyle relay teams.

Another sophomore, Doug Carson, has school records in the 100-yard breaststroke and 200-yard breaststroke aside from swimming on the 400-yard relay team.

The Aggie freshmen also have shown great progress this season and they'll make up the majority of the squad.

Martin Litteken, Mike McClelland, Mike Rice, Dan Sonnenberg, Steve Sonnenberg and Bob Willoughby are freshmen and the only two representatives A&M will have in the diving events, Duncap Cooper and Mike Rippey, also are in their first year.

The lone senior on the squad is Tom Sparks, whose 56.4 time is the school record for the 100-yard backstroke.

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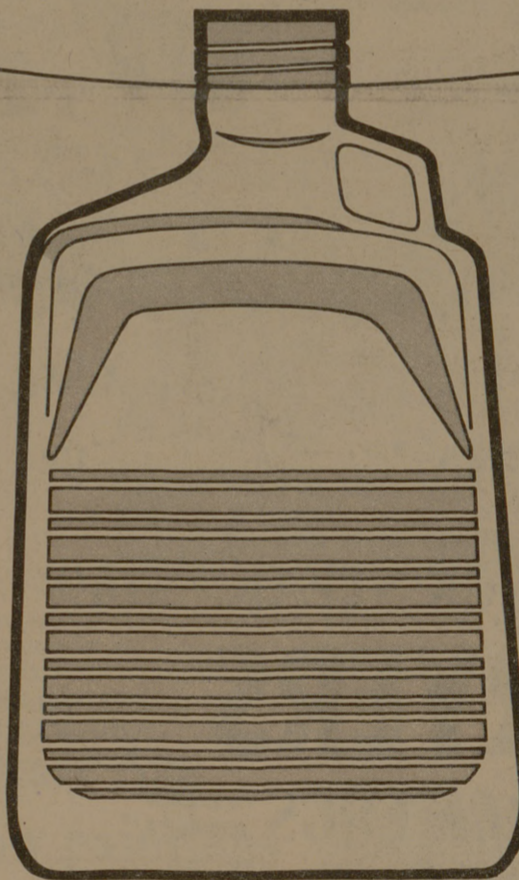
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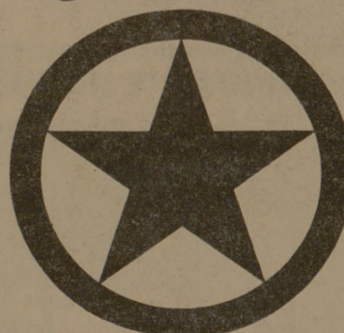
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