

Fish rally falls short against Owlets

Swimmers easily win over Rice

The Texas Aggie swimming team in its initial dual meet of the season and first under new head coach Dennis Fosdick, easily defeated the Rice Owls Tuesday afternoon in Houston, 92-12, capturing first place in every event.

The Aggies grabbed first in all nine individual events, the only diving event and both relays.

Steve Prentice and Eric Wolfe swam to a pair of first place times each and captain Mike Hicks, Kim Blakeman, Mike McLellan, Dan Sonnenberg and Steve Sonnenberg one each.

Duncan Cooper took first in the only diving event.

Results of the Rice meet:
400 yard medley relay—A&M (Dan Sonnenberg, John McCleary, Mike McLellan, Doug Carson) 3:58.2; 2. Rice (John Allan, Allen Stark, Bill Caldwell, John Reilly) 4:16.5.

1000 yard freestyle — 1. Eric Wolfe, A&M, 11:05.4; 2. John Allred, A&M; 3. Doug Apling, Rice, 14:55.6.

200 yard freestyle — 1. Mike Hicks, A&M, 1:54.2; 2. Dan Sonnenberg, A&M, 2:02.2; 3. John Reilly, Rice, 2:11.6; 4. Wes Duncan, Rice, 2:26.5; 5. John Esson, Rice, 2:36.0.

50 yard freestyle — 1. Kim Blakeman, A&M, 22.9; 2. John McCleary, A&M, 23.3; 3. Roy Brabham, Rice, 24.4; 4. Mike Saroady, Rice, 25.1.

200 yard individual medley— Steve Prentice, A&M, 2:08.3; 2. Doug Carson, A&M, 2:16.4; 3. Craig Roberts, Rice, 2:17.6; 4. Norm Kitterell, Rice, 2:23.3.

1 meter diving—1. Duncan Cooper, A&M, 190.60; 2. Greg Perry, A&M, 178.95; 3. Doug Manley, Rice, 108.50.

200 yard butterfly — 1. Mike McLellan, A&M, 2:16.1; 2. Martin Littiken, A&M, 2:25.2; 3. Bill Caldwell, Rice, 2:51.4.

100 yard free style — 1. Steve Prentice, A&M, 52.4; 2. Bill Stewart, A&M, 54.3; 3. Roy Brabham, Rice, 56.0; 4. Mike Saroady, Rice, 57.8.

Sonnenberg, A&M, 2:08.9; 2. John Allen, Rice, 2:17.9; 3. Kim Blakeman, A&M, 2:19.6; 4. Norm Kitterell, Rice, 2:34.5.

500 yard free style—1. Eric Wolfe, A&M, 5:14.1; 2. Mike Hicks, A&M, 5:15.1; 3. Craig Roberts, Rice, 5:51.7; 4. Wes Dorman, Rice, 6:57.3.

200 yard breast stroke — 1. Steve Sonnenberg, A&M, 2:27.9; 2. John McCleary, A&M, 2:28.6; 3. Allen Stark, Rice, 2:28.9; 4. John Reilly, Rice, 2:46.3.

400 yard free style relay—1. A&M (Kim Blakeman, Bill Stewart, Doug Carson, and Steve Prentice), 3:44.7; 2. Rice (John Allen, Mike Saroady, Roy Brabham, and Craig Roberts), 3:47.8.

Intramurals start today

Two spring sports will begin Wednesday at 5 p.m., the intramural office announced Tuesday. Classes A and C wrestling and classes B and D volleyball both begin play.

Results of the class A basketball playoffs which ended Tuesday are: Squadron 8 beat Sq. 6, 63-35; Sq. 8 beat Squadron 4, 49-38; Sq. 3 won over Sq. 9, 47-41; and B-1 beat Sq. 3, 42-29. The championship was played between B-1 and the winner of the A-2, Sq. 8 game.

Class C basketball also ended Tuesday night with Crocker playing Bryan Arms for the championship. In playoff action, Hughes beat Puryear, 60-41; Bryan Arms won over Moses, 47-34; and Crocker beat Hughes, 43-41.

Class A and C ping pong finals also begin Wednesday with the champions being determined next Monday.

FOR BEST RESULTS TRY BATTALION CLASSIFIED

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It was a close game, and the outcome was in doubt until the end, but the undefeated Rice Owlets kept their record intact by edging the Aggie Fish 81-79 on Autry Court in Houston last night.

The Aggies refused to give up, being down by 11 points twice in the second half, once within three minutes of the final buzzer. Yet, they continued to battle back, lowering the margin to one, before Rice pulled it out.

Leading scorer for the Fish was Johnny Mayo, who had 14 of his 21 in the first half. Mayo was good on eight of 12 field goal attempts and all five free shots. Close behind was Randy Knowles. Knowles was seven of 16 from the floor and six of eight from the line.

Mark Stewart, the prize walk-on, had a perfect shooting night, hitting on all three shots from the floor and all seven charity shots. Also in the double figures was Joe Arciniega with 10, all field goals. His 10 rebounds kept the Fish going. The leading Aggie rebounder was Jack Vest, who had 11.

A&M had a much better shooting percentage, 54.9 to 42.0, but the Owlets managed one more

field goal, and that proved to be the winning goal. The Aggies led in rebounding with 45, as opposed to 31 for Rice, but turnovers were the key statistic, since the Fish gave the ball up 23 times, and Rice lost it on only seven occasions.

The game started evenly enough, but then, with 17:18 remaining, the Fish started their move. Knowles hit from 20 feet away to give A&M the lead. Then Mayo scored from underneath and made it into a three point play. Knowles made the seventh consecutive score on a 22 footer, and the Aggies led, 10-4.

With 13:29 left, Knowles laid one up, and the score was 14-7. A layup by McKey four minutes later peaked the lead at 22-14, and then Rice went to work, clipping away at the score, until Kim Kaufman put Rice ahead with a long jumper, 24-23. The teams jockeyed back and forth for the next five and a half minutes and at intermission, the Owlets took a 34-32 score into the locker room.

In the initial period, A&M hit a blazing 63.1%, but they had only made 12 of 19, against 14 of 39 and 35.9% for Rice. At this time, the Fish led in rebounding with 21-16.

Rice came out in the second half, never giving up the lead, but the Aggies stayed cool under the pressure, and they made their move at the strategic moment, only to be disappointed in their quest for a third straight conference victory.

With 2:49 remaining in the contest, the Owlets seemed to be in command at 78-67. Coach Jim Culpepper's men had other ideas, however, and it looked like a repetition of last week's strong finish against the Baylor Cubs.

Mayo got things rolling with a one-and-one, then followed with a layup. After a jump ball, Randy Pryor was good on a layup, and Mayo hit a 20 foot set shot, before Scott Fisher made good on a one-and-one. Vest copied him, however, and the Owlets had it, 80-77 with 51 seconds to go.

Another clutch play put A&M within a point, and Fisher missed a free throw, setting up the heartbreaking ending. 33 seconds were left, and the Aggies were moving in for what would have been a tremendous victory. They worked the ball around, looking for a shot, but were stopped. Hoping to set the winning play, they called time with six seconds to go.

During the time out, it was

noticed that that exceeded the Fish allotment of rest periods, and a technical foul was assessed. Fisher hit the free throw, and it was 81-79. The Fish still refused to submit, stealing the ball on the in-bounds play. They were after the buzzer getting off the shot, and victory had escaped them for the second time this season, against three wins.

Leaders for rice were Kaufman with 22, Keith Huff, 18, John Kabbes, 17, and Fisher, 11. It was their third straight conference win.

The Fish will be in action again Saturday night against Blinn Junior College. The game will be a prelude to the Aggie Texas Tech contest in G. L. White Coliseum, and it will be at 5:45 p.m.

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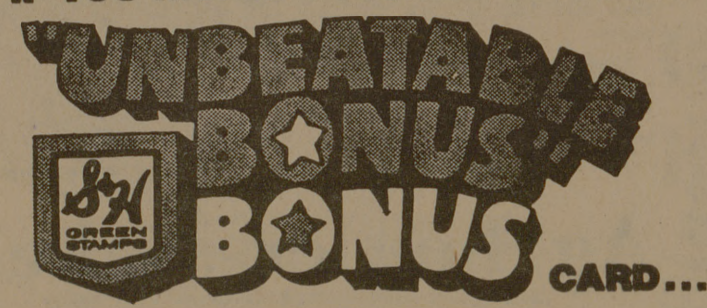
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