

# Aggies last obstacle for TCU title march

By CLIFFORD BROYLES

The TCU Frogs have clinched a tie for the Southwest Conference basketball championship with two games to play, and need only a combination of one TCU win or one loss by Baylor and Texas Tech to take the crown outright.

Right now it seems pretty safe to say they will make it. TCU is playing real well, and with consistently good effort from prize junior college transfers Eugene Kennedy, Simpson DeGrate and Jim Ferguson, they aren't expected to be forced into a playoff.

Tonight they play their final game at Lubbock and it's the Texas Aggies' job to see that the Frogs don't clinch it at home this year. TCU must journey across the county line to play SMU Saturday, and if they lose this one that would be a very important affair.

The varsities of the two schools get together tonight at 7:30 in Daniel Meyer Coliseum after the freshman teams square off in the preliminary game with the TCU freshmen—although having an unimpressive 3-7 record—owning the upset of the year possibly

when they beat the UT-Austin frosh 103-96 last weekend.

When the teams met in Austin the Yearlings won 131-68. That's a difference of 69 points from one game to the next. Larry Robinson, the star Yearling, scored 38 points.

The Aggie Fish controlled the first meeting of the two teams en route to a 92-70 win but the results of the Texas-Wog games makes them work like a close one-two.

Coach Jim Culpepper is expected to start Randy Knowles, 19.4, Bobby McKey, 13.7, Johnny Mayo, 11.6, Mark Stewart, 9.8, and Joe Arciniega, 8.4. Mayo is the team's top rebounder with 9.5 per game; Knowles has 8.5 and Stewart 7.3.

The varsity encounter will match the league's best two rebounding clubs, with the Frogs depending on Kennedy, 16.8—18.8 in conference—and DeGrate, 9.5 and 10.7 in league play. The Aggies have top board getters, Steve Niles, 8.9, Jeff Overhouse, 8.7—10.2 in league play—and Chuck Smith, 6.5 in the starting lineup and Rick Duplantis, 4.4 in reserve.

TCU won the first two meetings, 64-59, and it was about that

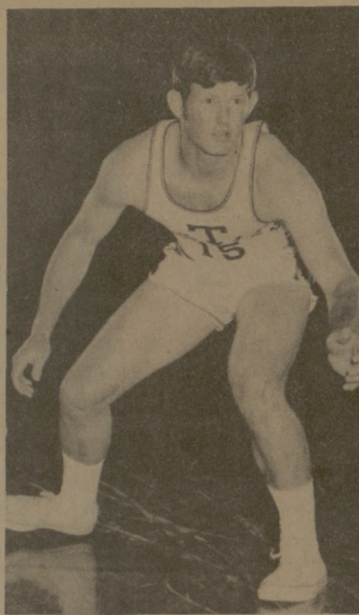
time, the second game of the season, that the Frogs'JC boys were beginning to get into high gear.

Kennedy, who seems to just swallow up rebounds, has a game high of 28, the SWC record, and also is scoring at 21.3 clip with 22.0 per game in conference. DeGrate's improvement has really been a big part in the Frogs' charge as he is averaging 17.9 for the year but 21.9 since conference started.

Jim Ferguson, the third transfer, is averaging 10.6 in league play and Ricky Hall is scoring at a 14.5 clip. James Williams is averaging 7.3 and he'll start in place of Coco Villereal.

The Aggies will have Charlie Jenkins, 4.9, and Wayne Howard, 7.4, in the lineup along side the big men as they go out to keep the Frogs from clinching the title.

In Saturday's game with Baylor, the Aggies battled from behind throughout and after taking their only lead of the game 67-65 in the waning minutes, fell 78-71 to the Bears, who although not yet out of the conference race could land a spot in the National Invitation Tournament (NIT) if they win their last two and finish with an 18-8 season record.



Charlie Jenkins

# Beam wins 'Heart' award

Winston Beam, senior defensive lineman from Odessa, Friday night became the recipient of the sixth annual Texas A&M "Fighting Heart" trophy.

Head Football Coach Gene Stallings presented the five-foot high trophy to Beam midway through a dance for the football squad at the Ramada Inn.

The award, voted on by all members of the varsity football squad, is based on desire, dedication, determination and attitude, both on the practice field and in the battle arena and not necessarily on ability.

Beam, a super-All-State standout at Odessa High, injured a knee during his sophomore season at Texas A&M and, subsequently, underwent five oper-

ations and had to lay out of action one season.

"If Winston or I either one had any sense, he would have given up football," Stallings said. "But, football was important to him and he competed while in great pain."

Beam said many times that if it meant he could play football he would go through five more operations.

Beam thus joins these former winners of the big, coveted trophy: Joe Wellborn, Tomball, 1960; Dan Westerfield, Crawford, 1961; Grady Allen, Nacogdoches, 1962; Tom Buckman, Fort Worth, 1963; and Jack Kovar, Houston, 1964.

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# Netters host Baylor, place sixth at meet

The Texas Aggie tennis team plays Baylor today at 1:30 p.m. on varsity courts in an attempt to stay undefeated in dual match play after taking sixth place over the weekend at the Corpus Christi Invitational.

The Aggies and Bears will get together for six singles matches and two doubles games with Coach Omar Smith sending his top singles players who made the Corpus Christi trip in singles play. They also will pair for doubles action, although Paul Lothrop and Mike Mills could see action in doubles.

The Aggies—2-0 in match play—were the surprise team of the UCC tourney as they upset Oral Roberts, ninth ranked in the country, in the first round—who eventually took sixth place in the 16 team field with a win over North Texas State.

The Aggies trimmed NTSU 5-2 on Friday, with their only two losses coming in split set play and then bowed in the final game 6-1 to OCU.

The Aggies' only win in the OCU match came in the second doubles match when Dan Courson and Mike Hickey combined to defeat Dale Power and Tony Dawson.

Final standings and national ranking in parentheses of the teams in the meet are:

- 1—Trinity (2nd); 2—Corpus Christi (8th); 3—Rice (3rd); 4—Brigham Young (10th); 5—Oklahoma City (12th); 6—Texas A&M; 7—SMU (7th); 8—North Texas; 9—Oral Roberts (9th); 10—Pan American (15th); 11—West Texas State; 12—Houston (14th); 13—Texas-Austin; 14—Texas Tech; 15—Arkansas; 16—Baylor.

Results of the North Texas match were:

**Singles:**  
Tom Abercrombie, NTSU, defeated Jon Ragland, A&M, 3-6, 6-0, 6-1.

Dickie Fikes, A&M, defeated Steve Buck, NTSU, 6-3, 6-3.

Mike Hickey, A&M, defeated Bill Uncapher, NTSU, 6-4, 6-1.

Dixie Mabe, NTSU, defeated Tommy Connell, A&M, 6-4, 1-6, 7-6.

Dan Courson, A&M, defeated Jim McCracken, NTSU, 2-6, 6-3, 6-0.

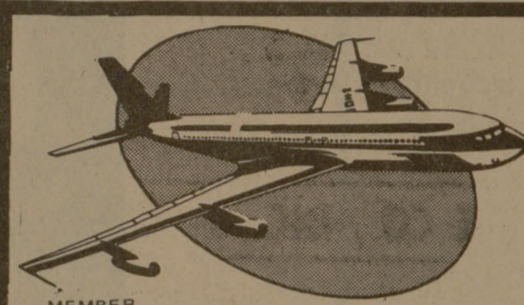
**Doubles:**  
Ragland and Fikes, A&M, defeated Abercrombie and Mabe, NTSU, 6-3, 6-4.

Hickey and Courson, A&M, defeated Uncapher and Buck, NTSU, 3-6, 6-0, 6-2.

# Aggie golfers face Bearkats

The Texas Aggie golf team opens its 1971 season today when it plays the Sam Houston State University Bearkats in a dual match at the Oakridge Country Club in Madisonville at 1 p.m.

Slated to see action for the Aggies in their opener are Steve Veraito—one of four returnees from last year's SWC runnersup and the top qualifier for this year—and returnees Tommy Gilbert, Tommy Shelton and Tommy Johnson and freshman Clay Dozier from A&M Consolidated.



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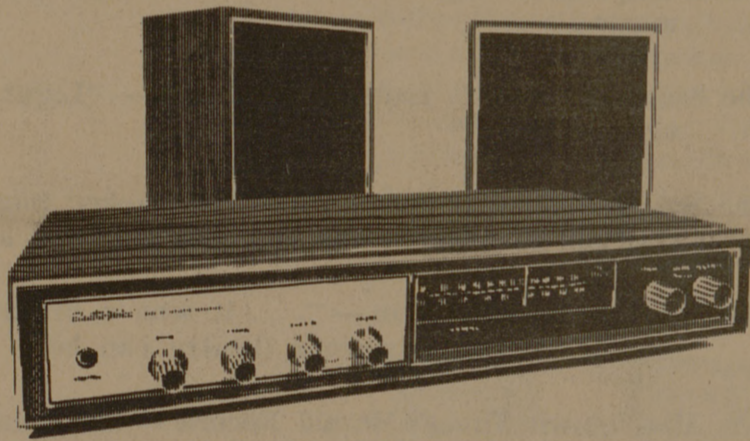
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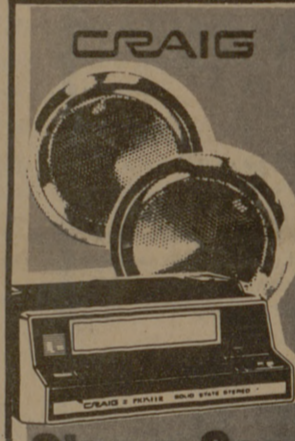
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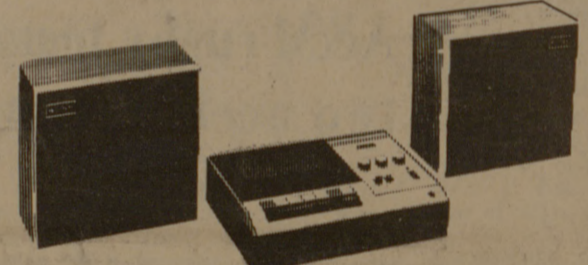


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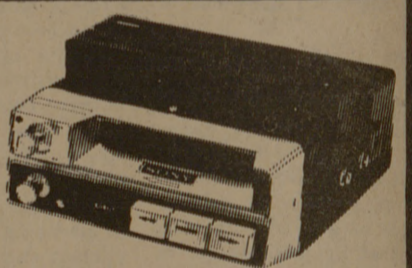
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