

Frogs clinch title, but Aggies put up a fight

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FORT WORTH—The Texas Christian University Horned Frogs clinched the Southwest Conference championship Tuesday night with a 76-63 win over the Texas Aggies in Daniel Meyer Coliseum.

The Frogs took their 11th win in 13 league starts after trailing in the early stages but never in the second half.

The game was marred by a brawl with less than 10 minutes to play that stopped play for about five minutes.

Temper flared when the Aggies' Wayne Howard and TCU's Simpson DeGrate exchanged words. When the two continued to shout insults, teammates stepped in to break it up, but then the tension was so high a few punches were thrown.

Both benches emptied and many fans and TCU students joined the fight. Several TCU football players reportedly were in the brawl.

After order was restored, play resumed, with the court continuously showered with cups in the first minutes after the fight.

No serious injuries were reported although several of the players were bruised up.

In action on the court, Eugene Kennedy and DeGrate had the final say as they scored and rebounded the Frogs to the title

win, but the big difference was their intimidation of the Aggies with their shot blocking.

The Aggies led in the opening minutes as Charlie Jenkins pumped in a couple of jumpers early and Jeff Overhouse took over for 13 first-half points.

A&M led by as much as eight three times in the early going, and not until DeGrate hit a bucket and two foul shots and Jim Ferguson a driving layup did the Frogs own a tie at 24.

Ricky Hall gave TCU its first lead with two free throws, but then the Aggies went back ahead again as Steve Niles hit twice from in close.

A&M enjoyed that lead until DeGrate hit on the baseline with 1:40 to until in the half and then the Frogs went up 36-33 at the end of the half.

TCU broke it open in the second half with six points in just over a minute to give them a 42-33 lead. Kennedy and DeGrate either completely or partially blocked the first three A&M shots.

The Aggies then pulled to within five and later three but the intimidation of Kennedy and DeGrate showed as the Aggie shooting percentage dropped from 48 per cent in the first half to 30 per cent in the second.

Kennedy led the TCU rebound assault with 19, which helped to break the single season record

for the Southwest Conference. He now has pulled down 329. Doug Boyd set the old mark of 325 last year for TCU.

DeGrate had only 11 points at halftime but finished with 29 as he made hay late in the game,

especially in the final minutes as the Frogs broke the A&M press for several fast break lay-ups.

Jenkins sparked the Aggies with 15 points and—despite playing outside—was the second

leading rebounder with 8. Chuck Smith had 13 points and 9 rebounds.

The win puts TCU in the pre-Midwest regional round of the NCAA playoffs and the Frogs will draw Notre Dame in the

first round, to be played March 13 at Hofheinz Pavilion in Houston.

Scoring for the A&M-TCU game:

A&M—Chuck Smith 13, Jeff Overhouse 17, Steve Niles 8,

Charlie Jenkins 15, Wayne Howard 2, Rick Duplantis 2, Bob Gobin 2, Bobby Threadgill 4.

TCU—Ricky Hall 17, Simpson DeGrate 29, Eugene Kennedy 8, James Williams 14, Jim Ferguson 6, Evans Royal 2.

Golf and tennis teams win by big margins: down Sam Houston 7-2, Baylor 8-1

By JOHN CURYLO
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Golf and tennis proved to be big winners for A&M yesterday, defeating Sam Houston and Baylor respectively.

Coach Henry Ransom's linksters won 7-2 in Madisonville. Tommy Johnson and Steve Veriato split their foursome, with Veriato winning his match and Johnson being nosed out. On the basis of three points per foursome, the Aggies got 1½ for winning an individual and splitting the foursome. Sam Houston also got 1½ of the points here.

Tommy Gilbert and Clay Dozier won their foursome, with Dozier splitting his individual game. Gilbert was the match medalist with a 74. Par was 72.

Randy Tichner and Tommy Shelton won their foursome, the only sweep of the windy day for the Aggies. This gave them all three points, making their total seven.

The golfers will be in Houston next week for the Rice Invitational Wednesday through Friday. The tournament will be held at Oak Ridge Country Club, with action beginning at 1 p.m. each day.

For Coach Omar Smith's net-

ters, it was the fourth straight dual match win, making the season record 4-0, 6-2 counting tournament competition.

Due to the windy, cold weather, the match was played on the basketball court of G. Rollie White Coliseum. The space limitations of only having two courts made it necessary for each pair to play one pro set to determine the winner.

Smith said he was pleased at the 8-1 victory, since the Aggies won all the singles and two of the three doubles sets over the Baylor Bears.

Dick Fikes beat Dan Novak, 8-4, Jon Ragland downed John Adams, 8-5, Mike Hickey defeated George Moncado, 8-3, Dan Courson beat Stan Smith, 8-3, Tommy Connell edged Tom Scheives, 8-5, and Lawton Park won over Jack Vance, 8-4, to round out the sweep.

In doubles play, David Chastain and Jeff Carter won the first match over the team of Adams and Moncado, 11-9, Connell and Park got by Scheives and Vance, 8-4, for the two A&M wins. Baylor's only point came when Stan Smith and Novak slipped past Kermit Smith and Paul Lothrop, 8-6.

Cy-Fair clubs Corsicana by 12 in 4A playoff battle here

The Cypress-Fairbanks Bobcats used 22 of 31 free throws to defeat the Corsicana Tigers in a 4-A bidistrict playoff game here last night.

A G. Rollie White Coliseum crowd of 1,510 watched as Cy-Fair mounted a bigger lead as the game went on, winning 64-52.

The high point man for the Bobcats was Jerry Mercer, who scored 22 points, fouling out with almost two minutes to go in the contest.

The game got under way at a fairly even pace, with Cy-Fair playing a deliberate game, going for the percentage shots. They enjoyed a height advantage throughout the game, although the initial period ended deadlocked, 8-8.

The Bobcats built up a 10-point margin by halftime, confusing the Tigers with a press the last

few minutes of the half. The disorganization tactics put the Houston school on top at the intermission, 24-14.

The last half was faster, and more shots were made. The third quarter score shows that it was a fairly even period, as the Bobcat led 42-30 with a fourth of the game left. Cy-Fair dominated the last period, and the game ended at 64-52.

Top players for the Bobcats, in addition to Mercer, were James Andrew, who hit for 16 points, and Ronnie Dunlap, the play maker.

The Tigers countered with Mark Shriefer, who tallied 12 points to lead the 16-AAAA champions. Steve Smith had 10, but his contribution came in the way of good ball handling and aggressive defense. He stole the ball several times during the game.

Fosdick chosen to be scout for pentathlon training

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Texas A&M swimming coach Dennis Fosdick was surprised last week with an announcement that he has been appointed a scout for the United States Modern Pentathlon Olympic Training Center, which will hold a clinic at Fort Sam Houston July 5-31.

The purpose of the clinic is to promote interest in the Modern Pentathlon among young people and to give expert instruction and coaching in the five Modern Pentathlon sports: riding, fencing, pistol shooting, swimming and running.

While experience in riding, fencing, or shooting is given consideration, the selection process is primarily based on the applicant's swimming and running ability. It is open to boys only, between the ages of 14-21.

The clinic is composed of ap-

Skeet shooters club meets tonight

For Aggies interested in skeet shooting, there is a movement on campus to plan a club and team at A&M.

Joe Burkett and Bob McGlothlin have arranged to have a meeting of all students interested in such an organization tonight at 7:30 in room 115 of the Recreation and Parks Building.

"We are skeet shooters, and we know there are others," McGlothlin said. "We plan to get student backing and then approach the administration with the possibility of forming a club.

proximately 20 boys, 10 who have had previous experience and 10 beginners. They will receive instruction in all five sports every weekday plus Saturday morning. The only expense is the cost of the trip to San Antonio and back. All others, including equipment and room and board, are taken care of by the clinic.

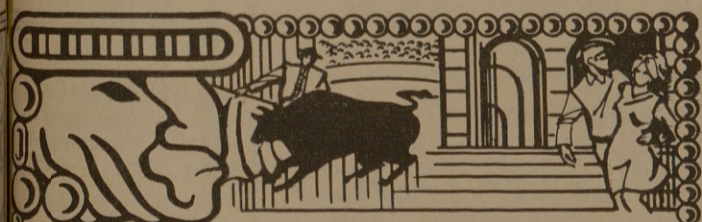
At the end of the clinic the boys go through a five-event competition. The riding course is patterned to their ability and the running is shorter than for the senior pentathletes.

The boys compete within their own ability groups—novice or senior. In addition to this competition, the seniors try to make the U.S. National Junior team, which annually competes in Europe for the World Junior Championship.

Other not-so-distant goals include the U.S. National Championship, the annual Senior World Championship and the Olympic Games.

Factors included in qualifying for the clinic are actual experience in competitive cross-country running, and times for the 2-mile track run and the 300-meter swim. For example, the slowest times for a 19 year old should be 11 and 4:25 minutes respectively in those last two events.

Those interested in the program or who know of someone who is should contact Fosdick at his office at P. L. Downs Natatorium. Applications should be available around the first of April, Fosdick said.



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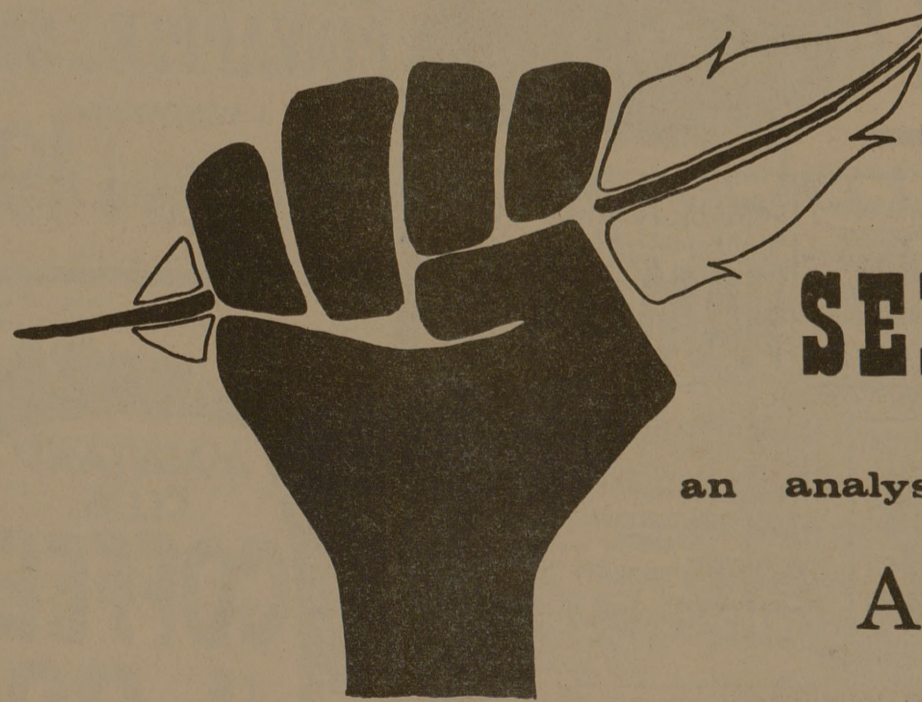


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