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Always trouble from the Frogs

The weeks are going quickly toward finals, and with it the Texas Aggies are nearing the end of their regular baseball season. Six dates are left on the schedule, three with Texas Christian this weekend and three May 3-4 with the University of Texas-Austin in the final home series.

In past history the Frogs and Longhorns have proved the toughest opposition upon the Aggies in baseball competition and leave reason to believe that the final six games this year will be more of the same.

A sweep of the TCU series this weekend would clinch at least a tie for the Southwest Conference championship, with three games remaining. For that matter technically the Aggies need only two or three from the Frogs and one of three from the Longhorns to clinch the title outright. But I can assure you that will be easier said than done.

A look at the last two seasons brings evidence. Two years ago, the Aggies opened the conference season with TCU and carried a 9-0 record into the series at Fort Worth. TCU won two of three and the Aggies went downhill from there finishing with a 15-11 season standard. Then last year the Aggies were 11-0 in Southwest Conference play when the two met on Kyle Field. When the Frogs left after the series, TCU had taken two of three, winning on a pair of shutouts by Rod Monahans and Jim Chase (his only start in SWC play). Texas-Austin was also undefeated and the two TCU losses forced the Aggies to win three straight from the Longhorns in Austin. Texas eventually won two of three. But the Aggies, by sweeping the Horned Frogs, could put the defending champion Longhorns in a similar spot for the upcoming series.

But the 29-3 record and an air of confidence surrounds this Aggie team and around no player does that confidence abound more than shortstop Butch Ghutzman. Ghutzman, a senior (but a junior eligibility wise) has been a part of the last two squads and can't see this year's team following suit.

"We've got a lot different team and we've got momentum," Ghutzman pointed out that the Aggies have played some good baseball on the road.

"We've always been fired up on the road. We've been scared of losing and we've played our best defense.

A good example of that would be that the Aggies have made only two errors in a series at Rice and had a flawless doubleheader at Houston last Tuesday, then at home before a friendly crowd they made eight errors against Tech.

Ghutzman looks at the TCU series with optimism and says that if the weather is good the Aggies will have a good series.

"TCU has a good field to play on and if the weather is good with our club we'll have a good series."

"That's the only equalizer I can think of."

Ghutzman said that he felt that the weather was an equalizer in last year's series.

"The wind was blowing in on hitters and there pitchers were throwing fast balls and we were hitting them but they caught them and won."

The Aggies and Frogs get together Friday at 1 p.m. for a doubleheader and Saturday at 2 p.m. for a single game and judging from past performances it should be a great series and a big one for the Aggies.



ROGER BOOS, COACH of the Texas A&M Rugby team, gives his team a few pointers about the Austin Rugby team, who the Aggies face on the drill field Saturday at 3 p. m. A win would give A&M the inside track to the Rugby Union title. (Photo by Mike Rice)

Meet times show Aags best

Coaches Charlie Thomas and Ted Nelson may want to shrug it off but facts and figures indicate their Texas Aggies will repeat as Southwest Conference track champions when the 56th annual meet is staged at Kyle Field, Friday and Saturday, April 30 and May 1.

Based on best performances through last Saturday and giving the opponents the benefit of the doubt in cases where Aggies have the same best performances, the final team points, unofficially of course, produce this standing: Texas A&M 63, Texas 56, Rice 55, Baylor 37, SMU 25, Texas Tech 15, TCU 4 and Arkansas 1.

Those points are based on first places for the Aggies in only the 120-yard high hurdles (Rockie Woods), 440-yard dash (Curtis Mills), 220-yard dash (Rockie Woods) and the 440-yard relay (Steve Barre, Curtis Mills, Marvin Mills and Rockie Woods).

It doesn't take into account that the Aggies could very well go one-two in the high jump (Marvin Taylor and Ben Great-house), one-two in the 100-yard

dash (Marvin Mills and Rockie Woods) or win the javelin (Marc Black).

Based on best performances through last weekend, the Aggies would get their 63 points like this: High jump—Marvin Taylor second and Ben Great-house fourth; Pole vault—Harold McMahan second and Larry McIntyre third; Javelin—Marc Black second; Three-mile run—Frank Ybaro third; 120 hurdles—Rockie Woods first and Gary West fifth;

440-yard dash—Curtis Mills first; 100-yard dash—Rockie Woods third and Marvin Mills fourth; 880-yard run—Willie Blackmon fourth; 220-yard dash—Rockie Woods first, Marvin Mills fourth and Donny Rogers fifth; 440-yard hurdles—Don Kellar second and David Morris fifth; 440-yard relay—A&M first. Mile relay—A&M third.

Many of the above could improve on those projected finishes and, if so, it would mean more points for the Aggies.

Track tickets on sale here Monday

Approximately 3,000 reserve-seat tickets will go on sale here next Monday morning for the 1971 SWC Track & Field Meet that is scheduled for Kyle Field Friday and Saturday, April 30 and May 1.

Texas A&M Athletic Business Manager Wally Groff announced that only reserve-seat tickets may be purchased in advance. They are priced at \$2.50 and can be bought over the counter at G.

Rollie White Coliseum or can be ordered by mail.

General admission tickets must be purchased at one of three stadium gates on the days of the meet. They are \$1.50 for adults, \$1.00 for children and \$1.00 for A&M students and faculty.

One ticket will be good for both days of the meet.

Stadium gates will open at 10:30 a.m. Friday and at 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

Softball finals under way

Softball began its last leg this week, with playoffs already begun in Class C and playoffs beginning next week in Class A.

Teams in the Class C playoffs are: Yeastgate, Math, Phi Delta Sigma, Walton, Keathley, Davis-Gary, Posada and Moses.

Class A and B Tennis playoffs begin Thursday.

The intramural office announced Thursday at noon will be the entry deadline for all classes in swimming intramurals which begin April 28.

Leading the team point competition so far this year is Squadron 2 in both Class A and B. Pur-year is leading Class C and Davis-Gary holds a large margin in Class D intramural sports.

No spring game

The Texas Aggies will not hold a final spring game in football, Head Coach Gene Stallings announced Tuesday.

The primary reason for not scheduling a game is that Stallings eight-year-old son, John Mark, underwent an emergency operation this week and the Aggie Coach said he did not want to schedule a game and then have to cancel it at the last moment.

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