

Horned Frogs do Aggies in again

Sports spectacle here this weekend

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Probably the biggest weekend ever in Texas A&M sports is on the schedule this weekend. It will probably be one that will run sports information directors and Battalion sports editors and writers crazy as four major Southwest Conference championships will be decided, as A&M hosts the SWC spring meet this weekend.

It actually starts Thursday with golf and tennis, with track joining in on Friday and Saturday. Then on Sunday and possibly on into Monday the executives of the league will have a pow-wow. Then an event that wasn't on the agenda, the baseball series with Texas-Austin for the conference baseball crown, is up on Monday and Tuesday.

The golf and tennis titles will be for the medal and individual crowns and Texas Tech and Rice respectively have won the team championships in match play. The golf is slated for Thursday and Friday and tennis will take three days to complete with double the number of entrants being allowed this year.

At stake for the Aggies of course is the possibility of a second consecutive track title and then with the baseball series on Monday and Tuesday, the feasibility of two major sports crowns in one week for the Aggies in what has been a less than vintage year for the Aggies. In fact if the Aggies fail to win track or baseball they will have failed to win at least one major sport title. But alas the rugby club claimed the Northern Division title Saturday of the Texas Rugby Union.

The golf meet will get under way Thursday at 8 a.m. with each of the 15 players playing 36 holes Thursday and Friday. Conference champion Tech will be allowed four entries, runnerup Arkansas three, the Aggies, SMU and Texas Christian two each, and Baylor and Rice one golfer in the field.

The tennis meet should be delicious if you like Rice with the mighty Owls bringing two All-Americans and a third netter that destined to be one into the tournament after sweeping to 40-2 record in the league race. The Owls will have three time All-American seniors Mike Estep and Zan Guerry and super freshman Harold Solomon in action.

Each team is allowed four entries in the singles and two doubles teams.

The track meet has running prelims set for Friday at 4 p.m. and the finals under the lights Saturday beginning at 7 p.m. on Kyle Field. Field events in the meet get under way with the pole vault at 11 a.m. Finals in the shot put, high jump, javelin, long jump and discus are slated to get under way Friday at 1 p.m.

And while the athletes are vying for the athletic crowns the school officials will be having meetings at the Ramada Inn throughout the weekend with the important meeting of faculty representatives and athletic directors to begin Saturday afternoon, continue Sunday and possibly if needed last through Monday.

The conference meeting officially ends with those executive meetings this weekend but many fans will probably stay over for the important baseball series.

It will be a final go round, because finals will follow the conference meet in about a week and if you like sports then maybe tennis, golf, track or baseball will be your cup of tea this weekend.

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The TCU Frogs did it again. The pesky Texas Christian University Horned Frogs turned their not-too-consistent past into a glittering near perfect weekend as they swept the Texas Aggies from the unbeaten ranks by winning three games on Frog Diamond on the TCU campus.

It was the third year in a row that the Frogs had dealt the Aggies a bad hand, and like the past years, makes those involved look at the upcoming Texas-Austin series in a different light. The results of the TCU series combined with the Texas-Rice fiasco left the Longhorns and Aggies tied for the league lead with 12-3 records.

The Owls were left for dead in the series as the Longhorns pummeled them 16-7, 19-7 and 12-4, and you wondered why the Owls even bothered to show up.

The Longhorn-Aggie spectacle that annually decides who goes to the NCAA playoffs is set for May 3-4 on Kyle Field. The Aggies play a non-conference doubleheader with the University of Houston on Kyle Field Thursday and the Texas-Austin meeting Dallas Baptist on Clark Field in Austin for a doubleheader this week. It will be the final warmup for the big series for both clubs.

The TCU series could be classified as one of a series when you think back to last year when the

Frogs seemed to do nothing wrong. The Aggies really didn't play badly enough to deserve a triple trouncing but the Frogs deserved their sweep.

It was a renovated TCU lineup that did the damage. Shortly after the Horned Frogs visited Clark Field a few weeks back and lost three to the Longhorns coach Frank Windegger shuffled his lineup benching some seniors and inserting three freshmen, Pat Carden, Mike Turner and Dana Carden into an already young lineup that included another freshman, Phil Turner, two sophomores, Don Bodenhamer and Jimmy Torres and veterans Roger Williams and Glen Monroe.

Since that lineup has been starting TCU has won nine in a row so the Aggie sweep was not just a once in a while occurrence for the Frogs.

Another freshman Frank John-

stone added misery to the Aggies in the first game of the series with a six hitter and then shut out the Aggies for three innings to win the third game on Saturday. TCU won the first game 5-3, the second 4-3 and came from behind to finish up the damage with a 8-7 win in 10 innings Saturday.

A double by Monroe and a single by Mike Turner gave the Frogs a 2-0 lead in the first inning of the second game as left-hander Bruce Katt continued to have his problems against conference hitters.

Then Dave Elmendorf gave the Aggies the lead in the fifth when he doubled in three runs but TCU won it in the bottom of the inning as Phil Turner and Johnstone singled and scored on a misplayed triple to give them a lead and then Monroe drove home the third run of the inning with a sacrifice fly by Monroe.

In the second game both teams threatened heavily with the Aggies leaving 10 men on and the Frogs 11 and both A&M pitcher Paul Zerwinski and Earl Wallace of TCU were in constant trouble. Torres was the culprit as he took advantage of the short right field fence to hit two home runs and give the Frogs a 4-3 victory margin with his second one. Jimmy Hacker had tied the game for A&M with a seventh inning home run and Chris Sans knocked in two runs with a double after TCU had taken a 3-0 lead.

The Frogs showed their performance level was high in that one when Mike Turner the left fielder saved them twice in the second game. Turner pulled down pinch hitter Jim Atterbury's line drive with the bases loaded while on the dead run in the eighth and then pulled off a once in a lifetime miracle as Elmendorf drilled a cannon shot at Turner, who turned with his back to the infield running toward the fence leaped and snagged the ball and then hit the ground turning a somersault and hanging onto the ball. R. J. Englert, who was on first would have scored easily on the play had the ball dropped.

Saturday the Aggies banged out 15 hits and led at one time 7-3 before the Frogs rallied for the extra inning win.

Butch Ghutzman doubled home two runs and Elmendorf poled his third homer of the year to

give the Aggies a 3-0 lead in the battle but the Frogs came back against Charlie Jenkins to tie the game on singles by Torres, Dana Carden, an error, two walks, a fielders choice and sacrifice fly in the bottom of the inning.

It was Jenkin's only bad inning of the first six as he faced the minimum 15 outside of the inning allowing only one walk and the runner was erased on double play.

The Aggies busted out of the tie with Billy Hodge doubling home Elmendorf in the fifth and then got three more in the seventh on a squeeze bunt by Gene Reinartz and a two run single by Hacker.

But two Aggie errors in the bottom of the inning opened the floodgates for the Frogs, who on a two out pinch hit homer by Randy Ray (a starter, who was benched when Windegger went to his freshman), cut the lead to 7-6. That homer was the only hit of the three run inning. Pat Carden tied in the eighth with a single off reliever Charlie Kelley and then won it in the 10th with a single up the middle with the bases loaded and none out.

Ags beat Texas in water polo

In a rematch of water polo teams from last semester the Texas A&M water polo team downed the University of Texas-Austin 12-8, to wind up the Saturday's activities for the water polo clinic directed by swimming coach Dennis Fosdick.

Nationally known Bob Gaughran, Bob Lee, and Art Lambert were the guest speakers at the clinic which was attended by high school and Southwest Conference coaches.

"The clinic was a great success," said Fosdick. "The coaches and the players who attended the clinic learned many tips about the game and how to coach it from our speakers."

Mike Hicks proved to be the best player in the water during the game as he made some good moves causing Fosdick to feel he has one of the best players in the conference.

"The important thing is, that we played as a team this time," Fosdick said. "We didn't the last time we played Texas, and that's why we lost."

Tech wins title; Ags fall to Hogs

The University of Arkansas, backed by junior Mike Mosser — who completed his dual match season undefeated although playing against the number one player of every team, defeated the Texas Aggie golf team 3½-2½ Monday at Fayetteville.

Texas Tech sitting by in Lubbock won the crown, however, with a record of 26-9½. Arkansas was second at 24-12. SMU finished third with a record of 21-15 and A&M fourth at 20½-15½. Mosser defeated Steve Veriato in the match and Mike Mache-mehal fell to Chuck Brownfield. Tommy Shelton won his match over Bill Brown and Tommy Johnson spit his match.

In a Friday match the Aggies defeated SMU 4-2 with Veriato and Shelton winning and Johnson gaining a tie while Mache-mehal lost.

Ag netters blitzed by Longhorn surge

The University of Texas at Austin tennis team ripped the Texas Aggies 6-1 Monday on Pennick Courts at the University of Texas campus.

The Aggies were blitzed by the Longhorns 5-0 in singles play as the Horns clinched third place in the Southwest Conference with the decisive win. A&M went into the match with a one point lead in the battle for third but the Texas victory gives them a 27-15 record and the Aggies close out their season with a 24-18 standard.

The Aggies only win was in the number one doubles match where Dickie Fikes and Jon Ragland combined for 6-2 6-4 win over Avery Rush and Marc Wiegand.

Rush, John Nelson, Ron Touchon, Don Nelson and Wiegand all had singles wins for the Longhorns. Only John Nelson was forced into third set and that a marathon battle with Ragland in the second singles match was won 4-6 6-2 15-13 by Nelson.

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