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Mexican swimmers take meet championship sponsored this weekend by the promotion of the sport in the dominated in all its games, leav-Texas A&M Water Polo Club, state. dominated in all its games, leav-ing the A&M Fish and the Coun-Texas A&M will host the South-

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The first water polo tourna- and was judged by all those atment to be held in Texas was tending to be a big boost for the tuto Mexicano Sequro Social,

The tournament winner, Insti-

ing the A&M Fish and the Country Hix, of Bryan-College Station, in second and third place positions, respectively.

A&M was the only one of the ten teams entered in the tournament to lead IMSS at any point in the tournament, but conditioning and experience were the determining factors in the outcome. IMSS, which hails from Mexico City, has players that have been playing and practicing together for the past six years.

The A&M Fish squad, on the other hand, has been practicing the sport together for only four weeks, leaving a lot to be desired against a group of learned players.

In all, over 150 boys competed in the tournament. For the most of them, this was the first time to see or play in a real tourney against stiff competition.

The A&M Fish and IMSS were the only teams with any experience, the Aggies beating the Texas University Frosh, the pre-vious week, 9-6.

At the end of the tournament, which came with the final championship game between IMSS and the A&M Fish, officials for the tournament named the top ten players in tournament to make up the All Tournament Team.

Members of this team included Fernando Hernandez, IMSS, goalie; Steve Engle, A&M Fish, goalie; Altredo Savza, Antonio Martinez, Leopoldo Villalpando, Javier Guerra, and Carlos Mar-tinez, IMSS; Scott Jones, and Larry Schueckler, A&M Fish; Bob Leland, Country Hix.

Those comprising the Honorable Mention Team were Doug Meaden, Kent Berryman, and Wade Mattingly, A&M Fish; Pat Chilen, and Covert Blackledge, Tom Sanders, Country Hix; Mike Reilly, George Anderson, Ft. Hood Dolphins; and Jim Bain, Deer Park.

Other teams competing in the tournament were Clear Creek High School, Bellaire High School, LaMarque High School, and St. Marks High School.



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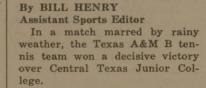
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The Aggies won five of eight singles matches. Doubles matches were cancelled because of rain

with two tie breaker serves won

before any were completed. Billy Hoover, A&M's top fresh-man, defeated Central's top player, Francisco Cerom, in a split set, 7-5, 4-6 and 7-5. This match was the highlight of the meet

at Downs Notatorium. (Photo by Mike Rice)

by Hoover. Serom is the number two ranked junior in Mexico. Bill Wright, number two ranked freshman, defeated Skipper Hunt in a split set, 6-4, 4-6 and 6-1. Gerry Mills defeated Asghar Abid of Pakistan in straight sets, 6-3 and 6-3. Mitch Barker won over Gene Morris also in straight sets, 6-2 and 6-3. In the final match, Doug Laughkauf defeated Antone DeKoning in a spectacular match, 7-6, 4-6 and 7-6. This match also

won by the A&M player. Central Texas did not win a match until the fourth set. Huberto Isquizardo defeated Dennis Hirshfield in a split set, 6-2, 4-6 and 6-2. Stewart Bunn defeated Bill Pecor in straight sets, 6-3 and 6-2. The final victory for Central was Woody Van Ommerey over Don Smith in straight sets, 6-4 and 6-2.

included two tie breaker serves

All the doubles matches were rained out before a winner could be determined but two games in each set were at least in progress. A&M's Hoover and Wright lost the first set to the team of Hunt and Bunn, 4-6, but were leading in the second, 5-2. Hirshfield and

WATER POLO TOURNAMENT action finds Kerry Kutler (30) trying to pass the ball to teammate Jeff Zwolinski (31). Both are members of the Country Hix, a team from A&M Consolidated High School. A team from Mexico City won the two day affair, held

Aggie tennis squad impressive in B team win

over Central Texas JC here last Friday

Baker took the first set over Isquizardo and Serom, 6-4, and were behind in the second, 4-3.

Rugby team downs Dallas Saturday

The Aggie rugby team rolled to its 17th straight victory this year Saturday, swamping the Dallas Rugby Club 42-4 on the

wet, muddy Drill Field. Seven of their regular starters did not play, but the A&M 15 still had some exciting moments. The usual strong running game was missing, and the contest was not as open as the Aggies usually

John Collier made his first appearance as scrum-half, and he managed to launch some passes to the wings where Judd Quixall and Randy Harju were stopped just short of the Dallas line numerous times.

Captain John Gunn was the high scorer for A&M, personally accounting for 22 of the Aggies' 42 points. He made one try (4 points), two penalty goals (6 points) and six conversions (12 points).

set over Ommerey and DeKoning, 6-3, but were behind in the second, 5-2. Pekor and Laughkauf lost the first set to Morris and Abid, 7-5, but were ahead, 1-0, in the second. The victory was a great one

for the young Ags as Central Texas is ranked as the number one team in the state in junior college tennis. Their roster of eight includes only three American players with the rest being from foreign lands.

Mills and Smith took the first

Coach Omar Smith was very pleased with the performance of his team in this meet.

The Baylor B team was on tap for this weekend but had to cancel because of conflicts with some of the Bear players.



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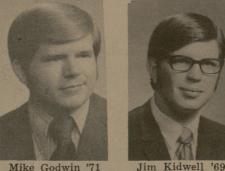
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