

THE BATTALION

# Tankers host TCU

TCU's Horned Frog swim team comes to Aggieland tonight for dual meet action to be hosted by the Aggie swim team in its second home meet of the season in Downs Natatorium.

A&M, who is 6-4 on the season in dual meet action, will be going for victory number seven against the Horned Frogs, with competition slated to get underway at 4:00 p.m.

In dual meet competition last Friday against the LSU Tigers in Baton Rouge, freshman freestyler Doug Meaden topped two school records to secure first places in the 500 and 1,000 yard freestyle events, but his pace was not enough for the Aggies to defeat the Tigers who downed the Aggie tankers by a score of 66-46.

Meaden swam the 500 in the time of 4:55.35 and the 1,000 in 10:18.37 to take junior Eric Wolff's place on the school records list in those events. He was joined in his record breaking by sophomore Steve Prentice who set a pool record in the 200 yard

backstroke in the Tigers' pool. Depth, the problem that has been hampering the Aggie swim team since the beginning of the year, brought about the downfall of the team again. The team is large in numbers, but not enough swimmers have the experience to turn in qualifying times.

Although A&M secured six first places out of 13, inability to qualify enough second and third place times caused the Aggies to come up short again.

Other outstanding performances were turned in by Doug Carson in the 200 yard breaststroke with a time of 2:22.0, Lester Hamann in the 200 yard freestyle in 1:51, and Eric Wolff, who swam the 100 yard freestyle in the time of 50.2. All three swam to first place points in these events.

Second place qualifiers for the Aggies included Eric Wolff in the 200 yard freestyle; Steve Prentice, 200 yard individual medley; Greg Rippey, one meter diving; and Mike Hicks in the 200 yard backstroke.

# U.S. team looking forward to match with Russians

SAPPORO, Japan (AP) — The hockey game between the United States and Russia is certain to jam the 10,000 capacity of the Makomanai covered rink.

After losing to Sweden in the Class A round robin, the youthful, hard-checking Americans stormed back to upset Czechoslovakia 5-1. The Russians, meanwhile, had their reputation tarnished by a 3-3 tie with Sweden.

"The boys have really got their tails up," said Murray Williamson, the American coach.

The well-conditioned, precision-skating Russians have won the Olympic title the last two times but Americans still remember the historic U.S. upset for the gold at Squaw Valley, Calif., in 1960.

Rick Chaffee of Rutland, Vt., and Bob Cochran of Richmond, Ore., are given the best chances of the Americans in the men's giant slalom, although Europeans are favored.

The downhill winner, Bernhard

Russi of Switzerland, is not entered. The top contenders are Gustavo Thoeni of Italy, Jean-Noel Augert and Edmund Bruggmann of Switzerland.

Two Russians are favored in the women's 5-kilometer cross country. They are Galink Koula-kova and Alevtina Olumina. U.S. entries include Allison Owen of East Wenatchee, Wash.; Martha Rockwell of Providence, R.I.; Barbara Britch and Marie Mahoney, both of Anchorage, Alaska.

A Russian, Alexander Tikhonov, also is expected to take the gold in the biathlon, a 20-kilometer test of cross-country skiing and shooting from prone and standing positions.

U.S. biathlon representatives, conceded little hope, including Jay Bowerman, Jr., of Eugene, Ore., son of the U.S. Olympic track coach; Peter Karns of Jackson, Wyo.; Dennis Donahue of Essex Junction, Vt., and Dexter Morse, Aspen, Colo.

# Cowboy star Duane Thomas indicted on marijuana charge

By CLAYTON HICKERSON Associated Press Writer

GREENVILLE (AP) — Duane Thomas, the Dallas Cowboys running back, was indicted by the Hunt County grand jury Tuesday, along with his younger brother, Bertrand, on charges of possessing marijuana.

They will be arraigned before Judge Hollis Garman Feb. 22 in 196th District Court. Meanwhile, their original bail of \$5,000 each is continued.

Thomas, who was excused from appearing before the grand jury, met with his lawyer, Larry Green, in a nearby office and then left town almost immediately.

Officers told the grand jury they found two small sacks of marijuana in the car in which Duane, 24, and his 21-year-old brother were riding near Green-

ville Jan. 30. They said they stopped the car because it was similar to one reported stolen. In fact, it had been loaned to the football star as a promotion measure.

Before going into the grand jury, deputy sheriff Norman Gray, one of the officers who arrested the Thomases, commented: "If I can't get an indictment on this, I could never get an indictment."

Asked if any pressure had been brought to bear on him to go easy on the Cowboy back, Gray said: "None whatever."

Gray said that when he searched the car with Highway Patrolman Wendel Jeter so as to check its engine number, they noticed the smell of marijuana smoke. Further search turned up the two sacks of marijuana, he said.

# Schoolboys sign with top teams

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Defending Southwest Conference champion Texas, resurgent Texas A&M, and Southern Methodist bagged most of the quality schoolboy football stars Tuesday as Southwest Conference football coaches fanned out to harvest a bumper crop of talent.

Arkansas pulled off a surprise and Oklahoma made its usual raid across the Red River to steal away one of the native sons.

Baylor signed some top junior college prospects as new coach Grant Teaff operated under the recruiting gun for the first time.

Texas Christian, Rice, Houston, and Texas Tech were lagging behind in the early going—particularly the Red Raiders who have had good success in the past several years.

Texas landed four of the top 14 rated blue chippers in the state in quarterbacks Larry Miller of Austin Reagan and Marty Akins of Gregory-Portland and linebacker Rick Fenlaw of Amarillo and tackle Ricky Burleson of Fort Worth Richland.

The Aggies—under a full head of momentum under new coach and former Texas assistant Emory Bellard—signed All-State end Richard Osborne of San Antonio Lee, All-State tackle Dennis Smelser of Odessa Permian and Catholic All-America performer Glen Bujnoch, a 6-5, 225-pound

lineman from Houston Mt. Carmel. Another highly rated player to join the fold was Dallas Hillcrest's Jeff Hesla, an excellent defensive back.

Southern Methodist grabbed All-State running backs Wayne Morris of Dallas South Oak Cliff and Tammy Hollingshead of Brownwood and All-State lineman Curtis Crouch of Dumas.

Arkansas surprised by taking quarterback Mike Kirkland, who was rated on the Dallas Times Herald's top 14 blue chip list, away from Houston which was believed to have the inside track.

# Sports Car Club to hold map rally

A Wednesday meeting of the A&M Sports Car Club will be followed by a map rally for interested drivers.

TAMSOC President Kerry Bonner said the 7:30 p.m. business meeting will be in the Mimosas Room of the Old College Station City Hall, 101 S. Church.

An upcoming autocross, tentatively scheduled for Feb. 26-27, will be discussed. The map rally is the club's first running event of the spring semester. It will start at the meeting site.

Bonner invited interested foreign and American-made car drivers to participate.

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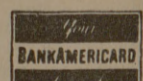
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