

ACC Wildcats win triangular meet over Aggies, Rice

Abilene Christian College did not play the part of a gracious host Saturday as the Wildcats upset both A&M and Rice in a triangular track meet held in Abilene.

ACC picked up 66 points, Rice had 55½ and the Aggies finished last with 49½ points.

"We weren't really out to win the meet," assistant coach Ted Nelson said. "We were just trying to keep everyone healthy to compete in the Kansas Relays this weekend."

With both Billy Porter and Marvin Mills absent from the 100-yard dash, Steve Barre took the blue ribbon in the event with a time of 9.7 in one of his best performances of the season. Scotty Jones took first place in

the 120-yard high hurdles in a time of 14.1. Edgar Harvey took second in a time of 14.5.

In the high jump, the Aggies took first, second and fourth places. Phil McGuire won the event with a jump of 6-6 followed by Marvin Taylor also with a 6-6 but with more misses. Mark Smith took fourth with a 6-4.

Willie Blackmon, who has the best conference time in the 880-yard run, ran the mile instead hoping to increase his endurance for the upcoming nationally recognized meet. He took fifth in the event.

The 440-yard relay made up of Robert Brew, Alan Swagerty, Barre and Donny Rogers took second in a time of 41.5.

Horace Grant won the 880-yard

run, in the absence of Blackmon, in a time of 1:56.4. Dennis O'Brien took fourth in the event.

In the 220-yard dash, Barre took second in the time of 21.4. Mills and Porter were again absent in the event.

ACC sneaked up on both A&M and Rice by running its fastest man on the first leg of the mile relay causing a 15-yard lead. Mills was next to run and caught up with the ACC man about midway through his leg but fell behind at the finish line. Grant, who ran the third leg, had the same fate and too much room was needed to make up as the Aggies slipped to third place in 3:15.3.

"We just couldn't run steady with ACC's lead," Nelson said. "We could have beaten Rice for

second place if the kids would have just run their normal pace but when they tried to gain that lead, they just didn't have enough to finish up strong."

Harold McMahan took second in the pole vault with a 15-6. Dave Roberts, Rice's top pole vaulter, vaulted 17-0 to win the event.

Tim Brown took fourth in the discus with a toss of 150-6½ while ACC's Bruce Hogan took the event with a 178-6.

In the shot put, A&M's Tom Palmer also took fourth with a heave of 46-7. In the javelin, Paul Sanders took fourth with 156-11½.

"Things look pretty good for us at the Kansas Relays," Nelson

said. "For the first time in a while, we've got most of our key people healthy. Doug Brodhead is the only top performer still uncertain but we think he'll be able to run a leg on our mile relay team."



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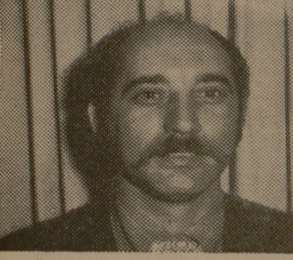
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Netters host Longhorns in Wednesday match

By **BILL HENRY**
Assistant Sports Editor

The Texas Longhorns will visit A&M's Varsity Courts Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 to take on the Aggies in tennis. The winner of the meet will emerge as the Southwest Conference third place finisher.

The Aggies home matches have become a tradition against Texas as the Longhorns have not defeated the Aggies at home since 1962. Assistant tennis coach Richard Barker started the tradition when he was a senior in 1964 at which time the Aggies first defeated Texas.

Two years ago was the most exciting match as Texas was very highly rated and expected to march over the hapless Aggies. A&M wasn't to be denied that day and pulled an upset tie to knock Texas out of the conference championship. Dickie Fikes, Tommy Connell, Dan Courson and Lawton Park, who were on the team in 1970, expect another upset of Texas.

Southwest Louisiana, 5-1. These two victories boost A&M's season's mark to 13-8 and 18-10 in conference action.

Against Baylor, Dickie Fikes, A&M, defeated Jackie Vance, 6-3, 4-6, 6-0; Billy Wright defeated George Moncado, 7-6, 4-6, 6-2; Billy Hoover defeated John Adams, 6-2, 6-2; Dan Courson defeated Stan Smith, 6-2, 6-1; and Tommy Connell defeated Terry Peerman, 7-6, 7-6.

In doubles, Fikes and Courson defeated Vance and Peerman, 6-3, 6-1; and Wright and Hoover beat Moncado and Smith, 6-4, 6-2.

Against Southwest Louisiana, coach Omar Smith used his re-

serves for the win.

In singles, Tommy Connell, A&M, defeated Scooter McMeans, 6-3, 4-6, 7-6; Lawton Park, A&M, defeated Bob Hogue, 6-1 6-2; Mike Mills, A&M, defeated Joe Corray, 6-1, 6-0; and Mitch Barker defeated Greg Marcantel, 6-1, 6-2.

In doubles, Dennis Hirschfield and Bill Pecor, A&M, defeated McMeans and Hogue, 1-6, 6-3, 6-2; and Corray and Marcantel, Southwest Louisiana, defeated Don Smith and Mark Lothrop, 6-3, 0-6, 7-6.

In the lone loss, it was A&M's 13th and 15th seeded players taking on SWL's third and fourth.

Veriato is eleventh in Houston tourney

In one of the most prestigious college golf tournaments in America, A&M's Steve Veriato finished in eleventh place among the 120 participants from 24 colleges in the All-America Invitational golf tournament held in Houston last weekend.

Veriato toured 72 holes in one-over par 289. Tom Kite, Texas, won medalist honors with a 10-under par 278. His better known running mate, Ben Crenshaw, was fourth with a 285.

In team medal totals, A&M finished with a 1,213 for twelfth place. A&M's team was made up of Veriato, Tommy Gilbert, Tommy Shelton, Randy Tickner and Bill Schmidt.

Houston, with a strong finish in the final round, beat out Florida and Texas for team honors.

Florida finished second with a 1,154 and Texas, with a 1,158, finished third.

In the team low ball, A&M finished in ninth place with a 258. Florida won this event with a 246, followed by Texas with a 250 and Houston with a 251.

Kite, who jumped into the lead the first day with a record-tying 65, fired a two-under par 70 in Saturday's final round to wrap up the title.

The next action for the A&M golf team will be the Southwest Conference tournament in Fayetteville, Ark., April 27-29. The SWC tennis tournament will be held in accordance with golf the same weekend.

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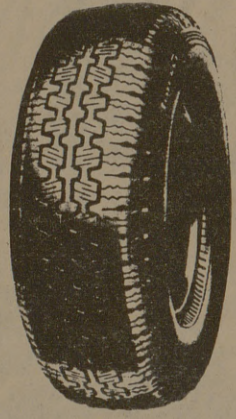
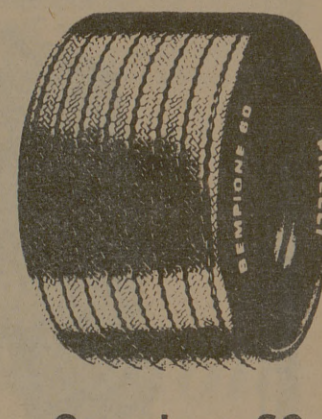
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