

Rugby team cops Northern title

For the second consecutive year, the A&M rugby club has clinched the Texas Rugby Union Northern Division Championship. Playing on the Drill Field, the Aggies met and defeated the Aus-

tin Black rugby club, 14-7, Saturday. In the Southern Division, the winner was the Galveston rugby club. They will travel to College Station Saturday to meet the Ag-

gies for the Texas State Championship. Last year the A&M team was undefeated in all its games and had to beat Rice for the state title. This year, with seven starters due to graduate, the Aggie team is aiming for another winning note on which to end the season. Galveston, however, has the same notion and will be fielding a powerful, hard-hitting team in its effort to spoil the Aggies' game.

Against Austin Black, A&M showed much, but not up to the potential of which it has. Despite 20 minutes of frantic defense which was caused by the determined, fired-up Austin attack, the Aggies dominated most of the

game with disciplined team work. Mark Anthony and Bob Elmore in particular were prominent in their leaping for the ball. Bill Scherle, Aaron Cahoon, Steve Stewman and Giles Fort time and again broke through to flatten the Austin attack.

Scoring for the Aggies were Mark Fischer, Butch Preston, John Gunn and Don Robertson. Fischer and Robertson claimed a try each and Gunn kicked a penalty goal from 40 yards out and 30 feet wide of the posts. Preston had darted within a foot of the Austin line where he was stopped with an accidental blow on the head. He drop-kicked a goal from 20 yards the next time he got the ball.



AGGIES AARON CAHOON, left, and co-captain Steve Sturman bring down Austin Black's Butch Engel in Saturday's 14-7 victory which enabled the A&M club to win second consecutive Northern Division rugby title. A&M will return to action this Saturday when it takes on Galveston for the state title. (Photo by Mike Rice)

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Veriato leads Aggies to SWC golf championship

A five-man squad, led by defending champion Steve Veriato, will represent the Texas Aggies in the Southwest Conference golf tournament this weekend at Fayetteville, Ark.

In addition to Veriato, the Aggie team will be made up of Randy Tickner, Clay Dozier, Tommy Gilbert and Tom Johnson.

The squad will leave today and will play a practice round over the Paradise Valley Golf Club course Wednesday.

Veriato's chances for a repeat look slim as this year's meet will include the two Texas stars, Ben Crenshaw and Tom Kite. Last year the entire Texas team chose not to compete for conference honors.

Texas is also expected to dethrone defending champ Texas Tech in overall team play. The

Longhorns took the 1971 SWC match Play tournament in October, finishing three points ahead of SMU. Crenshaw took individual honors with a 207 over 54 holes, which was 16 strokes ahead of second place finisher Eddie Vosler of TCU.

The 54-hole tournament is scheduled for Thursday and Friday with 27 holes played each day.

The team medal play will be figured on the low four scores of the five players allowed for each team.

Crenshaw, individual favorite, was the first freshman ever to win the national collegiate tourney last year. He also lists such honors as first place amateur finisher at the recent Masters tourney, Eastern and Southern amateur titlist and a tie for low

honors in the 1970 United States Open. Kite recently won the America Invitational in Houston, finished second in the men's division at the Masters and is a member of the U.S. Cup team.

This year's championship will be determined on the basis of medal play instead of the traditional match play format.

The chairman of the rules committee is club pro and coach Paradise Valley, Ellis Parham, while Razorback coach Ben Sarek is the championship referee.

The course is par-71 and 6,400 yards long.



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Frustration hits Ags again at Kansas Relays meet

The Kansas Relays again piled frustration on Coach Charley Thomas and his Aggie track team this past weekend.

Thomas had hoped to field a strong sprint medley relay team at the meet but did so only in the preliminary run.

The Aggies took first place by over 20 yards in the prelims but disaster struck in the finals. Billy Porter led off the first 220-yard leg and was to give the baton to Marvin Mills for the second 220 leg but the baton fell to the ground before the exchange was ever completed and the Aggies were disqualified.

In the 120-yard high hurdles, Scotty Jones won his preliminary heat but pulled up lame in the semifinal run. Due to his injury, he will not be able to participate in the Drake Relays scheduled in Des Moines, Iowa, this weekend.

A&M's mile relay failed to qualify and the 880-yard relay had to be scratched due to an injured knee by Marvin Mills which occurred when he was trying to recover the dropped baton in the sprint medley relay.

"We really looked good in the prelims," Thomas said. "I was really pleased and thought we were going to run away with the sprint medley. I don't know what the problem was, but our whole season has been like that."

Marvin Taylor got a nod of approval from Thomas by placing fourth in the high jump at 6-10, his best of the year.

Harold McMahan waited until the pole vault bar was placed at 16-0 before entering competition but failed to make that height and did not qualify.

Doug Brodhead, injured since the College Station Relays nearly a month ago, did not participate as expected but Thomas feels he will be ready for this week's action.

At Drake, A&M will be represented in the high jump by Taylor and McMahan in the pole vault in the individual competition while the sprint medley, mile and 880-yard relay teams will be in action.

These teams will be made up by Willie Blackmon, Horace Grant, Brodhead and Robert Brew. Two alternates will also be taken as well as two 220-yard dashmen. These two printers will be picked later in the week when Thomas conducts a run-off between the team's 220 men.

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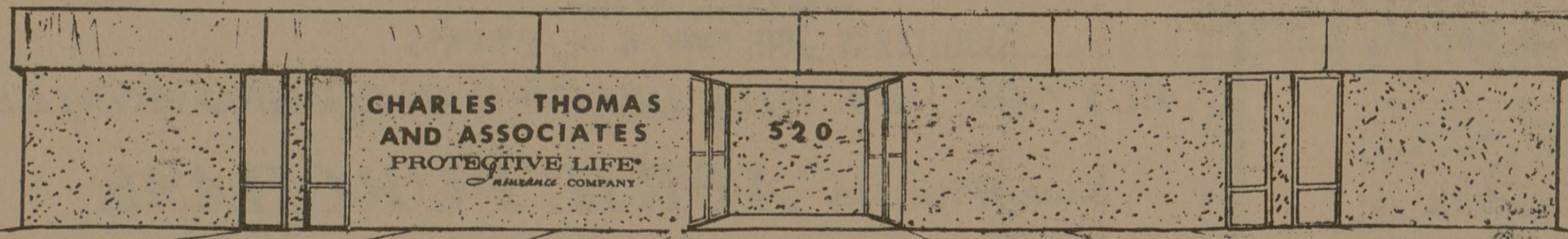
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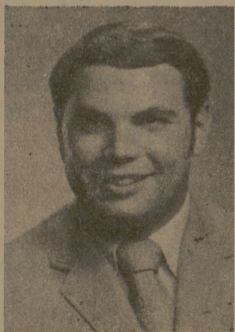
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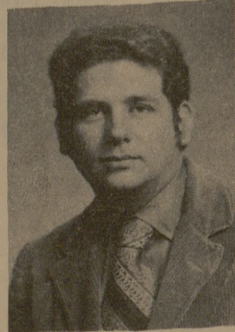
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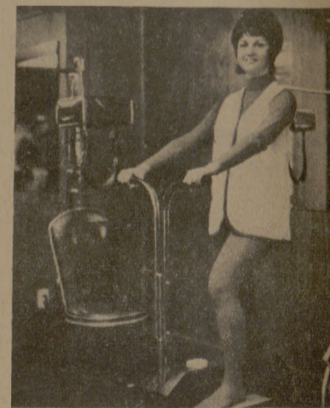
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