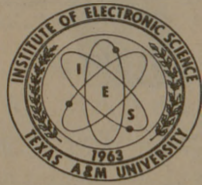


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Upsets highlight SWC Meet

By BILL HENRY
Battalion Sports Editor

Don Courson pulled a big tennis upset at the Southwest Conference meet held last weekend in Fayetteville when he topped second-seeded Avery Rush of Texas in straight sets, 7-6, 6-4, to lead the Aggies to one of their highest SWC finishes ever.

Three out of the four singles competitors for A&M advanced, which was the second highest number of any conference school. Only SMU did better when it placed all four singles players and two doubles teams in higher competition.

What this means is that A&M had enough point totals to pull

out second place in the SWC tourney after finishing fourth in round-robin competition.

Rice, which took the round-robin championship, fell by the wayside with the loss Harold Solomon to the professional ranks less than two weeks ago.

The Owls placed only two singles players in higher competition as they lost two singles and two doubles matches.

Both A&M doubles team made it to the quarterfinals.

In the first round, Dickie Files, A&M, defeated Ron Touchon, Texas, 6-1, 6-4; Tommy Connell, A&M, defeated Baylor's George Moncada, 6-3, 6-4; Dan Courson, A&M, defeated John Krister, TCU, 6-1, 6-1. In the lone loss,

Dave Stout, Arkansas, beat Billy Hoover, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

In the second round, Fikes defeated Allan Boss, Rice, 6-4, 6-4; and Courson beat Rush. Gus Pellizzi, Rice, defeated Tommy Connell, 7-6, 7-5, to give him his first SWC loss of the season. Pellizzi was fifth seeded in the tourney.

In first round doubles play, Courson and Billy Hoover beat Max Falls and John Krister, TCU, 6-2, 6-3; and Fikes and Wright beat the second ranked doubles team of Pellizzi and Emilio Mantano, Rice, 6-3, 7-6.

In the second round, Dan Nelson and John Nelson, Texas, beat Courson and Hoover, 6-7, 6-1, 6-4; and the top-seeded team of John Gardner and Adi Kourim, SMU, beat Fikes and Wright, 6-4, 7-5.

In quarterfinal singles competition, top-seeded John Gardner, SMU, defeated Dick Fikes, 6-4, 6-4; and George Hardie, SMU, defeated Danny Courson, 7-5, 6-7, 7-6. In that match, two tie breakers were needed to win.

"This was one of the closest college games I have ever seen," coach Omar Smith said. He (Courson) really played like a champ and I was sorry to see him lose."

Hardie and Gardner ended up in the finals against each other with Gardner getting the win.

Gardner got to the top by defeating Emilio Montano, Rice, 6-4, 7-5, while Hardie got the ability to take on his Mustang teammate by defeating another SMU player, Adi Kourim, 6-7, 6-4, 7-6.

In the semifinal doubles matches, Hardie and Vann, SMU; Daw and John Nelson, Texas; Gardner and Kourim, SMU and Avery Rush and Ron Touchon, Texas, competing against each other.

Aggie golfers take fourth at SWC spring tournament

Steve Veriato, who finished seventh in medal play, led the Texas Aggie golf team to a fourth place finish with an 898 in the Southwest Conference meet held in Fayetteville this past weekend.

Texas, as expected, took the overall team title with an 859. SMU came surprisingly close to upsetting the Longhorns in finishing second with an 868. Arkansas wound up third with 889. Following the Aggies were TCU (899), Tech (908), Baylor (947) and Rice (980).

Ben Crenshaw, also as expected, led the Longhorns to the championship by capturing top medalist honors with a six-under par 54-hole total of 207. His running mate, Tom Kite, dropped to fourth place in medal play after leading after the first 27 holes with a 105. His final 27 holes spread to 109 and left him in a fourth place for medal play.

Crenshaw's final 18 holes at five-under par 66 came after he dropped two eagle puts of 20 and 40 feet on par five holes. Sale Omohundro, TCU, surprised the field by taking a second place tie with SMU's Mark Triggs both with a one-under total of 212. Adam Wade, SMU, took fifth place with a three-over total of 216 and Tony Pfaff, Texas, finished sixth with a 218. One strike behind was Veriato with a six-over par total of 219. His three rounds were 73, 74, 72. Other Aggies were Tommy Johnson in 11th place with a 220, Tommy Gilbert, 19th, 229; Randy Tickner, 21st, 230; and Clay Dozier, 24th, with a 231. Dozier's score was not counted toward the team total.

Thursday's beginning round was delayed two hours due to a rain shower at the Paradise Valley course.

A&M rugby team wins title for second consecutive year

A&M's maroon rugby team retained the Texas State Rugby Championship for the second year in a row by bombing the Northern Division champs, Galveston, 20-0, on the A&M Drill Field Saturday.

The Aggies faced a much larger team on a slippery field but used their exceptional quickness to dominate the game. It was the unity of play that spelled defeat for the visiting club.

The first score came when A&M obtained a loose ball 10 minutes into the first half and 25 yards from Galveston's goal. Mark Anthony, Aggie second row forward, popped in the goal.

John Gunn made the conversion as A&M raced to a 6-0 lead.

Later in the period, the Aggie forwards reached high to tap the ball out of line into the hands of Steve Harmon. He passed it to captain Butch Preston, to George McCarroll and then to Mark Fischer.

From 40 yards out he weaved his way through the Galveston defense, breaking two tackles and stiff-arming at least two other defenders before diving into the end zone. Gunn again made the conversion and the score stood 12-0.

Galveston reached the Aggie five yard line a short time later but a tremendous defensive play by McCarroll, Bill Scherle and Gary Junot kept them from scoring.

After A&M retained possession, Mark Anthony got the ball and pop-kicked to Giles Fort streaking in front. Fort picked up the

ball and raced down the field and dove in for the score.

Again from 40 yards out, Fischer brushed off two defenders to break through. He slipped but a quick side step to his right put Galveston on the wrong foot and Fischer went through. A&M missed the conversion and the score stood with the Aggies in front, 20-0.

This is the end of the regular season for A&M and seven members of the team will graduate in May. Gone from the team will be Gary Junot, Alan Hines, Mark Fischer, Butch Preston, Don Barr, Bill Scherle and Bob Elmore.


There is much depth on the Aggie squad and there expects to be strength with the men remaining to field a comparable club in 72-73.

The record for this year's team is 39-3. Honors won by this team include the 1971 Texas State Rugby Championship, 1971 Austin Invitational Tournament, 1971 Lone Star Invitational Tournament and the 1971 Texas Northern Division Championship.

In 1972 the Aggies have won the Mardi Gras Invitational Tournament, the Falstaff Invitational Tournament, second place at the Lone Star Tournament, Texas Northern Division and the Texas State Rugby Championship.

For Galveston, Jimmy Jones twice made fine breaks for the visitors and if not for the fleet footed covering by Bob Elmore and Gary Junot, Galveston would have certainly been on the board.

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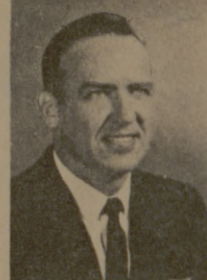
- Urged the placing of students on the Board of Regents.
- Voted against restriction on free speech on college campuses.
- Urged revision of Texas marijuana laws in line with the "Presidents Commission on Drug Abuse."
- Opposed requirements of "minimum teaching loads" for college professors.
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