

Despite Score Given At Stadium Ag Rugby Club Wins

Answering the challenge received from the LSU Rugby Club, the Aggies sent two rugby teams to Baton Rouge last Saturday. The LSU First 15 had not been defeated on their home ground for the last four years, and the Aggie Ruggerers knew they were in for a battle to open the fall season.

In the first game, the second 15-man teams of both universities met in Gerry Mander field. In a game marked by inexperience the Aggies came out ahead 12-10 with Ken Bueck, Art Saldana and Jim Cortez scoring for A&M.

This set the field for the first team's battle. The Aggies were immediately put on the defensive by the brilliant kicking of the LSU fly-half. The strong play of the LSU team had a defensive punt by John Gunn of A&M blocked in the Aggie end zone and LSU scored to lead 4-0 in the first minute. Coming back hard at the slow starting A&M team LSU soon was leading the somewhat startled Texas Champions by 17-0, but then the Aggie tenacity began to take effect.

Led by strong forward play, A&M began its late-starting attack with Randy Harju breaking through to score, and LSU's early hopes of dominance began to fade. At the half the score stood at 17-13 with LSU ahead and A&M pressing.

With the resumption of play

the shoe was on the other foot as the superior conditioning of the A&M team began to tell. The brilliance of LSU seemed dulled and the Aggies with scores by George McCarroll, Randy Harju, Don Robertson and John Gunn went on to win 31-29, causing a very good LSU team much disappointment.

One thing marred these sporting competitions, however. The Aggie ruggerers, flush from their victories, entered Tiger Stadium to support the A&M football team

only to hear an announcement over the intercom that LSU's rugby team had beaten A&M's rugby team 31-9, a completely false statement which cast a shadow on an otherwise great encounter.

Next Saturday the Aggies' 1 and 2 teams go to Austin to play Austin Gold and St. Edward's Rugby Clubs respectively. The Aggies will play early so as to return for the A&M-Army football game that night at Kyle Field.

USC Keeps Top Grid Spot For Third Straight Week

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Southern California held onto the top spot in The Associated Press college football poll for the third consecutive week today while Michigan and Notre Dame cracked the Top Ten and defending champion Nebraska continued the long climb back.

The top Twenty teams, with first-place votes in parentheses, season records and total points. Points based on 20-18-16-14-12-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 are:

1. USC (28)	3-0	940
2. Oklahoma (14)	2-0	894

3. Colorado (5)	3-0	728
4. Tennessee (1)	3-0	622
5. Ohio State (1)	1-0	544
6. Alabama	2-0	468
7. Nebraska	2-1	465
8. Michigan (1)	2-0	426
9. LSU	2-0	396
10. Notre Dame	1-0	319
11. Arizona St.	3-0	242
12. Texas	1-0	131
13. Penn State	1-1	130
14. Washington	3-0	103
15. UCLA	2-1	69
16. Florida St.	3-0	64
17. Mississippi	2-0	50
18. Tulane	2-0	34
19. Stanford	2-0	29
20. West Virginia	3-0	20

Aggie Netters Drop Match Against LSU Tigers, 6-5

Coach Omar Smith's tennis team ran into a fired-up group of LSU netters in Baton Rouge Saturday and came up on the short end of a 6-5 match score.

This was the first loss handed the Aggies in the annual exhibition match since 1969, the first such meeting.

The meet was decided in the final doubles match when Lawton Park and Mike Mills fell to the LSU team of Randy Lavercombe and John Foster, 6-2, 6-4.

The turning point came much earlier, however, when A&M's number one player, Dan Courson, fell to LSU's Bob Hagerman, 5-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Another upset was to number two-seeded Bill Wright. He fell to freshman Gary Albertene, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

In other matches, Bill Hoover of A&M defeated J. T. Sims, 6-1, 5-6, 6-5; Mitch Creekmore, LSU, defeated Lawton Park, 6-5, 6-4; Randy Lavercombe, LSU, defeated Jere Mills, 6-4, 6-4; Mike Mills, A&M, defeated John Foster, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4; Bill McGehee, LSU, defeated Kermit Smith, 6-5, 6-3 and Mitch Barker, A&M, defeated Frank Church, 6-3, 6-2 in singles action.

In doubles, Courson and Hoover, A&M, defeated Sims and Albertene, 6-1, 6-3; Creekmore and Hagerman, LSU, defeated Wright and J. Mills, 6-3, 6-4 and Park and Mills, A&M, fell to Laver-

combe and Foster, 6-2, 6-4.

This is the only scheduled match for the A&M varsity tennis team during the fall semester. The "B" team will have

matches this fall with some junior colleges around the state while the varsity players will compete in open tournaments in the area.

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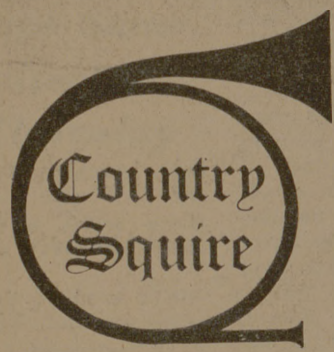


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