

Tough California Tourney

Aggie Water Polo Team Fairs Well

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The A&M water polo team returned from the Northern California tournament with a 4-2 record, and coach Dennis Fosdick was very pleased with the way his team performed in the high competition.

The Aggies gained excellent experience while running their record to 9-2 on the season. Much of this experience will be called upon again this weekend as A&M begins its tough schedule by traveling to Albuquerque for the New Mexico Invitational.

Coach Fosdick summed up the trip of the West Coast trip by saying "We're probably 100 percent better than we were at this time last week."

The Aggies opened the tournament with a 8-5 victory over Cal State at San Francisco. Fosdick

said "The game was a good team effort but the play was rough." During the game the first team played as a complete unit for the first time this season. Goalies Paul McKinzie and Steve Engle stopped 18 shots during the contest.

The Aggies kept the ball rolling with a 10-1 victory over West Valley College. Fosdick has praise for the great defensive game

which he felt helped get the offense going.

A&M's first tournament defeat came at the hands of San Jose City College 5-4. McKinzie again played a great game at the net, making what Fosdick termed "some seemingly impossible stops" in what was a heartbreaking defeat.

The next game the Aggies faced

the eventual tournament champs, Fullerton City College. Dejected after the close call with San Jose A&M fell 17-2. The second team played most of the game and gained more experience.

The Aggies bounced back from the two defeats by beating Cal State at Humboldt. A&M was a 5 goal underdog but outplayed the more experienced California

in all departments for a 8-5 victory.

Lester Hamann led the scoring with 10 goals. Fred Meyers and Gordon Brown had five goals each, along with Steve Prentice, who also had eight assists.

Fosdick will take a junior varsity team along to Albuquerque while preparing for the South-west Water Polo Championships which are to be held Nov. 3-4 at A&M.

Lamonica Passes Raiders Past Oilers

HOUSTON (AP) — Quarterback Daryle Lamonica broke up a sloppily played game with touchdown pass plays of 16 and 27 yards as the Oakland Raiders routed the Houston Oilers 34-0 in a nationally televised National Football League game Monday night.

George Blanda kicked a 46-yarder — the first of two field

goals—in the first quarter as both teams' offenses fizzled in an expected passing contest between Lamonica and Oiler quarterback Dan Pastorini.

Oakland linebacker Phil Villipiano intercepted a Pastorini pass with nine seconds left in the first half and on the next play, Lamonica hit Fred Biletnikoff in

the end zone for the Raiders' first touchdown and a 10-0 halftime lead.

Blanda's 35-yarder in the third quarter came after a blocked Houston field goal attempt bounced all the way back to the Oiler 23-yard line.

The Raiders, who moved into a tie with San Diego for second

place in the AFC West, put it out of reach in the fourth quarter with three more touchdowns, two following interceptions by Otis Sistrunk and Nemiah Wilson. Villanova rookie Mike Siani beat Benny Johnson to start the fourth quarter and Lamonica hit him on a 27-yard TD play.

Sistrunk's interception at the Houston 14 set up a 14-yard touchdown run by Clarence Davis, who plunged through the middle of the collapsing Oiler defense.

Only seconds later, Wilson intercepted Kent Nix' pass and returned it 32 yards to Houston's two. Reserve quarterback Ken Stabler hit tight end Bob Moore in the end zone for the final tally.

Longhorns Close Workouts To Prepare For Sooners

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — Texas Coach Darrell Royal ordered the gates on the practice field locked to outsiders Monday as the Long-

horns started preparations for an Oklahoma squad Royal said "is one of the all-time great offensive football teams."

Royal said the Sooners are "probably" the best OU team he has seen in 16 years and are "certainly the equal" of last year's OU team which trounced Texas 48-27.

Royal met with sportswriters and broadcasters at his regular weekly news conference and said he would be glad to talk to them, or let the Longhorn players talk to them, off the practice field during the week.

But he said he was closing the field and dressing room during practice for the rest of the season "for secrecy . . . so we can get out our business a little better."

Oklahoma's "big improvement has come defensively," Royal said, adding that the offense "rover" has the ball because the "big, quick and fast" OU defense does not allow the opposition to keep it very long.

Royal's words are borne out by OU's first three games in which the Sooner defense has held Utah State, Oregon and Clemson to two field goals.

Favored for the first time against Texas since 1963, Oklahoma defeated Utah State 49-0 and Texas was hard-pressed to beat the same team, 27-12, last Saturday night.

It was mentioned that Utah State players felt Oklahoma ran a more "modified" Wishbone-T offense than Texas, and Royal said the only modification he could see was that Sooner ball-carriers "jump farther sideways and run faster in a straight line."

"We're running the same type thing," Royal said, "but their looks different because they have different people running it. With

their speed, they get in the crease faster."

Several Oklahoma coaches took advantage of their usual week off prior to the Texas game to scout the Longhorn-Utah State game, and Royal noted that Utah State was a "better team than anyone dreamed they were."

He said the Longhorns "weren't hitting on all cylinders and were not greased up as a unit."

Seven Longhorn starters were injured in the Utah State game, and the most serious appeared to be defensive halfback Mike Bayer's sprained ankle. Royal said sophomore David Krill, who has never played a down of varsity ball, would work at that spot this week.

Quarterback Alan Lowry, who has produced 684 yards of Texas' total 1,176 yards of total offense this season, hurt his right elbow, which was swollen and he is "not well," Royal said.

An apparently similar injury kept him out for 10 days during spring practice, Royal recalled.

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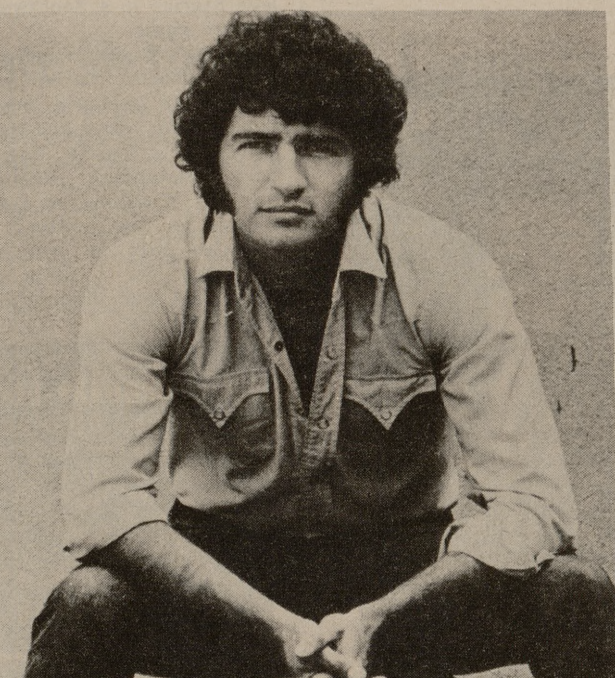
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