Tuesday, October 10, 1972

# **Aggie Rugby Club Entered In Aspen**

Two time Texas rugby champions, the Rugby Club of A&M, trip to Aspen. will travel to Aspen, Colo., to participate in the annual Aspen Ruggerfest Oct. 13-14.

This is the first trip for the Aggies to this tournament which formally attracted the top rugby teams in the nation.

There are 24 teams entered in this year's tournament of which Air Force and Colorado State are the favorites. A&M will be a dark horse for this year's title.

The Aggies are one of three Texas teams which will play this year's tournament. The Austin Blacks and San Antonio, both of which the Aggies beat handily





last Spring, will make the long trip to Aspen. ment of last Spring, the Lone Star Tournament in Houston last

The Aggies have won all but one tournament in which they have participated over the last two years. Among their victories were the Mardi Gras Tourna- with the high altitude of 9,600

fall, and the Galveston and Aus-

tin Tournaments of 1971 and 1972 respectively. A&M will have to do battle

feet plus the snow and low tem- Judd Ouixall, Don Robertson, peratures.

Gene Anderson and Steve Sturman captain the Aggies. Also making the trip to Aspen will be Iggy Gonzalez, John Gunn, George McCarroll, Randy Harju,

good to outstanding. He's the

kind of person that you would

leave your store and moneybox

with and know it was just as safe

The steady senior from Ama-

rillo Tascosa High is also one of

the top students on the squad

despite majoring in the tough

field of pre-dentistry. Bird plans

on entering dental school after

graduation from A&M. His wife

Pamela will be right at his side

Aggies Lose;

the season. Pete Morales of Bay-

lor was the individual winner with

a time of 20:34 for the four-mile

distance. A&M's Frank Ybarbo

was second at 20:52.

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George Alden, Ricky Myers, Larry Gallego, David Unnerstall, Bobby Way, Rich Jones, Mark Anthony, Jim Goulding, Bruce Mills, Aaron Cahoon, Ken Bucek and Chip Newton.

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## **New Season Approaches For Bird**

As far as Texas A&M's Max Bird is concerned, the 1972 football season is just beginning.

"We've got too much ability to let it go down the drain," Bird said after the disappointing loss to Army. "I'm not going to let it get me down. We're going to do a little soul-searching. Then we're going to get after them the rest of the way, beginning with Texas Tech."

That kind of determination has been a trademark of Bird's career at A&M. The 6-0, 223-pound defensive end has been one of the most under-rated players in the Southwest Conference. As a junior last year, Bird had 78 tackles including nine for 50 yards in losses. Against Army he was the team's leading tackler with 12 and sacked the Cadet quarterback three times.

"Bird is a solid dependable all the way. She is an Accredited player," says coach Emory Bel-Record Technician, a trained medlard. "He plays anywhere from

ical secretary. Bird has a pre-game superstition. "I always put my left thigh pad in before the right one. I remember in high school that I broke an arm, and I had put in the right thigh pad first that night." Apparently it works, because Bird has not missed an Aggie game due to an injury.

Now that he has figured out how to stay well, he'd like to find the right combination for the team to get well. The first item in the prescription would be a victory over Texas Tech when the Aggies open Southwest Conference play next Saturday in Kyle Field.

Host Raiders If the team bounces back like Bird predicts, it should be a very Baylor beat Texas A&M 24-31 interesting game. in the first cross country meet of

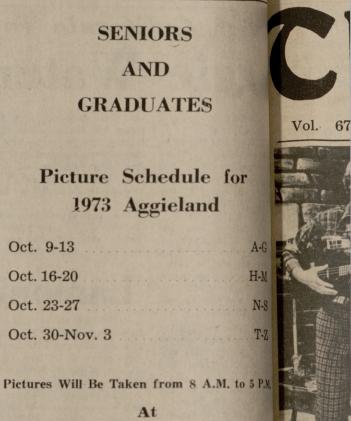
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## **Cowboy's Other Thomas Ready For Football Action**

the Cowboy Thomases is ready and waiting for a call to arms.

Bill Thomas, the No. 1 draft choice of World Champion Dallas, says his surgically repaired left shoulder has healed and he'll play even if it means duty on the suicide teams.

"I don't feel part of the team," says the Boston College rookie who has been languishing on the taxi squad. "I hope I can get activiated in the next couple of weeks and just help on the specialty teams if nothing else.

"I haven't been on a kickoff team since I was a junior in high school but I'll do whatever I can do to get back on the team."

Bill was one of three Thomases on the Cowboy roster when training camp began in Thousand Oaks. Running back Duane Thomas and defensive back Isaac Thomas were traded.

Bill Thomas' shoulder bothered him from an old college wound and he underwent surgery before he could play one down for the Super Bowl champions.

Now, Thomas is tempted to tug at Coach Tom Landry's sleeve and say "Hey, remember me ? I sure love to play football." "I may go talk with the man

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DALLAS (AP) - The last of if I'm not activated in several weeks," Thomas says. "I wanted to talk to Coach Landry after the Green Bay game but I decided that wouldn't be a very good time.'

Dallas lost 16-13.

Thomas has been running plays on the Cowboy scout team. That means he has been going up against members of the Doomsday Defense.

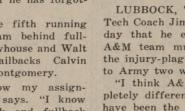
"I've had several good collision with linebackers Dave Edwards and D. D. Lewis in practice," Thomas says. "They were good pops and I didn't feel any twinge on my shoulder."

Thomas says "I guess they are waiting to see if the shoulder is all right. But I feel I'm lost in the shuffle. The coach has so many things to do . . . busy . . . busy . . . busy . . . that sometimes I wonder if he has forgotten about me.'

Thomas is the fifth running back on the team behind fullbacks Robert Newhouse and Walt Garrison and tailbacks Calvin Hill and Mike Montgomery.

"I feel I know my assignments," Thomas says. "I know both the tailback and fullback slots. I like the running back position more because I feel more comfortable. I like standing up where you can see the linebackers."

Thomas works out with the team during the week and gets a ticket in the stands on Sunday. He'd at least like a seat on the bench.



A&M injury situation. "They had Homer May out

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was extremely impressed with

ference game. "I think Dusek is more than a plus fullback," Carlen said. "I think their freshmen have given them outside speed and they have a strong offensive line. They have outstanding personnel to

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Other Aggie finishers were Charles Cottle fifth, Danny Jones seventh, Paul Goodman eighth, Lynn Kitchen ninth, Jimmy Sheffield 11th and Harold Davis 14th. The Aggies will host Texas Tech in a dual meet Saturday on the A&M golf course. Time will

#### **Carlen** Expects Aggie Change

LUBBOCK, Tex. (AP) - Texas Tech Coach Jim Carlen said Monday that he expects a Texas A&M team much changed from the injury-plagued one which lost to Army two weeks ago.

"I think A&M will be a completely different team than they have been the past four weeks,' said Carlen, referring to the

against Army, they had Brad Dusek out and apparently Mark Tech meet Saturday night in Col-The Red Raiders coach said he

the Aggie material. A&M and Baylor beat Texas A&M 24-31 lege Station in a Southwest Con-





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