

Texas Guns For Ninth Straight SWC Title

# Ags Host Longhorns In Baseball Finale

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With an eye looking for better things to come, the Texas Aggies wrap up the 1973 baseball season Friday and Saturday on Kyle Field.

Game times for these final contests is 1 p.m. for Friday's doubleheader and 2 p.m. for the singleton Saturday.

The Aggies will face the talented Texas Longhorns in the

series with the only A&M hope that of depriving the 'Horns of the conference title. If A&M should sweep Texas and second place TCU sweeps Texas Tech in Lubbock, the Horned Frogs would take the title by a half game. If either team is rained out once, Texas claims the title.

Baseball crowns are no new thing to the Longhorns, as 1973 could be the ninth straight year they have won or tied for the SWC championship. In fact, Texas has won the conference title 40 times and tied for it seven since 1915. A&M is second with seven titles and three ties.

The Longhorns are one of the top teams in the country and Aggie coach Tom Chandler knows he could be in for a long weekend.

"Texas has the finest pitching you'll find on a college team anywhere in the country," the Aggie mentor said.

The Texas staff is led by Ron Roznovsky and Richard Wortham. Roznovsky is 10-1 on the season with a 6-0 loop mark. Wortham stands 8-0 with four of those wins in conference.

Texas is 35-4 on the season and 13-2 in conference. They dropped a season's opening doubleheader to Sam Houston and fell to UH and Baylor in SWC action.

A&M is by no means a slouch and the future looks bright for Chandler. The Aggies graduate only three seniors from this team which now stands 18-7.

Relief pitchers Charlie Jenkins and Steve Janda, who have only

thrown 25 innings on the season, and outfielder Gene Reinartz are the only players scheduled to make their final appearance for the Maroon and White.

This small loss to graduation leaves Chandler with his entire starting lineup back for another campaign and his three starting pitchers.

Individual talent will abound as eight of the top 15 hitters in the league and four of the top seven pitchers will see action.

The SWC's top batsman is Texas freshman Keith Moreland with a .468 mark. Second baseman Bobby Clark is hitting .351 and

first baseman Rick Burley is at .316.

David Buxkamper, another freshman, leads the Aggies in hitting with a .378 average. Sophomore catcher Mike Frazier stands at .375. Center fielder Jim Hacker is at .333. Sandy Bate .333 and second baseman Mike Schraeder .314.

Bobby Falcon leads the A&M pitching staff in strikeouts with 56 in 33 1/3 innings of SWC play. Bobby Wittkamp is the No. 2 man for the Aggies with a 5-0 season mark.

The starting lineup for A&M will have Frazier catching, Paul Miller at first base, Schraeder at second, Bate at third, Buxkamper at short, Billy Raymer in left, Hacker in center and Jim Bratsen in right.

The Aggies have been hampered all season by rain that slowed their progress during pre-conference play and washed-out three games with Rice and one with Baylor in SWC action. A rainout this weekend gives Texas its 48th title in 58 years.

In other conference baseball action this weekend besides TCU at Tech, Baylor visits Rice and Houston hosts SMU.

## SWC Tennis, Golf Start In Austin

Texas and Houston will resume their golf rivalry in the Southwest Conference championships Thursday, with Longhorn star Ben Crenshaw, Houston's star Bill Rogers and SMU's Mike Huebinger matched together.

They tee off at 9:30 a.m. at the Austin Country Club, the last of 15 pairings for the morning.

Each of the nine SWC schools will enter five golfers, with the low four 54-hole scores to count toward the team championship. An individual champion also will be named. Golfers will play 27 holes Thursday and 27 Friday.

Play also starts Thursday morning in SWC tennis at the varsity courts, near the University of Texas campus. Each school is permitted four singles and two doubles entries.

Defending champion John Gardner of SMU passed up his final year of eligibility to coach at SMU, and the leading contenders this year are the Mustangs' George Hardie, Texas' Dan Nelson and Houston's Lee Merry.

Hardie-Joe Edles, Nelson-Graham Whaling and Merry-Dale Ogden appear to be the best doubles entries.

The finals are scheduled for Saturday.

In golf, Houston won the SWC match-play last fall, and either the Cougars or Texas have won all nine tournaments they have entered this year. Houston leads Texas in tournament victories, 5 to 4.

Texas, however, is the defending SWC champion as Houston is competing for the first time on the conference championships.

Crenshaw is two-time NCAA champion, but Rogers beat him by seven strokes in the All-America tournament a week after Crenshaw was the low amateur in the 1973 Masters.

Eleven of last spring's top 20 SWC medal-play finishers are returning, including Huebinger, who completes the Crenshaw-Rogers matchup. Crenshaw won the individual SWC title last year, and Huebinger tied for eighth.

### Intramurals

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## Mustangs Bury Aggie Netters

Southern Methodist University defeated A&M Wednesday 6-1 in the last college tennis match of the season for the two teams.

Tim Vann of SMU lost the first match 5-7, but came back in the next two matches to defeat Bill Wright 6-3, 7-5. SMU's George Hardie also beat Bill Hoover of A&M, 6-2, 2-6 and 6-2.

Adi Kurim took the Aggies' Van Courson in two sets, 6-4, 6-3, while Kermit Smith of A&M lost to Joe Edles 6-0, 7-6. SMU's Woody Blocker defeated Carter Lomax 6-3, 7-6.

In doubles action, Hardie and Blocker of SMU teamed to trounce Courson and Lomax, 7-5, 6-4, and in A&M's only victory of the day, Wright and Hoover beat Kurim and Edles, 6-4, 7-6.

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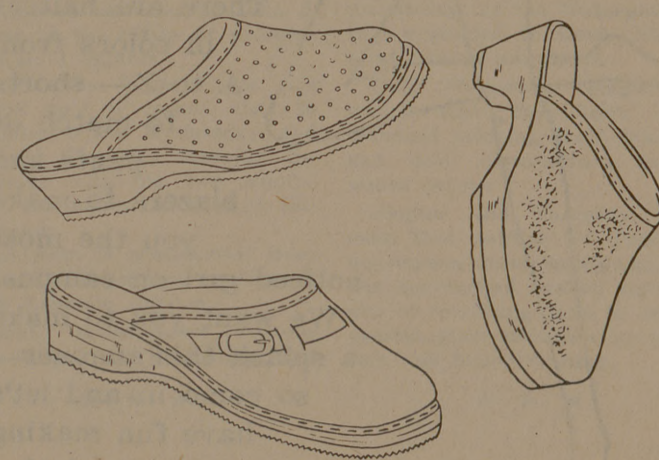
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