and Billie Jean King got into an

eyeball-to-eyeball, name-calling

joust Wednesday on the eve of

their \$100,000 winner-take-all

tennis battle of the sexes, which

broke into a squabble over whether

"I don't mind you calling me

a hustler, chauvinist pig or ego-maniac," the 55-year-old Riggs

told his 29-year-old woman ad-

versary. "But you shouldn't call

me a creep. It is not a nice word."

Billie Jean didn't budge an

"It is not such a bad word in

Beverly Hills," she replied. That

"I think she should have apolo

gized, but she didn't," Riggs said He said that Billie Jean used the

term in a national magazine

a 30-minute press conference in

the bubble outside the Astrodome

where their match will take place

since reaching Houston.

It was their first confrontation

Asked how she felt about Riggs

who triggered this highly pub licized match with his derisive

comments about women in genera

and women's tennis in particular

Billie Jean said: "I like him and

I hate him. He is so ridiculous Sometimes I laugh, but mostly

Making a prediction about the

match, Billie Jean said she ex-

pected the best-of-five match to

go only three sets. She left no

doubt who she thought would win

Riggs said, "She expects to

Riggs and Billie appeared for

was as far as she would go.

Bobby "is a creep."

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floor. I will scrape her up. She is a woman and is subject to women's emotional frailities. She will crack up during the match."

Earlier, Billie Jean had been against Riggs, who shamed Margaret Court in their Mother's Day

The pill-gulping Riggs is a 5-2

battle in San Diego May 13. The best-of-five set duel with optic yellow tennis balls, which has excited and divided a nation,

a synthetic green carpet. The match will be shown na-

tionally by ABC-TV and to some 40 countries overseas via satellite. Europeans will have to stay up until after midnight to view it.

Television sponsors reportedly no worse than an 8-5 underdog paid \$90,000 a minute for commercial TV time.

Billie Jean became ill and defaulted in a third-round match in the recent U.S. Open at Forest Hills, but the five-time Wimble-

HOUSTON (AP)-Bobby Riggs scrape me off the Astrodome is scheduled at 7 p.m. CDT over on the scene early this week and announced in a loud voice: "I am fine, physically and mentally. I am ready. All I can say is Bobby had better be ready, too."

> While Mrs. King has remained in virtual seclusion, avoiding all the fanfare and gimmickry associated with the unique promotion, Bobby has been swinging wildly on a merry-go-round of parties public appearances and late night sessions, gabbing with the press don women's champion showed up in his seventh floor suite.

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Games	Guest Picker	Mike Rice	Ted Boriskie	Kevin Coffey	Rod Speer	Louie Holzem	T. C. Gallucci
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S. Carolina at Houston	UH	UH	UH	UH	UH	UH	UH
Riggs vs King	Riggs	Riggs	Riggs	Riggs	King	Riggs	Riggs
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Since that time the schools have played in Baton Rouge on all but two occasions, a 19-14 victory in the 1944 Orange Bowl in Miami and a 28-0 Aggie triumph in

LSU has a firm 21-12-3 lead in the overall series, including an 18-6-1 edge in games played in Tiger Stadium. In games played at neutral sites, most of which were in the early part of the series, the schools are dead even

The Bengals and Aggies have met every year since 1960 and rivalry, winning 11 times, tying loss in 1970, when Lex James hit Hugh McElroy on a do-or-die 79down with 19 seconds left in the

return for a third quarter touch-

colorful rivalries in LSU football The LSU-Texas A&M series history adds its 37th chapter has seen its share of great play-Saturday when A&M rolls into ers, with Aggies such as Yale Lary, Gene Stallings, Jack Par-Tiger Stadium.

The Aggie-Tiger series dates back to the 19th century, 1899 to be exact, when the two schools met in College Station with A&M

Those were the days of ironmen players and iron-men schedules, since LSU was scheduled to face both Texas and Texas A&M on the road in the space of three days. The Bengals, playing only

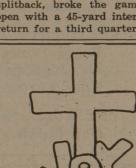
met only four times in College Station. The Aggies own a 3-0-1 ledger at home but the schools haven't played here since 1922.

Dallas in 1955.

at 3-3-1.

LSU has dominated this recent one and losing only once. LSU fans will remember the only defeat as the season opening 20-18 yard bomb for the winning touch-

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