

# A&M Women's Sports Grows In Sophomore Season

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Intercollegiate athletics for women has been here for two years and within this short time the girls have a lot to brag about. During the first eight weeks of school, the volleyball and softball teams have finished successful seasons with bowling swimming and basketball scheduled to get off the ground before Christmas.

Under the coaching of the women's athletic director, Kay Don and volunteer coach Toby Crow, the softball team made big waves in state competition. After taking first in district, the girls, led by pitcher Robin Oakley, were fourth seeded in the state meet.

They finished seventh over-all, losing to fourth place Lamar University and second place Texas Women's University. There are high expectations for next year as six of the nine starters were freshmen.

Volleyball, under the direction of Ersen Arseven, went to district after little preparatory play. They play well for being an inexperienced team," Arseven said. The girls went on to take third at District.

In the Baylor meet the girls lost only to the first place team. Again, it's the story of a young

team, which hasn't played ball together before. The majority of the team is sophomore and freshmen.

Bowling will meet its first competition this weekend at the State meet. The first team consists of top averages, Carole Bauer, with Pam Brown, Sarah Savage and Terry Manning. They'll be facing 12 other schools.

Swimming starts workouts officially Monday with some 30 girls out for the team. Their first meet is Dec. 8 and 9.

A&M finished second in state and hopes to overtake the University of Texas who took first. There are many unseen and unknown swimmers making their bid and some of last year's nucleus is returning.

Basketball tryouts are going on at present and girls are trying for the positions.

Gymnastics is working out, with six girls forming the base. "Slowly and surely the team should mature by spring," said director Buddy Barte. "There are some good freshmen and sophomores coming up, but the team isn't working out as often as I'd like.

Badminton had a good season last year with Debbie Berrier and Dianne Bradshaw winning second in doubles competition. Most team members are working

on their own. Golf is much the same with its members practicing by themselves.

Tennis has 28 girls participating with Jane McLaurin, Ellen Buchanan, Karen Boerner and Meredith Howard returning to better the second place finish in last year's District play.

"We hope to do better. Many of the University of Houston's strong players who beat us out last year have graduated. Right now we're running drills on our own," said Buchanan.

All competition that takes place on the intercollegiate level is coordinated through Texas Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics for Women.

The state of Texas leads most of the United States in its concern for women's athletics for the first national organization to handle women's sports is about three years old.

The need for an organization of this magnitude evolved as state after state started supporting its women's programs through the efforts of women to provide outlets for existing talent.

"Intercollegiate play offers girls who were good in high school an opportunity to keep competing and improving. Most girls who come out for varsity teams at A&M aren't P.E. majors, but girls who are interested in developing their skills," Connie Karscher, one of the pioneers for women's collegiate sports at A&M, said.

"This year, the program has picked up. It's five times better than it was last year. We didn't do fantastically, but we did well enough to get known. Now, we've got more involvement from the girls and even some from the guys, who have coached and helped with teams," another founder and competitor in intercollegiate sports, Debbie Berrier, said.

"And if girls keep coming to A&M who'll come out for sports, there's a real possibility for us to be a power in the Southwestern Division of the National Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women," Karscher said.



BASKETBALL is just one of seven sports currently available to girls through the A&M Women's Athletic Association. (Photo by Cathy Curtis)

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## Kevin's Korner



By KEVIN COFFEY, Sports Editor

The Texas Bowl, perhaps better known as the Cotton Bowl, may be left high and dry when bowl invitations go out next Saturday. The Jan 1 contest may not have a top 10 team in for the festivities.

Alabama voted to go to the Sugar Bowl where it will probably face Notre Dame. This means Penn State, the Cotton Bowl's No. 1 choice, will probably go to the Orange Bowl. Why? "I feel like Penn State will go for the money," said Cotton Bowl president Field Scovell. Scovell points out that everyone wants to play a higher ranked team but Penn State has just about run out of people to play so the extra \$100,000 offered by the Orange Bowl should be enough to draw the Nitany Lions to Miami.

Nebraska or Tennessee seem to be the logical picks since LSU just might be paired with Penn State.

Baylor is next to try and stop the Texas Championship express. Somehow this train always stops in Dallas on New Year's Day.

The Bears have lost to Texas 15 years in a row, the longest team vs. team domination in SWC history. Darrell Royal has never lost to Baylor though he was tied in 1957, his first year at Texas.

The duo of Roosevelt Leaks and center Bill Wyman has people arguing which one should win the Heisman Trophy. Leaks gobbled up 342 yards last week against SMU, a SWC record.

Game time is 2 p.m. in Austin's Memorial Stadium and Texas is a 27 point favorite. TEXAS 45; BAYLOR 17. Texas Tech, another conference bowl candidate, faces old tormentor TCU.

The Horned Frogs have beaten the Red Raiders the last two years. The Frogs beat Tech 31-7 last year in the Raiders' homecoming and Saturday is TCU's homecoming in Fort Worth.

TCU's victory over Baylor puts the Frogs' record at 3-4. Some insiders still say Frog coach Billy Tohill is on the way out. Texas, Rice and SMU remains on their schedule.

Game time is 2 p.m. in Amon Carter Stadium. Tech is a 14 point pick. TEXAS TECH 35; TCU 17. Arkansas 5-3 and 3-1 in conference, faces Rice Saturday in Houston at 2 p.m.

Arkansas is still a bowl hopeful after last week's victory over the Aggies and Rice is just trying to win something. The Owls are 1-6 and 0-3 in conference. Dickey Morton needs 264 yards to become all-time SWC rushing champ.

Arkansas is the most improved team in the conference after taking early beating by USC and Oklahoma State and have won four of last five by a total of 20 points. Arkansas is a seven point favorite. ARKANSAS 21; RICE 19.

The University of Houston travels to Colorado State for a 2 p.m. kickoff. Houston is 7-1 and Colorado State stands 5-4. The Coogs are still big in the bowl picture and should finish 10-1 for the season.

UH ran up 606 yards last week while beating Florida State and the Coogs are averaging 450 yards per contest. The passing of D. C. Nobles and a strong running attack put the Houston offense sixth in the nation. Houston is a big 30 point favorite. HOUSTON 54; COLORADO STATE 17.

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