

# A&M Tankers Outswim Texas Tech

## Ags Qualify Five Swimmers for National NCAA Competition

The A&M swim team qualified five swimmers for national NCAA competition as it defeated Texas Tech, 63-50, in a dual meet Friday and the women took second in a six-team relay meet Saturday.

Both meets were held in A&M's P. L. Downs Natatorium.

The women's 400 medley relay posted a 4:42.1 minute time with Jeanne Collins, Babs German, Carol Hempill and Margaret McLean swimming the qualifying minimum. Steve Prentice, men's team captain, swam a :54.0 second 100 backstroke in the first leg of the 400 medley relay, giving him the right to compete in NCAA nationals.

"Many individuals swam times as good or better than those posted near the end of the season last year," said coach Dennis Fosdick.

Mike Vanderhurst exemplified this with his :54.4 second butterfly leg in the 400 medley relay. He shaved several seconds off his fastest time of last season with the swim.

In the 200 free style, Doug Meaden and Jim Yates posted good times for this time of year with a 1:49.0 and a 1:50.7, respectively. In the other two individual freestyle events, freshman Bill Cunningham proved himself posting a :22.8 second 50 and a :49.5 second 100.

"We've never swam this well this early in the season before. Not just single individuals did well, but three of four people in the same event turned in good times. I'm very proud of both the men's and women's teams," Fosdick said.

The women turned in good times, but of more importance were their first place finishes over the University of Texas in the 200 free and 200 medley relays, the two relays offered in state competition. Texas took first over A&M last season at the state meet.

"There is a lot of talent to be developed and worked with on the women's team, with the state championship in its reach. All the hard work that some of the guys have put in is really paying off and coming out of a winning water polo season helps. Both teams have in me thing on mind: to win," Fosdick said.

During January, the men's team will travel to California and compete at the University of California at Davis Jan. 8, at San Jose State Jan. 11, and at the University of California at Berkeley Jan. 12. They'll return home and compete against the University of Texas at Arlington

Jan. 19 and then travel south to meet the University of Houston Jan. 26.

The women will return early

from Christmas break to pick up training and will swim against San Antonio College, there, Jan. 23.

# Simpson Closing In On Brown's Record

BUFFALO (AP)—O. J. Simpson of the Buffalo Bills is within striking distance of Jimmy Brown's season rushing record of 1,863 yards and a prayer away from the 2,000-yard mark.

Can he do it with only one game left in the regular National Football League season? For that matter, will the Bills let him?

O. J. needs only 61 yards in the game against the Jets at New York Sunday to wipe out the mark that Brown set with Cleveland in 1963.

Since Simpson has rambled for 100 yards or more in each of 10 games this season, his chances of shattering Brown's record are excellent.

But to hit the 2,000-yard plateau, Simpson would need 197 yards, a much more formidable task. But that kind of yardage is within Simpson's ability, as he proved in the season opener at New England when he ripped off 250 yards for an NFL record.

And in Sunday's game against the Patriots here, Simpson ran for 219 yards on a snow-coated field as the Bills trimmed New England 37-13. The yardage gave Simpson another NFL record—100 or more yards in 10 regular-season games.

That eclipsed Brown's record of nine. And it enabled O. J. to

tie another of Brown's marks. Until Sunday, Brown had been the only player to get two 200-yard games, rushing for 232 against Dallas and 223 against Philadelphia en route to his 1,863-yard season 10 years ago.

Patriot Coach Chuck Fairbanks said the Jets can stop Simpson "if they break both his ankles."

Bills Coach Lou Saban was rather philosophical about records. "I'm not going to kill off O.J. for a record," he said. "Winning against the Jets is the only important thing."

Wide receiver Bob Chandler was more enthusiastic about Simpson's record prospects. "There's nobody who wants to get the record for O.J. more than the guys on this team," Chandler said, "and that's because none of us have ever, ever heard him mention the record."

Simpson, looking forward to the Jets game, said, "That's going to be a lot of yards to get next week."

He noted that the Bills have a chance to crack Miami's year-old team rushing record of 2,960 yards. Buffalo needs 177 yards on the ground to turn the trick.

"If I can break the individual record and if the team can beat Miami's record, it'll be the biggest day of my life," Simpson said.

# UCLA Still No. 1; N.C. State Waiting

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Their heralded showdown now less than one week away, UCLA and North Carolina State easily retained the two top spots in this week's Associated Press college basketball poll released Monday.

The Bruins, who raised their record to 3-0 by beating Southern Methodist 77-60 Saturday night, continued to head the pack, receiving 1,022 points in the voting by a nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters. The Bruins received first-place votes from 45 of the 52 members participating in this week's poll.

North Carolina State, 2-0 after routing East Carolina 79-47 and Vermont 97-42, is second with 910 points, including six first-place ballots. The Wolfpack will get a chance to take over the top spot when they meet UCLA Saturday in St. Louis.

There were no changes among the top five. Indiana, 3-0, held onto the No. 3 position with 750

points, followed by Maryland, 1-1, with 691 points and North Carolina, 2-0, with 580. Maryland received the lone first-place vote not garnered by UCLA or N.C. State.

Notre Dame, 4-0, climbed from eighth to sixth with 509 points. The Irish get a chance to continue their climb Tuesday night when they meet Indiana.

Marquette, 4-0, retained the seventh spot with 500 points. Providence dropped from sixth to eighth with 364 points despite winning their only game of the week by an 84-44 score over St. Leo.

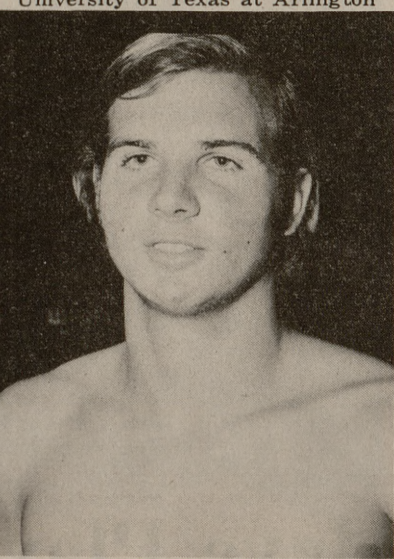
Louisville, 3-1, remained ninth with 262 points. Memphis State, 4-0, made the biggest jump, vaulting from 20th to 10th with 176 points.

Penn climbed from 16th to 11th, Long Beach State retained the No. 12 spot and Alabama moved up from 18th to 13th. Completing the top twenty are Arizona, Kansas State, South Carolina, San Francisco, Syracuse, Jacksonville and Southern Cal.

South Carolina, Syracuse and Southern Cal are all newcomers to the list. Kentucky, 10th last week, dropped out of the top twenty, as did Houston and Nevada-Las Vegas.

The Top Twenty, with first-place votes in parentheses, season records through Saturday's games and total points. Points tabulated on basis of 20-18-16-14-12-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1:

1. UCLA (45)	3-0	1,022
2. N.C. St. (6)	2-0	910
3. Indiana	3-0	750
4. Maryland (1)	1-1	691
5. N. Carolina	2-0	580
6. Notre Dame	4-0	509
7. Marquette	4-0	500
8. Providence	1-0	364
9. Louisville	3-1	262
10. Memphis St.	4-0	176
11. Penn	3-0	160
12. Lng. Beh. St.	2-1	147
13. Alabama	2-0	128
14. Arizona	3-1	86
15. Kansas St.	3-1	80
16. South Carolina	3-0	65
17. San Francisco	1-2	59
18. Syracuse	3-0	57
19. Jacksonville	3-1	53
20. Southern Cal	2-1	48



Steve Prentice

# SWC Gives Nod to Gals

DALLAS (AP) — The Southwest Conference opened its doors for women to compete in intercollegiate athletics Saturday, raised ticket prices, and issued six private reprimands, but failed to discuss an investigation into the 1971 Rice football program.

The SWC faculty representatives issued a statement saying the conference "shall be a regulatory body for participation of students in each intercollegiate athletic activity in which the Southwest Conference declares a championship."

"This opens championships and competition to any student eligible for participation."

In the original wording of the SWC constitution the word "men" was in place of "students."

"You might see a pretty girl running out to the huddle to give a play next year in football unless that rule is changed" said executive secretary Cliff Speegle.

A committee was formed to discuss the part that women could play in intercollegiate athletics.

The SWC faculty representatives did not discuss an investigation triggered by a free lance writer's book about payoffs to Rice football players.

"All the facts are not in on the case," said Speegle. "The private investigation will be pursued. We have a rule that the information must be in our hands 20 days before a meeting."

The private reprimands Saturday came from what SWC president Neils Thompson of Texas described as "minor recruiting violations." The offenders were not named.

The football tickets were adjusted from \$6 to \$7 for intra-conference games.

The SWC also voted for strictly junior varsity competition across the board in all sports, eliminating freshman teams. Junior varsity football will likely be played on Monday and the player is eligible to compete the next Saturday. However a player can't compete in a Saturday varsity game and play for the junior varsity the next Monday.

In other action, the SWC:

- Voted for a rotating schedule for nine years with each team playing the other twice a season when Houston enters the 1975-76 SWC basketball campaign.
- Set April 5-6 as the date for the SWC spring faculty meeting at Rice.
- Set April 22-23-24 as the date for the spring tennis meet; April 24-25 for golf; and May 18 for track all to be held at Rice University in Houston.
- Formed three separate committees of faculty representatives who will make their own investigations into alleged violations of SWC rules and report their findings to the conference.
- Approved letters similar to pamphlets used in the Atlantic Coast Conference to advise school-boy recruits just what are the SWC recruiting rules. This was requested by the football coaches.
- Approved a request by Rice University that basketball player William H. Sparker be declared eligible because he dropped out the first semester due to illness.

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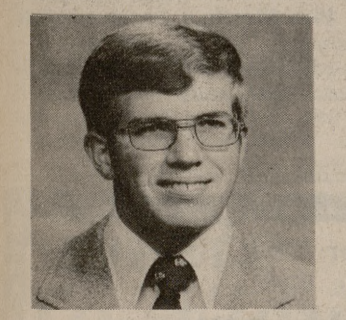
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