

# A&M wrestlers take first in state

## Matmen wrestle way to third straight championship

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For the third consecutive year the TAMU wrestling team has brought home the first place trophy in the Texas Wrestling Conference State Meet.

A&M racked up 77 points, 22 points above the nearest contender, Le Tourneau College. The team won first in four of the ten weight categories.

Joey Robinette won the team's award for outstanding effort of an individual. He won his match in overtime to give the team extra points. The award was a pair of gold cuff-links and tie-clasp. Robinette has been wrestling for one year.

"I felt embarrassed getting it," said Robinette, "because I felt that all the other guys and their efforts all year long made my efforts for one afternoon look terribly small. They're all a great bunch of guys."

Coach Bill Kahler credits the championship to "team balance and team effort. That placed eight out of 10."

"Desire and a lot of hard work

did it," said Jim Giunta. "We just plain out-conditioned the other teams. Every body else died in the last few minutes and we sucked it up."

A&M started off in the first round preliminaries with six pins, breezed through semi-finals, the first round consolations, consolation finals and went to the finals with five team members still in front. The resulting four wins is

the most ever for TAMU.

John Manning, who went into overtime in his match in the finals, commented, "The team as a whole displayed a lot of desire, strength and ability. We proved we were champions against some good opposition."

At this state meet overtime consisted of three one-minute periods. Consolation matches were three two-minute periods. Finals

were the usual eight-minutes.

Frank Cox, Giunta, Bill Jones and Manning are now eligible to compete in the national wrestling meet in Drake, Iowa on March 1.

Individual Results		
Wt. Categories	Name	Results
118	Frank Cox	1st
126	Jim Giunta	1st
134	Charlie Leu	3rd
142	Bill Jones	1st
150	Blair Monhollon	4th
158	Joey Robinette	4th
167	Mike Trahan	6th
177	Ray Shepherd	6th
190	John Manning	1st
HWT	Jim Rike	2nd

Team Results	
A&M—1st—77 points	
Le Tourneau—2nd—54½ points	
North Texas—3rd—42½ points	
Texas Tech—4th—40 points	
Richland—5th—38 points	
Texas University—6th—27½ points	
SFA—7th—18 points	
West Texas State—8th—17 points	
Southwest Texas—9th—14½ points	

## UCLA cold in Oregon

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — UCLA is working on its longest losing streak in eight years and Coach John Wooden admits the Bruins no longer "deserve to be number one."

Wooden, whose team lost Friday night to Oregon State then again here Saturday to Oregon, said, "We are a fine team . . . but obviously, there are some who can beat us."

The University of Oregon, boosted by sniper-like outside shooting of sophomore Bruce Coldren, upset UCLA 56-51 Saturday. The night before, Oregon State beat the Bruins 61-57.

The Oregon teams—both made up mostly of freshmen and sophomores—ironically were the last two teams to deal UCLA back-to-back defeats in 1966. The losses were the first in the Pacific Eight Conference in four years for UCLA.

"We played a better game against Oregon State. Oregon just did an excellent job," Wooden said after Saturday's debacle. "Coldren hit shots we gave up on the press and they kept the ball away from Bill Walton low. We should have been able to take advantage of that. We didn't."

Coldren hit 12 of his 14 field goal attempts, including two critical ones in the last minutes when Oregon went to a four corner offense to use up the clock.

The keep-away game worked well, and UCLA was forced to foul Oregon to get at the ball.

UCLA jumped to an 11-2 lead, but Oregon knotted it at 22-22 halfway through the first half.

Oregon Coach Dick Harter said his team relied heavily on defense and waited for good shots

on offense. Oregon's Gerald Willett and Greg Ballard kept track of UCLA All-American Bill Walton and held him to 11 points.

"It's funny," Coldren said after the game. "When you first see those UCLA players, you think they're gods. Then you play them and you find that they are people just like the rest of us."

The first half of UCLA's long weekend came Friday night in nearby Corvallis when Oregon

State took a 61-57 win.

Freshman George Tucker, described by Oregon State Coach Ralph Miller as the team's worst free throw shooter, hit four free throws near the end of the game to give OSU the margin it needed.

Oregon State also cashed in on serious last minute UCLA errors. In the final five minutes, Walton had two turnovers and Tommy Curtis had three, plus a foul that cancelled a basket by Keith Wilkes.

## Fem tankers place third in TCU meet

A&M's women's swimming team, paced by Jean Collins and Carol Hemphill posted a third place here Saturday in the Texas Christian University Invitational swimming meet.

The University of Texas at Austin won the meet with its superior depth accounting for 388 points. Texas Tech had 314.5 points and A&M totalled 288 points.

The Aggies won nine of 15 events including four first places for Collins and three for Hemphill. A&M's 200 yard freestyle relay team of Hemphill, Collins, Barbara German and Beth MacArthur posted a 1:48.8 winning time, which stands as a school, pool and state records and qualifies the team for the national championships.

Collins won 100 yard individual medley and also took the 50 yard freestyle and backstroke events. Her 26.4 time in the freestyle race is a new school record.

Hemphill splashed to a winning time in the 100, 200 and 400 yard freestyle events and took second in the 50 yard breaststroke.

German and MacArthur finished 1-2 in the 50 yard butterfly and although placing 10th in the 1-meter diving events, Susan Johnston set a new school record.

A&M took only nine swimmers to the meet.



FRESHMAN CHARLES EMLEY returns a smash in Friday's match with St. Edwards. The Aggies shutout St. Ed, 9-0, and has yet to lose a match in dual meet competition. (Photo by Rodger Mallison)

## Netters blank St. Ed, Lamar

A&M's streaking Tennis Team registered two more shutouts over the weekend to up its record to 4-0 in dual matches.

The Ags beat St. Edwards on Friday without losing a set. Freshman Charles Emley dispatched John Waddell 6-0, 6-4, then teamed with Senior Bill Hoover to trounce Trey King and Gary Lane 6-0, 6-0. Mark Silberman beat John Whitmore 6-0, 6-1 and John Kirwan, defeated Lane 6-2, 6-2. Silberman and Kirwan teamed to down Tim Sulak and David Abraham 6-0, 6-0. Frosh Tom Courson blanked Sulak 6-0, 6-0, then teamed with brother Dan Courson to finish off Waddell and Whitmore in the day's toughest match 6-5, 6-4.

In Beaumont on Saturday the Ags shutout Lamar to continue its undefeated string. "This was our toughest match to date," commented coach Omar Smith. "We won all of the split matches."

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