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THE BATTALION WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1974

Rugby team national champs

By TONY GALLUCCI **Staff Sports Writer**

The Texas A&M Rugby team traveled to Baton Rouge last weekend to compete in the National Intercollegiate Tournament and returned carrying four wins and the National Championship.

Bolstered by outstanding play from wings Steve Beckendam and Randy Harju, the Ags managed to down Georgetown Univ., 32-0, and North Carolina State, 26-3, in first round action.

In the semifinal match against Florida State on Sunday, fly half Hillard Simmons controlled the ball well for A&M while David Esslinger made the important tackles and George Alden key runs. The game with FSU ended in a 7-all tie, but A&M prevailed in the tiebreaker consisting of the

Ags paste St. Mary's,

keep perfect record

teams trading kicks until one team missed. Team spokesman Simmons noted, "Florida State was definitely the number two team and was probably the best team A&M has ever played."

In the final game, LSU effectively shut off the outside running threat of Harju and Beckendam. Outside forwards Bobby Way, Jim Goulding and Ken Buchek took up the slack, though, and the Aggies prevailed, 12-0.

Simmons also indicated that "Sports Illustrated" was present but does not know if that magazine will publish a story.

The team, sponsored by the Former Students Association, will travel to Dallas this weekend to play the Harlequins and will return the next week to host a rematch with LSU.

Roster

TAMU's National Rugby Champions

Left Prop-Gene Sungy

Hooker-George Alden Right Prop-Louis Gorilla

Second Row Forwards — Jim Goulding and Bobby Way Eighth Man-Ken Buchek Scrum Half-Aaron Cahoon (captain)

Fly Half-Hillard Simmons Inside Center-Carey Whitehead Outside Center-Joel Stockton Left Wing-Steve Beckendam Right Wing-Randy Harju Fullback-Bruce Mills Coaches-John Gunn and Lee Roberts



AGGIE RUGGER advances the ball against LSU in finals of Saturday's Intercollegiate Rugby Tournament. A&M defeated the Tiger's to claim the first national championship for Ag-gieland since 1939.

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By TED BORISKIE

The A&M baseball team continued to be a big hit Tuesday as they blasted St. Mary's University on both ends of a doubleheader, 3-1 and 19-5, extending their season record to 6-0.

Paul Miller got things off to a bang with a home run hit off of St. Mary's Bruce Vetters' second pitch of the opening game. Vetters settled down and held the Aggies to six hits, their most punchless performance of the season.

Jim Bratsen nailed a double to left field and was driven in by Mike Schraeder's single in the fourth inning for the second score of the game. Catcher Mike Frazier's bases empty homer in the fifth inning concluded the scoring for the Ags.

Jackie Binks pitched a scoreless game until the seventh inning when St. Mary's pinch runner Joe Gonzales apparently scored on a signle by Steve Yeglis but A&M's Jim Hacker caught Gonzales on an appeal play when he failed to touch third base on his way home. Cleo Bustamante scored later in the inning for St. Mary's only run.

The powerful A&M hitting came back to life in the second game as the Aggies meted out 20 hits to drive in 19 runs.

After being held scoreless in the first inning, the Aggies took the lead in the second as Sandy Bate singled to left field. Fred Russ singled to right field to advance Bate a base and Mike Schraeder drove him in with another line drive to right.

Miller led off the third inning

mer were driven in on a double by Woods. Hacker made it to first on a fielder's choice and Bratsen drove in Woods with a single. Bate walked to load the bases and Schraeder, coming up for his second appearance of the inning, tripled to unload them.

Russ sacrificed to bring in Schraeder and recorded the first out of the inning. Raymer popped up to first to give the Aggies two outs with the bases empty.

The Ags were far from finished as Hawthorne singled and Miller drove him to third with another single to left field. Woods walked to load the bases and Hacker singled to drive in Miller and Hawthorne. Bratsen fanned to end the inning but not before the Aggies had scored an amazing 13 runs to take a 19-2 lead.

Because of the length of the fifth inning, the game was short ened to seven innings.

St. Mary's came back with three runs in the top of the seventh but by then, as two-thirds of the crowd who had already left obviously knew, it was all over but the shouting.

Twins pace PV over fem cagers

TAMU's girls basketball team thought they were seeing double Tuesday night and dropped a 41-33 decision to Prairie View A&M before they regained their vision.

Identical twins, Creola and Ceola Tamplin, combined for 25 points to lead Prairie View to the win. Creola, who scored 30 points in the Houston tournament, scored 13 of those points to lead all scorers.



with a double to left field and was then joined on the bases as John Woods walked. Bratsen walked to load the bases and Bate drove in miller with sacrifice to deep center field. Schraeder drove in Woods with a single to center and the Aggies took a 3-0 lead.

Bill Raymer started the fourth inning with a double to right field and was driven in by Miller's single to left. Jim Hacker hit the third home run of the day to increase A&M's advantage to six points

St. Mary's came back in the top of the fifth with two runs off of sophomore Clint Thomas but the Aggies exploded in the bottom half of the inning to put the game out of reach.

Schraeder began with a double to center field and was advanced home courtesy of a couple of wild pitches. Fred Russ drew a walk and scored on a double by Raymer. Raymer, in turn, scored on a double by Tommy Hawthorne, Miller drew a walk and both he and Ray-

Dana Callaway connected on five field goals to lead Aggie scorers with 10 points before fouling out. Cissy Auclair hit three field goals and three free throws to total nine points while Ruth Whitely netted four goals to tally eight points.

"All the girls played well," remarked coach Kay Don, "we just weren't hitting well. Dana (Callaway) has improved," continued Don. The coach commented that the lack of Auclair's scoring as compared to recent games was that, "Cissy was pretty well guarded all the time, sometimes they had three people covering her."

The team (1-5) travels to Denton this weekend for tournament action at North Texas State. The girls will play SMU in the first round at 12:30 p.m. Friday.



Combination Dinner - 1 enchilada, 1 tamale, taco, rice and beans guacamole, tostada, cheese dip, hot sauce.