

Rugby seeks state title

National champs after fourth straight

A&M's national intercollegiate rugby champions will place their state title on the line Saturday and Sunday at TAMU in the Texas Rugby Union Championship playoffs.

The Aggies broke the semifinal bracket two weeks ago when they defeated San Antonio 11-7 and Austin 20-18. A victory this year would mark the fourth consecutive state title year for the Aggies.

Heavily favored to bring home the bacon again this year, the Aggies will face an Odessa team, sponsored by the University of Texas, Permian Basin, in their preliminary game at 2 p.m. Saturday. A contest between Fort Worth and Houston will precede the Aggie contest at noon. The winners of both games will advance to the championship contest at 3 p.m. Sunday.

The Aggies will face the weaker of the four finals teams in Saturday's action, but the championship game will find two well-matched and determined rugby

squads pitted for the final.

Rugby, the game used as the pattern to form American football, is a faster pace. One of the major differences in the two games is that the forward pass, the mainstay of many collegiate and professional football offenses, is not allowed. The ball may be passed only in a direction opposite that of the goal. Also, a player must release the ball when tackled.

TAMU's rugby squad gained national prominence two months ago by winning the National Intercollegiate Championship crown in Baton Rouge. The team's last major action going into the playoffs was in competition at the Monterrey National Invitational Tournament in California.

The only collegiate team in the tournament, the Aggies finished 11th in a field of 32 highly rated rugby club teams. The Aggies emerged from the prestigious tournament with a 3-2 record, with the widest point spread in

their two losses being 15 points—two "scores," a "kick" and a "field goal."

This week-end's action will be the final competition for the team this year. The first side, or "A" team, will lose two or three players through graduation, but most experienced players will be retained for the coming season, which begins about the second week in September.

All games Saturday and Sunday will be held on the Drill Field in front of the MSC. A bonus game Saturday will feature the second side, or "B" team championship game between Trinity and Dallas. The two teams will square off about 4 p.m., depending on when the TAMU-Odessa game ends.

Admission to all contests is free, but spectators are urged to bring their own lawn chairs, since bleachers at the playing field will accommodate about 200.

Cowboys, WFL continue battle

DALLAS (AP)—The Dallas Cowboys of the National Football League dropped legal actions against Calvin Hill and Craig Morton Tuesday but continued to seek an injunction against the World Football League, which lured away the two stars.

In a lively hearing before State District Court Judge Charles Long, the Cowboys said they would drop individual restraining orders against Hill and Morton after both players promised not to do any recruiting for the WFL until their contracts expire. Hill and Morton have signed 1975 contracts with WFL teams.

Still at issue is the main dispute—whether the court will continue to restrain other Cowboy players from negotiating with and signing with the new league.

Long recessed the hearing at 7 p. m. Tuesday night until 10 a. m. Wednesday. The recess in effect continues a restraining order issued by District Court Judge Ted Akin that was to have expired at 12:05 a. m. Wednesday.

Both Hill and Morton were called to testify Tuesday afternoon, as were various Cowboy representatives.

Marshall Simmons, Cowboy attorney, asked Long to recess the hearing, saying he was tired, but Long turned down the request.

Long's exhaustion stemmed from shuttles between Dallas and Houston, where a rescission of a federal counter-injunction by the WFL against the Cowboys enabled the Dallas proceedings to take place.

The tug of war began 10 days ago when the Cowboys obtained a temporary restraining order in state court that barred the WFL from recruiting, or even talking with, Dallas players.

The Cincinnati Bengals obtained a similar restraining order against the WFL but when the team went to court Monday to try to turn the order into a permanent injunction they were denied.

The decision of the U. S. District Court Judge David S. Porter thus allowed the WFL to continue recruiting contacts with Bengals players.

Kevin's Korner



I wish I wish

I WISH:

- 1... that A&M would win the Southwest Conference sportsmanship award for 1974. From the fans support and performance so far, they deserve it.
- 2... that the athletic department would break down and build a new baseball field and name it "Tom Chandler Field."
- 3... that A&M would win a football championship that would supply enough money to up-grade all sports.
- 4... that the Student Senate will become a viable organization, leading the students in a progressive manner.
- 5... A&M would field a basketball team that was all finesse and not all muscle
- 6... that the Aggie track team would complete a season without being crippled with injuries
- 7... that Philadelphia, Houston, Chicago White Sox and Texas would win their respective baseball divisions
- 8... that the NCAA would lift all scholarship limitations.
- 9... that pro baseball would stop raiding the college ranks for baseball talent.
- 10... that Randy Knowles, Jim Hacker and Paul Miller get selected in their respective pro drafts.
- 11... that I was a scratch golfer
- 12... A&M yell leaders would support sports other than football.
- 14... that women's athletics would prosper at A&M.
- 15... that intramurals had more money
- 16... that we had 30 more handball courts
- 17... the Dallas Cowboys would lose every game, every year.
- 18... the University of Texas would lose every game every year in every sport.
- 19... that A&M would win every game in every sport every year.
- 20... that all these wishes would come true.

I predict

- 1... A&M will never win the SWC sportsmanship award. There is just too much bias among the other schools.
- 2... somehow, A&M will play baseball on Kyle Field for at least four more years.
- 3... The Aggie football team will post at least eight wins next year, playing before record home crowds.
- 4... for the most part, the Student Senate will remain a useless organization
- 5... the Aggie basketball team will be the most physical team in the conference as long as Shelby Metcalf is coach.
- 6... our track team will be hurt more by scholarship limitations than physical injuries.
- 7... neither Philadelphia, Houston, Chicago or Texas will win a division baseball title this season. Most will be lucky to play .500 ball.
- 8... the NCAA will loosen scholarship limitations but not enough.
- 9... the cost of running minor league baseball will force the pros to let the college ranks develop talent.
- 10... Jim Hacker will play major league baseball.
- 11... someday, I'll break 75. Scratch is another matter.
- 12... A&M will win the football championship before Aggie's 100th birthday.
- 13... most yell leaders, like most students, will neglect sports other than football.
- 14... under the leadership of people like Kay Don and Dr. Mildred Little, women's athletics will make it... and soon.
- 15... more money will eventually be supplied to intramurals as the programs continue to improve.
- 16... everyone will continue to have to wait a hour to play handball because of lack of facilities.
- 17... Dallas will, unfortunately, win the Eastern Division football championship the next three years.
- 18... The University of Texas will dominate SWC sports overall for a least two more years.
- 19... A&M will slowly return to conference leaders in most sports by 1976.
- 20... If wishes were fishes, paupers would be kings.

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