

National champs open season in St. Louis

# Ruggers win second place

By TONY GALLUCCI  
Staff Sports Writer  
The national intercollegiate  
champion rugby side opened their

1974-75 season this past weekend  
by taking a second place in the St.  
Louis Invitational Tournament.  
The white side returned with a

2-1 record against strong amateur  
non-collegiate teams.

The Aggs won the first match  
against a heavily favored Chicago  
Lions side. The Aggies showed out-  
standing defensive strength in a goal  
line stand that lasted most of the  
first half. The score at half was 0-0.  
The Aggs broke the match open in  
the second half on a score by Rod-  
ney Smith.

Smith scored from 25 yards out  
and Bruce Mills converted to give  
the Aggs the lead 6-0.

Will Edmonds jaunted 50 yards  
minutes later to set the Aggs up,  
12-0.

Chicago, normally a strong offen-  
sive team, scored to put the Lions  
on the scoreboard. Mills countered  
with a penalty kick, followed by  
another Chicago tally to make the  
final score 15-12.

The Aggs played under the lights  
the same day and lost to a powerful  
Kansas City team, 13-9. The Aggs  
only scoring against KC were on  
three penalty tries by Mills.

On Sunday, the Aggies bowled  
over St. Louis for second place,  
14-7. A&M set the early pace and  
controlled the game throughout.  
David Eslinger scored the first try  
for the Aggs. Mills added a penalty  
score to give the Aggs a 7-4 halftime  
advantage. In the second half of play  
Mills added another penalty score  
and Tim Fitch scored for the whites.

# Sportfolio

By MIKE BRUTON

This season in the Southwest Conference seems to  
be one of those weird years. There are a lot of good things  
about it. There were 2.7 miles of real estate gained by six  
SWC teams Saturday, which brings to mind the Arkansas  
defense.

While the six games totaled 4,193 yards and 275  
points, the Razorbacks were getting their second succes-  
sive shutout with a 49-0 victory over TCU for a confer-  
ence opener. This game followed a 60-0 ambush over  
Tulsa.

How do you like this for strange occurrences, SMU  
ran up 505 yards on Oregon State and took over the total  
offense lead in the SWC. But Texas A&M, Texas, Arkan-  
sas, and Texas Tech all average over 300 yards per game.  
The SWC offenses must be strong believers in the  
run, since six of the top ten rushers are gaining five yards  
or more per carry. Our own Bubba Bean still holds the  
lead he's held all year, averaging 107.5 yards per game  
and 7.0 per carry.

All in all, the Southwest Conference is off to a good  
start this season, and if it continues to progress at the  
same rate, it will be one of the strongest conferences in  
the nation.

This is good when you think of the overall sense, but  
it is bad when you consider A&M will have to face all the  
SWC teams. It promises to be an interesting race with  
Texas A&M, Texas, Arkansas, and Texas Tech all being  
top contenders. Let's keep our fingers crossed and see  
what happens.

I feel a lot better about making predictions in my  
column since I led the Batt Picks last week with a 9-1  
record. So here I go with a 10-0 week.

SMU makes their shortest road trip as they go to  
Fort Worth to take on The TCU Horned Frogs. TCU  
hasn't done very well this season with a 1-3 record so far  
and SMU is leading the SWC in total offense. SMU BY 9.

Baylor better bring out the tanks and machine guns  
when they go to war with Arkansas, who have proven  
themselves to be a top bidder for the SWC crown. The  
Hogs have too much defense. ARKANSAS BY 17.

If anyone is willing to take a real long shot bet on  
Rice to defeat Notre Dame, and if you're smart you'll try  
to write it off on your income tax statement. You will  
surely lose. NOTRE DAME BY 24.

The Texas Longhorns will really have it in for the  
Oklahoma Sooners when they meet in their annual  
shootout Saturday. But Oklahoma should have their  
team registered by the law as a lethal weapon. The  
Longhorns will have to know more than Karate to beat  
them. OKLAHOMA BY 14.

Everyone is wondering whether the Texas Aggies  
can accept the Red Raider's challenge after last week's  
loss to Kansas. But I'm here to tell you that the Texas  
A&M football team will be ready when the clock strikes  
12 Saturday. I'm sure that the Red Raiders will be ready  
too, but the Aggies are very hungry for a SWC champion-  
ship. A&M BY 7.

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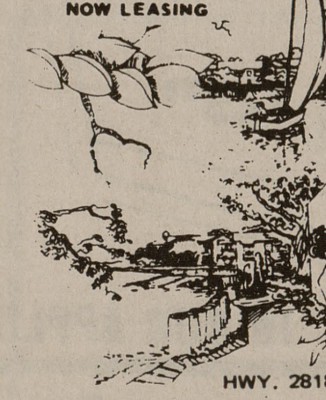
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