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By MARK WEAVER
A battle for the state of Texas will take place within the next week both collegiately and professionally. The inconsistent Dallas Cowboys travel to Houston to take on the Oilers Sunday and the Aggies travel to Austin to play the University of Texas Friday. Baylor is still in the running for the Southwest Conference Championship, but it's hard to think of the Bears after the Ags ran over them, 20-0.

switch loyalties and watch the Cowboys go down the tube in style. A double victory for ex-Oiler fans and Cowboy haters. But now Oiler fans are crawling out of the woodwork. Everybody seems to be saying "Oh, I've always been an Oiler fan."

A game between the Oilers and the Cowboys has taken on new meaning this season as the Oilers are currently on a four game winning streak and the Cowboys are not playing as they have in past seasons. Both have 5-5 records.

The Aggies are another team coming back after a few dry years. Especially against the seemingly unbeatable king of college football in the Lone Star State, TU.

It's amazing how many fans from Texas seem to be rooting for the Washington Redskins these days. And you don't have to be a psychology major to figure out why.

The Texas A&M-Texas game has always been a big one, even when the outcome was meaningless but for school pride. This year the game means a trip to the Cotton Bowl for the Aggies or maybe no bowl game at all. And a victory for Texas could put them back in the Cotton Bowl for the seventh consecutive time.

A number of years ago there was such a thing as an avid Houston Oiler fan. But due to a number of terrible seasons, different coaches and no winning attitude the Oiler fans slowly drifted away.

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Most true Oiler fans do not like the Cowboys. I speak from experience. So when the Oilers couldn't get it together for what seems like forever, most fans switched interests to another team. But not to the Dallas Cowboys.

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And since the Redskins seemed to whip the Cowboys pretty regularly (last weekend being the latest triumph), the Oiler fans could

So the big week is here. And the underdogs have suddenly come from some bad years to finally give some strong competition for the kings of Texas football. But competition doesn't necessarily mean a sure victory.

Ag wrestlers start season with wins

By ROBERT CESSNA
Staff Sports Writer

John Manning, the Aggies' state champion at 190 lbs. had a long day. At Richland Manning was decided by Barney Barnett, 5-2. At North Texas State he wrestled in the unlimited class and was decided by John Kancikstadt, 2-1.

The A&M Wrestling team came home from a road trip with two wins in their pocket. At noon the Aggie wrestlers traveled to Richland Community College in Dallas where they pulled out a 26-21 victory.

They then traveled to North Texas State University for a 6 p.m. match. A&M won their second match of the day defeating North Texas State, 30-12.

Frank Cox the Aggie's state champion in the 118 pound class could place no better than even for the day. At Richland he got soundly decided by Randy Perez, 11-0. He came back at North Texas State to decision David Kreuger, 7-1.

This was Coach Bill Kahler's team's first duel meet of the year. Last year they had three state champions with Frank Cox, Jim Giunta, and John Manning.

Jim Giunta, the defending state champ in the 134 pound class had a rough time gaining two decisions. At Richland he decided Brian Yeskavich, 8-6 then decided Charles Ferguson, 5-2, at North Texas State.

The 30-man squad is shooting for its fourth straight state championship. Their next match will be against the University of Texas at G. Rollie White Coliseum, Nov. 25 at 7:30.

Mark Monhollon in the 142 pound class pinned Dave Manning at Richland then decided Steve Zeringue, 11-8 at North Texas State.

The following is a scoring summary of the matches. In wrestling, if you decide your man by less than 10 points you get three team points. If you decide by more than 10 points you earn four team points. A pin and forfeit are worth six each while a draw gains two points.

Ag Jud Dudley in the 167 pound class came home with two pins to his credit. Dudley was losing badly at Richland when his opponent, Tim Blankenship slipped and let himself be pinned.

Jerry Rasmussen in the 177 pound category finished with a decision and a forfeit. At Richland Rasmussen decided Les Changers 9-7 and at North Texas State Uni-

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Houston tourney title evades Ag ruggers

The Rugby team failed to defend its championship in the Lone Star Invitational in Houston this past weekend. The Ags lost to the Dallas Harlequins 12-6 in the quarterfinal

round after a rugged schedule. The side beat Galveston 15-0 in the first round and slipped past Minneapolis 9-6 in the second.

4-milers run a muddy 6th

The Texas A&M cross country team placed sixth in the four-mile SWC Cross Country Meet held last Monday at a muddy Roman Forest in New Caney.

Team spokesman Hillard Simmons said, "we wanna bitch. We had to play three games Saturday and the last was against the Harlequins. We had only an hour's rest and they were fresh."

Charles Cottle was the first A&M runner to finish, running an excellent 19:57 for the 17th place. The remaining A&M runners scoring points were Jacob Yemme, finishing 33rd in 20:37, Danny Jones turning in a 20:38 for the 34th and his best time of the season, Jimmy Sheffield, getting 43rd with a 21:06, and David Gillette, running a 21:10 for 44th place. The team total was 170 points.

The team is now 7-3 on the season. The second team lost their first match to the Houston Strikers 16-6. They topped LSU 25-0 in the first round of the consolation bracket and defeated Corpus Christi 3-0 to win the bracket.

Arkansas, with its stable of Irish and English runners, easily captured the team championship with 30 points to 61 for runner-up Rice. Rice's Jeff Wells won the individual title for the second straight year with the winning time of 19:12.

The second team is 5-2 for the season. The next match for both teams will be here on the drill field, Saturday. The second team will take on the second team from the Baylor Medical Branch at 1:30 p.m. immediately followed by the first team game.

Based on their victory in the District 6 Cross Country Meet Nov. 9, Arkansas will be the only team advancing to the NCAA Meet, where they will compete against contenders Oregon, Oklahoma State, UTEP, and Tennessee. There is no individual favorite due to the graduation of 4-time winner Steve Prefontaine of Oregon.

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Freeman leads Spurs win

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP) — Donne Freeman pumped in 35 points and the San Antonio Spurs held off a late rally by the New York Mets and posted a 116-113 American Basketball Association victory here Thursday night.

Taylor led the Mets with 30 points, Erving had 24 and Paultz 19.

The Spurs opened an eight-point lead in the second quarter and then stopped the long-range shooting of Bryan Taylor, Billy Paultz and Julius Erving.

The key to the game came in the third quarter when Spurs Coach Tom Nissalke lifted starting center Sven Nater in favor of 6-11 reserve center-forward Coby Dietrick.

Rich Jones scored 21 points for the San Antonio and George Gervin added 18.

Dietrick shut down Paultz outside shooting and San Antonio moved away to an 85-79 third quarter lead. Nissalke called Dietrick "a big factor in the game tonight. He came in and really did a job on Paultz."

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