

Texas, Houston hand tankers defeats

Swimming team suffering from player losses

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"It's like telling a guy who has been a miler all of his life that he will have to become a pole vaulter in two weeks," said Texas A&M Swimming Coach Dennis Fosdick.
Fosdick is referring to the situa-

tion he now finds himself in due to the loss of eight of his top men swimmers. Fosdick has had to call on freshmen to fill the depleted ranks and has had to use some of his experienced swimmers in events they have never been in before.
Six of the men have been de-

clared ineligible because of "freak type thing," Fosdick said. The six came up short on the amount of semester hours they needed. The group was under the impression the hours of several courses they were repeating in order to raise their grade points would be counted. Ap-

parently they received information from the wrong source because shortly thereafter Coach Fosdick got a phone call saying the six were ineligible.
Two more male swimmers were previously released from the team due to their involvement in a theft

case. The Athletic Department would release no further information concerning the pair.
These players, plus graduation losses, have negated all but 20 of the 270 points accumulated by the squad in last year's conference swim meet. Coach Fosdick speculated

prior to the season that his team had a shot for second behind depth-laden Texas. Now, he says the team will be fortunate to finish sixth, the lowest since he's been here.
"We're really in an experimenting stage right now," says Fosdick. According to him, it takes about two

years to develop a swimmer now he does not have two years work with. With only two full-larship swimmers left, Fosdick compares his predicament to being both your offensive and defensive lines."

The morale of the team has suffered somewhat from the situation and it has been "hard for to adjust." Fosdick feels the team will be set back two or three years in the recruiting department.

However, despite it all, Fosdick feels there is a "light at the end of the tunnel." In Friday's and Saturday's meets against Texas A&M, Houston, freshman Bob Lee took firsts in the 200-yard freestyle stroke both days and won the 200-yard individual medley against the Cougars. Both of his times were personal bests. Coach Fosdick also pleased with David Doms performance in the backstroke, saying he has continued to improve.

Greg Carver and Greg Meade drew praise from Fosdick for their respective efforts in the 100 and the 50-yard freestyle.

The women managed to do a little better, breaking three A&M records. Debbie Starr broke the mark in the 200-yard freestyle. Carol Hemphill did the same in the 200-yard individual medley. Another record that went out the window was by the 200-yard medley relay team consisting of Starr, Hollar, Kathy Singletary and McArthur.

A&M was defeated in both meets. The UH meet was the first time the Cougars have ever defeated A&M. The women swam against Texas and came fairly close, if the Horns' 16 points were taken out. Coach Fosdick said that "nearly every race was close. It was a good, close meet."

"It was a disappointment to us we should have beaten Houston. Even if they did beat us, it should have been down to the wire."

His swimmers have always done well at the conference meet but this year looks like a lost cause, says Fosdick. "By conference maybe we can pull something out of this disaster we've had. We've just got to have the guys to do it with."

The team swims next against Southwest Missouri this Friday at their last home meet. Next Tuesday the team will travel to Houston to compete against Rice.

Ags pass 100 mark

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SMU at 10 of 11 to the Ponies 11-19. A&M finished with 13 turnovers and an amazing 12 steals in the 'Stangs 28 turnovers and three steals.

Depth proved to be the backbone of the team from Dallas. Five players from each team scored double figures led by Williams' 16 and Parker's 16. The Ags, though, had 11 players score to SMU's eight. Eleven Ags played more than a quarter of ball, with only four going a half or better. SMU played eight men for better than a quarter, but going a half or more and two playing more than three quarters.

The Ags hit 100 points for only the second time this season on a Parker layup to up their season record to 13-4 and remain undefeated in conference. SMU dropped to 5-11 and 1-3.

The Aggies next game is Saturday at 2:00 on regional television broadcast from Fayetteville, Arkansas. Mike Mistovich will carry the game on KTAM radio. Arkansas is one game back of the Ags in second place.

Player	fgm	fga	ftm	fta	reb	stl	blk	pts
SMU								
Swelland	7	9	0	0	5	1	0	14
Swanson	5	8	0	0	12	2	0	10
Bourguin	4	9	2	2	3	1	0	10
Sagehorn	6	12	2	2	1	1	0	14
Arnold	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Lodwick	4	7	0	0	2	2	1	8
Robinson	3	7	0	0	2	1	0	6
Jacarc	1	4	1	3	5	3	1	3
Galindo	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robertson	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hetherington	3	6	6	6	5	2	0	9
Ralph	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Team totals	33	66	11	19	38	16	7	77
Texas A&M								
Player	fgm	fga	ftm	fta	reb	stl	blk	pts
Davis	6	12	0	0	8	2	0	12
Thornton	4	10	0	0	1	1	0	8
Mercer	4	4	0	0	2	1	0	8
Parker	7	11	2	2	4	4	0	16
Floyd	2	6	0	0	1	3	0	4
Williams W.	7	9	4	5	9	2	0	18
Roberts	4	8	2	2	2	1	0	10
Erwin	1	3	0	0	2	1	0	2
Joseph	2	4	2	2	7	3	0	6
Tone	6	11	0	0	2	0	0	12
Williams M.	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	6
Mezger	0	2	0	0	3	4	0	0
Team totals	46	85	10	11	42	26	0	90

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