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Return solid nucleus from last year's squad Baseball season almost here; Ags optimistic

By ROBERT CESSNA Staff Sports Writer

The sound of horsehide (or co-whide) meeting wood is almost training on Monday. And on Feb.

Bati sports

Game to be televised

Ags expect Arkansas to play deliberate game

By DAVID WALKER Staff Sports Writer In his weekly press conference Wednesday Texas A&M basketball coach Shelby Metcalf said that he of the Week. expects a "very deliberate" game

Mustangs ate like they did against teach best bet is to get out front and stay there. It will be difficult to control **BU** take top chips

(AP) — Baylor and Southern Methodist landed highly sought football talent Wednesday in mopup action with three bluechips still on the table.

Baylor assistant coach Cotton Davidson signed running back from getting tired," Metcalf added. David Seaborn, a 6-foot, 185 pounder from Austin S. F. Austin, who gained 1,675 yards in 1974. It was the most yardage gained rushing by an Austin schoolboy in 70 years. Southern Methodist signed All-

State receiver and defensive end Eddie Horn of Beaumont South Park, a highly sought performer.

The Bears were expected to sign two Tyler John Tyler products, noseguard Gary Johnson and bluechip tight end Ronnie Lee, wing back Billy Sims of Hooks and quarterbacks Ted Constanzo of San Antonio Churchill and Thomas Lott of San Antonio Jay

Lott and Constanzo said they will announce a decision before the end of the week while Sims hasn't said when he will make a decision.

Saturday when his league leading Aggies travel to Fayetteville to face the Arkansas Razorbacks in the Southwest Conference T.V. Game

"It's going to be a very tough basketball game," Metcalf said. "I expect Arkansas to play very deliberthe tempo of the game. They'll be doing everything they can to slow down the game and we'll be doing everything we can to accelerate it.

Metcalf's Aggies currently lead the SWC with a 5-0 mark, one game ahead of the Razorbacks who, like the Aggies sometimes employ the

"four corner" passing game. "We probably have more depth than Arkansas but depth won't be a factor Saturday like it has been. There will be five TV timeouts that will stop the game and keep them In assessing his teams perfor-

mance against SMU last Tuesday night Metcalf said, "I thought we played better against Tech and Texas but over all I thought we had a good game

"Our depth and defense finally took its toll and they just finally got tired," Metcalf said. "It looks like a three team race now with Tech, Arkansas, and us.

Metcalf didn't point out any one individual for having a good game against SMU. "We play as a team and as I've said before, this is a very unselfish group of men.

The Aggies return to G. Rollie White to play Baylor Tuesday night and then have a return match with the Razorbacks Saturday, also in

18 the Ags host Sam Houston in a The 1975 edition of the Aggie doubleheader beginning at 1:00 Chandler said.

"The weather has affected us." Coach Tom Chandler said. Due to the inclement weather the pitchers have been running and throwing on the astroturf. While the hitters have a batting cage and pitching machine

College Station. Metcalf was asked

if he thought playing the Razorbacks

twice in one week would be an ad-

vantage to either team. "Whoever wins the first game will have the

early in the season to talk about

championships. "Our two big things are to keep our mental attitude and to stay healthy. If we can do that we

Metcalf remarked that it was still

The Aggie - Razorback game can be seen in the Bryan-College Station

area on KCEN-TV. Game time is

2:00 p.m. with Frank Fallon and Dan Spika doing the play-by-play

Netters go

to Edinburg

for tourney

Silberman, and Charles Emley.

advantage in the second game.

will be all right.

to get work in on their hitting,

We return a good nucleus of last year's team," Chandler said. Last year's squad posted a fine 33-13 long with a 17-6 record in Southwest Conference play. The team finished the season ranked as the 15th best in the nation as ranked by the National Collegiate Baseball Publication. They were ranked fourth best until serious injuries hit Mike Schraeder and John Woods.

The team returns many top hitters who helped compose a .342 team hitting average last year. This was the second best mark in the na-

The added help in pitching is hoped to bolster the staff. Clint Thomas and David Lockett, both righthanders, are returning to head Chandler's fireman. Kirk Campbell and James Gibson are two newcom-

ers who hope to see action. Campbell is a righthander from Blinn Junior College while Gibson is a southpaw from Bee County Junior College. Both players were

Bowlers take lead in league

Led by Ray Scott's 190 average, the A&M Bowling Team is now in front of the Texas Intercollegiate Bowling Conference. The Ags now lead second place Houston by four

The Ags will bowl against UH in the first round of the A&M TIBC meet which will be held at the University of Houston bowling lanes on Saturday. The two leaders meet at Coach Richard Barker takes four 9:00.

of his top tennis players to Edinburg A&M won the TIBC meet held today to compete in the Pan Ameri- last weekend in San Marcos and can tourney Friday, Saturday, and hosted by Southwest Texas State. Sunday. A&M's top four ranked The Ags led with a 7-2 record. players will make the trip. Other top Aggie bowlers are

players will make the trip. The 16th ranked Ags will be led by Bill Wright, Bill Hoover, Mark Other top Aggie bowlers are Hal Vorland 186, Mitch Smith 181, John Chappuis 180, Larry Galvin 189 and Bill Bollinger 176. Tony Kirk, instructor, said, "We

everything.

The Ags return to Pan American on the 21st for a match followed by a have a good chance of being invited match in San Antonio the next day to a colossal tournament in Dayton, Ohio. They invite the top 12 men's with Trinity. The Ags will travel to Corpus teams, the top 12 women's teams

Christi the following weekend, and the top commercial and military Feb. 27, 28 to compete in the Cor- teams. This is the big time, TV and pus Christi tournament.

highly sought after before coming to A&M. Chandler also has a fine group of players coming back at other key

positions catcher-Tommy Hawthorne and Michael Frazier

first baseman-Jim Bratsen second base-Mike Schraeder shortstop-Fred Russ outfielders-Billy Raymer, Al

Thurmond, Craig Hodges Three newcomers are also ex-

pected to help the squad are Robert Bonner, Tommy Larsen and Don Bonner is a third baseman who

was drafted by the Montreal Expos out of high school. While at King High School in Corpus Christi he was one if not the top player in Texas.

Larsen is another infielder can play second, third, or shorth P. L. Milby High School. tread

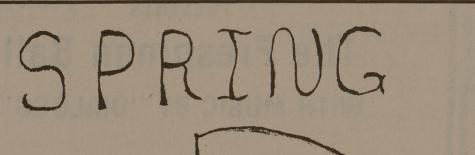
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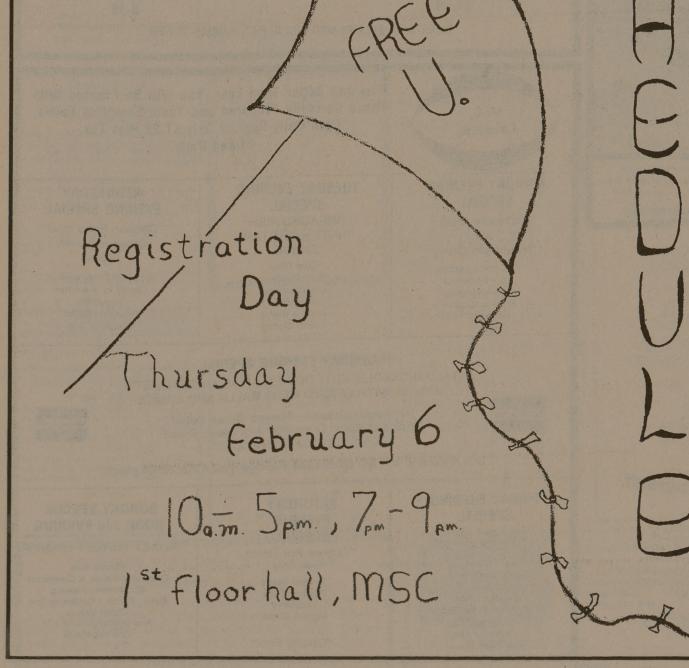
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