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Finish fifth at Laredo

Ags' high hopes dashed

By PAUL McGRATH
Staff Sports Writer

After setting out for Laredo's Border Olympics with high hopes, Coach Charles Thomas' track team came back with little more than just hopes for next week.

The Aggies had two key sprinters, Scottie Jones and Sammy Dierschke, pull up lame before they could compete in their respective events, the 120-yard hurdles and the 440-yard relay.

The loss of these two costs A&M a shot at points in both of those events. A&M's best time in the 440 relay (41.2) would have gotten the Aggies at least a tie for fourth in that event. Jones' previous clocking of 13.9 in the hurdles would have easily netted him first place.

But it was not to be the Aggies' day as A&M was shoved into a fifth place spot behind Texas, Rice, Baylor and TCU. Texas was able to dominate the meet by controlling the field events. The Longhorns took the first three spots in the shot put and the first two in the discus to gain 42 points in those two events alone.

Nevertheless, the Aggies had a few bright spots. Bill Newton had his best throw of the year in the javelin, beating his old mark by six feet. His 222-3 toss gave him the only first place points A&M was to obtain.

The mile relay team of Horace Grant, Adolph Tingan, Charles Butler and Doug Brodhead sprinted to a second place spot with a 3:16.0 time. High jumper Phillip McGuire tied two others for second with a leap of 6-6.

David Peterek pole vaulted his way into third place with a 15-0 effort. Brodhead took third place points for the Aggies in the 440-yard dash with a time of 47.6, his best thus far of the year.

Shifton Baker also bettered his time in the 440-yard hurdles by taking third with the stopwatch showing 52.9. Also taking a third for A&M was Bruce Smith who continues to battle Rice's Jeff Wells in the three-mile run. He too ran to his best time of the year with a 14:10.0. Smith has knocked off 19 seconds from his two previous outdoor races at that distance.

Tingan took a fifth in the 880-yard run with a 1:54.5, knocking a second off his previous best mark. Sprinter Charles Dawson sped to a 9.9 finish in the 100-yard dash to also pick up fifth place points.

Baker, without his teammate Jones beside him, dashed to a fifth place 14.8 time in the 120 hurdles. The only other Aggie to place was freshman Manfred Kohrs in the mile, coming in sixth. His 4:13.8 run was his best outdoor mile of the young season.

A&M plays host to Rice for the second time along with the University of Houston as those two schools travel up Highway 6 to test the Aggies in a tri-meet Saturday.

Aggies, Ponies vie in must SWC game

By TONY CALLUCCI
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DALLAS, Tex. — One down two to go.

That's the count for the Texas Aggies as they enter the final week of play of the 1975 Southwest Conference basketball season.

Fresh off a must 94-81 victory over TCU in Fort Worth the Aggies invade SMU's Moody Coliseum tonight in another must contest. The Aggies are currently tied for first place in the SWC with the Texas Tech Red Raiders. Both schools have two regular season games remaining. Tech is at Baylor tonight and finishes out at home against TCU while the Aggies play the Mustangs tonight and host the Texas Longhorns Saturday.

Should the Aggies and Tech end the regular season tied for the top spot they would meet in a one game playoff next Tuesday in Dallas. So for the Aggies to return to Dallas this year they have to leave town happy tonight.

SMU is not having one of their best seasons. But a victory over the conference leaders tonight, especially since that conference leader is Texas A&M, would just about make the Mustangs' season. It's no secret that there is no love lost between these two schools where basketball is concerned.

The Mustangs have a 4-8 conference mark and are coming off a 72-50 loss at the hands of the Arkansas Razorbacks but they aren't expected to play dead against the Aggies. The two teams met earlier this year in College Station with the Aggies winning 102-77.

In that game Webb Williams was the Aggie hero as he came off the bench to score a season high of 18 points. He was also the leading rebounder for the Aggies with nine, also a season high.

The Aggies will go with the same starting lineup that they have had during the conference season, seniors John Thornton, Mike Floyd and Jerry Mercer with juniors Barry Davis and Sonny Parker rounding out the top five.

This will be the 129th game between the two schools. A&M has won 61 while SMU has won 67.

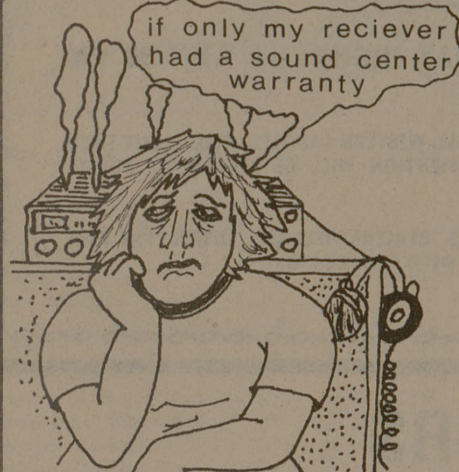
Tickets for the game are going fast but plenty are expected to be on hand at the 7:30 tipoff. The game can be heard locally on KTAM with Mike Mistovich doing the play by play.

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This Week in Intramurals

Track Competition

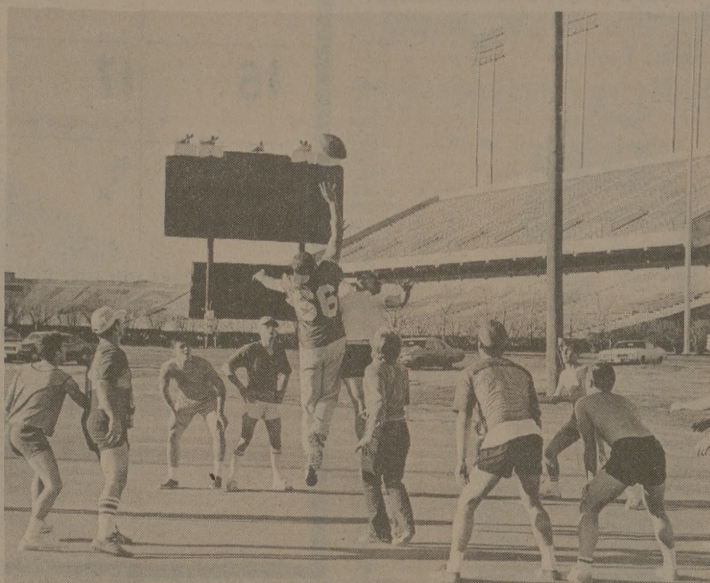
Well, it's time for you speedsters to get into the IM track competition and prove your expertise on the oval. The entries for track close on Tuesday, March 11. This year's competition consists of three meets. Military and Fish Preliminaries and Divisional Finals will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 7. Then, the meet on Monday, April 14 will consist of Civilian, Club, Recreation, Independent, and Women's Preliminaries and Divisional Finals. The big All-University Championship Meet will be held on Monday, April 21. All meets will take place on Kyle Field.

Teams are limited to two entries in a running event (except relays) and two entries in a field event. Substitutions will be permitted and each person may enter as many events as he or she wishes. Drop by the IM office for more information.



George Jussart, a fish Aerospace Engineering major, goes for a ringer for Squadron 8 in IM horseshoe competition. Quarter and semi-final championship matches will begin sometime in mid-March.

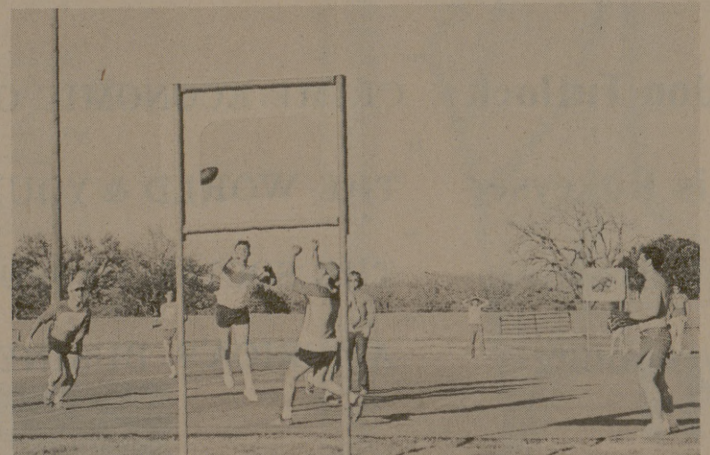
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Above - Bob Nossov (no. 66) and Bill Thornton go for a jump ball as E-1 and A-1 vie for all-university honors in IM flickerball championship game.

Below - Bill Thornton makes three points for A-1 as he puts the ball through the hole. See story at right.

Photos by Paul Nettell



Game of the week

E-1 becomes flickerball champion in close game

by Ray Woltrich

Flickerball has become a popular sport in many schools and colleges. For you good ole Ags out there that have never seen a championship IM flickerball game, here is the setting in a nutshell. Just imagine unleashing fourteen all-out, give-em-hell CTs onto a 53 by 30 yard flickerball court. Add to that a football and a referee that is supposed to control the action, and you have one of the top "fights" of the season.

In the game that occurred last week, E-1 defeated A-1 by a score of 18-16. Both teams played an extremely physical and aggressive game.

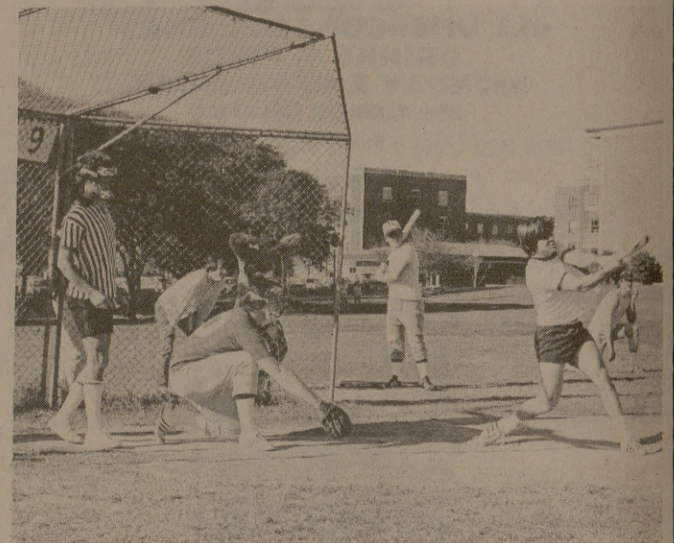
After seeing such a game, it is obvious as to why this new-fangled sport is growing so fast. Flickerball is a cross between football and basketball. The goal consists of a vertical board 4 feet high by 5 feet wide with a hole 2 feet by 3 feet. The goal is placed 9 feet above ground level and 15 feet from either end of the court. To score, the football is thrown at the goal in a passing motion. One point is awarded for hitting the goal and a team receives three points for putting the ball through the hole. The ball is

moved only by passes, yet the player with the ball can run laterally or away from his goal. Since play is continuous, the game is fast moving and exciting.

In the first half of the game, E-1 took the first few shots. Fighting the blazing afternoon sun that glared from behind the E-1 goal, they followed the lead of Bob Nossov (who scored four points in the first half). A-1's defense then rose to the occasion

and allowed A-1 to take the half time lead 10-8. Bill Thornton led the A-1 scoring in the first half with four points.

In the second half action, E-1 out-hustled the A-1 team. E-1's point scoring after several stolen passes allowed them to come back from their two point half time deficit. E-1's high scorer, Steve Canter, had seven points in the game. Joe McKnight also had seven points to lead in A-1's scoring.



Mark Gochenour of the Cremasters (Veterinary students) hammers the softball as his team plays the Mad Hatters (fish jocks) in IM softball play. The Mad Hatters squeezed by the Cremasters in a high scoring game, 18-17. IM softball games will continue through March and into April. Go and check out some of the action on scattered diamonds throughout the campus from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. on Mondays through Thursdays.

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