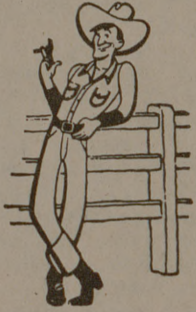


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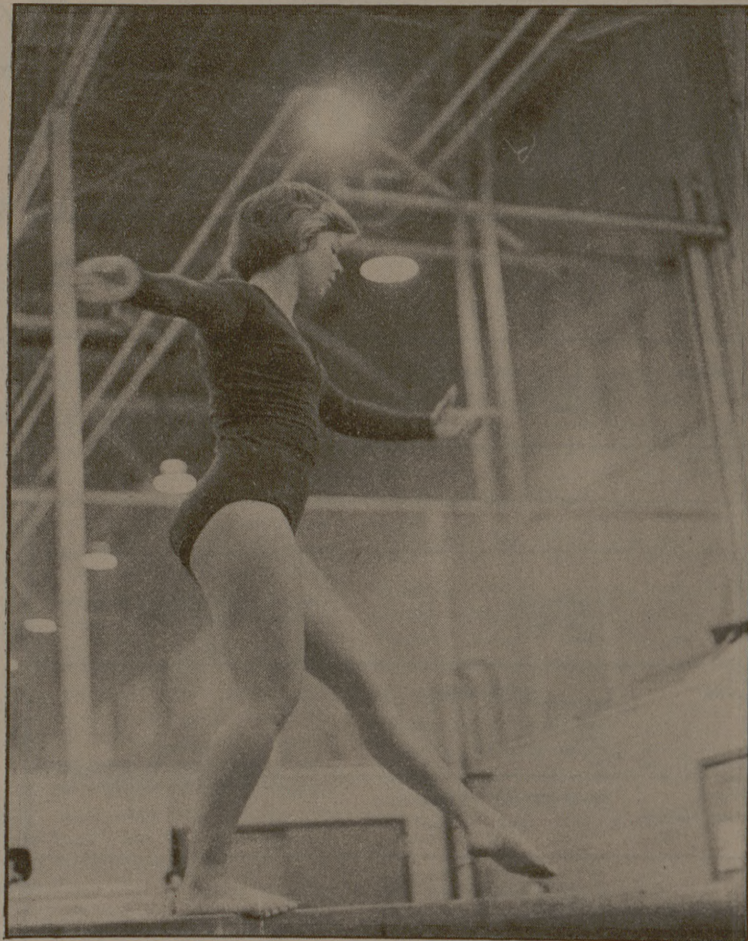


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National's prospect, Joan Mitchell performing on the
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Metcalfe all smiles at press conference

By DAVID WALKER
Staff Sports Writer

Unlike last week's press conference everyone was all smiles yesterday as Shelby Metcalfe met the press only one day after his Texas Aggies had wrapped up a share of the 1975 Southwest Conference basketball championship.

"Everything is still kind of dull," said the tired but happy Metcalfe. "I haven't been to sleep yet but it doesn't really bother me I'm so happy."

Metcalfe was talking about his team's sudden solo act atop the SWC. It came about Tuesday night when the Aggies drubbed SMU 100-77 and Baylor shocked Texas Tech in Waco 60-55.

A&M gals want cage meet win

By JIM CRAWLEY
Staff Sports Writer

A&M's women cagers will attempt to earn a place in a national tournament, today through Saturday.

The Aggies will compete in the AIAW Region IV tournament in Temple, after their first tournament win of the season, last weekend in Huntsville.

The women are presently 19-5 for the season with the last four wins at the Huntsville tourney. A&M defeated Texas A&I, Pan American, Sam Houston State and Southwest Texas, last weekend.

The Ags drew a first round bye for the Temple games. They will meet Arkansas at 3 p.m. today, in a second round game. The winner of the game will play again tomorrow at 3 p.m. The top two teams, out of 20, will advance to the national tournament.

During the Sam Houston tourney, Cissy Auclair had a total of 71 points in the four matches. Second highest scorer was Karen Aulenbacher, season topper, with 55. Following Auclair and Aulenbacher in scoring were Sally Morris, with 52, Laura Holmes, 46, and Diane Quitta with 24. Reserves receiving points were Dana Callaway, Ruth Whiteley, Lucy Neiman and Cindy Horton.

For the entire season, the point totals add up with Aulenbacher receiving 334 for a 13.9 average. Auclair follows closely with a total of 333 points and a 13.4 average. Quitta totals 214 for an 8.9 game average. Holmes has posted a 7.3 average with a total of 175 season points.

The cagers have scored a total of 1,620 points for the season. Ags have maintained an edge over their opponents, who have only scored 1,258 points.

Currently, the women are riding on a 10-game winning streak.

"We've got to remember we've still got one game to go but don't think our players will let Texas lightly," Metcalfe said.

Metcalfe spent most of the day talking in general about this year's Aggie team. "This is the most enjoyable season I've ever had," said Metcalfe. "It's just great there are many people around me who have contributed—I probably couldn't name them all. I have a great coaching staff. Norman (assistant coach Reuther), Bob (Gobin) and Clark (Jenkins) have done a great job."

Metcalfe went on. "We've worked harder this season than ever. I do think we've had two bad practices all year. Last year we had a miserable season and before we left we let the players know how tough it would be this year. It's been tough but it's been worth it."

"I want to win the conference for many reasons but the main reason so my players will get what they deserve," Metcalfe said. "This is a great bunch of guys. They are close, really close, the kind that will be lifetime friends."

Finally Dr. Metcalfe got around to talking about this week's TV game against Texas. (The game was originally scheduled for 7:30 Saturday night but was changed to 2:00 Wednesday.) "Texas isn't going to be the same Texas team that everybody saw on TV against Tech last week," Metcalfe said. "They are going to be tough but I think our guys will be ready. (Dan) Krueger and Ed Johnson had bad games against Tech, but they always play well against us."

Six Aggies will be playing their final regular season game Saturday. Jerry Mercer, Mike Floyd, Jake Thornton, Cedric Joseph, Wells Williams, and Chuck Tone.

Should the Aggies win Saturday they'll be SWC champions and will play a first-round game of the NCAA playoffs in Lubbock the following Saturday against an as-yet unnamed at-large team.

Ag golfers to compete in 2nd meet

Texas A&M Golf Coach Bob Ed is putting his charges through qualifying rounds to determine the travel squad for this Friday's LSU Invitational.

The tournament is the second of the year for the Aggies who finished second at the Border Olympics, 28 strokes behind the University of Houston. The LSU tourney will be 54 holes and will continue through Sunday.

Monte Schauer was the top scorer for A&M at the border with a 218. Behind him were Steve Whiteside with a 220, Bobby Baker with a 225 and Tom Sutter coming in from the links with a 226.

The team leaves for Baton Rouge following classes today.

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