

# Netters journey; face Longhorns

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The Texas Aggie tennis team hits the road today, its destination — Austin, to play that team in orange from UT.

The Aggies will face the Longhorns in a dual Southwest Conference match they can't afford to lose, this afternoon.

The Horns have a fine team this season and should figure to finish towards the top in the SWC standings. On top of that, the Aggies have never beaten Texas in dual matches at Austin.

"We will have to play real well to beat them," said Coach Richard Barker. "They are 'super-tough' and should be the team to beat in the SWC."

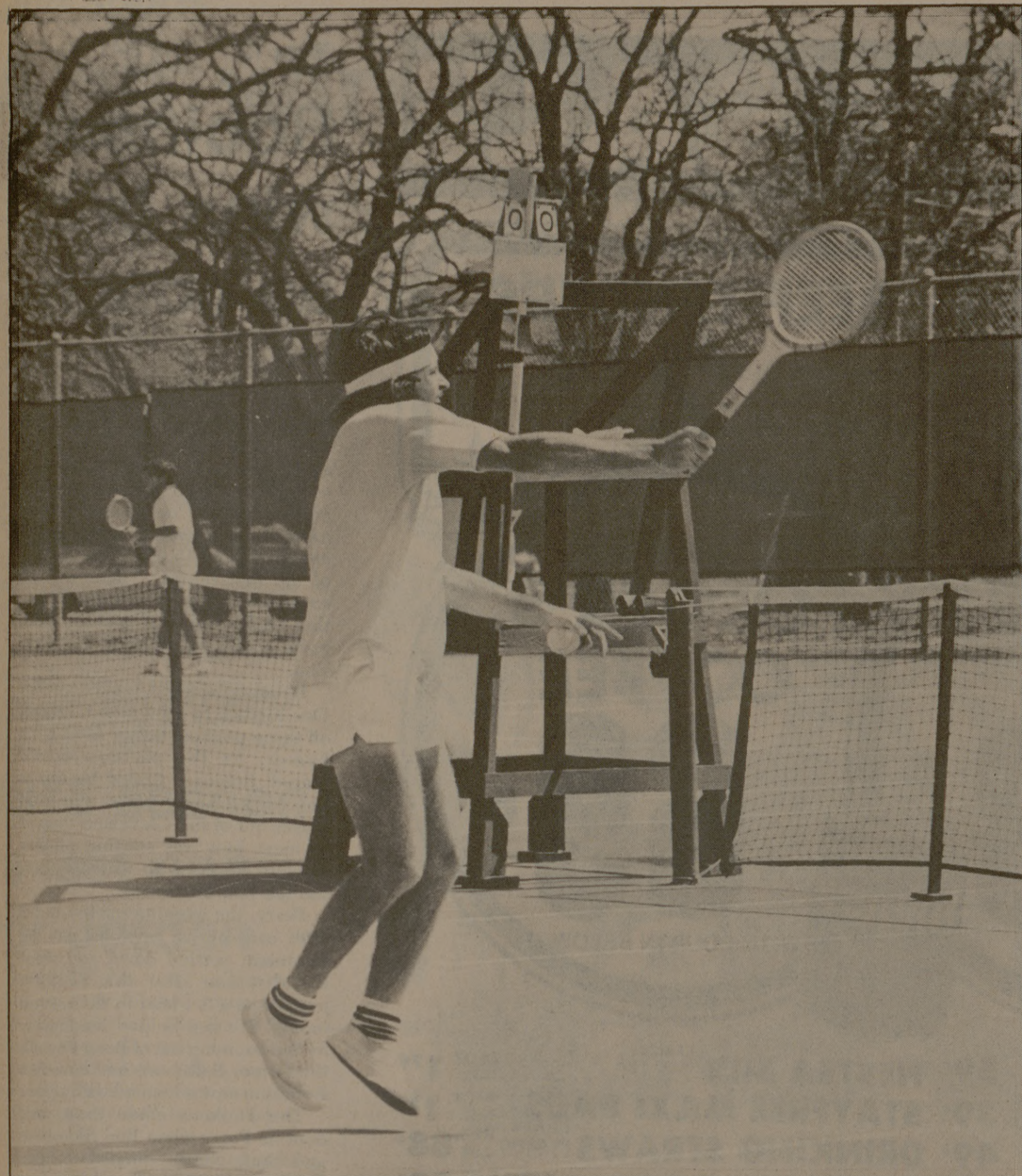
"They have had a tremendous

year, are well coached and do have a win over Southern California, one of the top teams in the nation," Barker remarked.

The coach showed confidence for his team by adding that they haven't given up all year and have done a good job on the court. "We might not have beaten some of the good teams, but we played pretty well. I think the kids will be up for the match," he said.

Barker will be going with seniors Bill Wright and Billy Hoover along with sophomores Charles Emley, Tom Courson, Mark Silberman and John Kirwan to compete against the Longhorns.

"The kids are looking forward to this match, knowing we are the underdog," Barker concluded. "But we will try to surprise people."



A&M's tennis ace Bill Wright delivers a serve.

# Rodeo overlooked as minor competition

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Among all the better known team sports on the Texas A&M campus, rodeo is sometimes overlooked as a "minor" activity.

However, the Aggie rodeo team is always a major contender for the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA) championship of this region.

Rodeo is normally an individual sport, putting one person's skill against the hardest bucking bulls and horses available.

Rodeo competitors like their sport because it's different than tossing a ball through a hoop or scoring touchdowns. It simply involves getting on an animal with one hand in a rigging and trying to sit there through an eight-second tornado.

In NIRA competition, teams from various schools ride against each other for a regional championship, and then against other regions for a national title.

The TAMU rough stock riders have won this region's championship for the last three years, and are currently in second place behind Sam Houston State University.

There have been three NIRA shows this year, in Huntsville, Kingsville, and Temple. There are still six rodeos to go this year, and Grady Groves feels the Aggie team has a good shot at the title.

Groves is a bull and saddle bronc rider on the team, and has been for three years.

"I think we have a good chance to catch Sam Houston," he said. "Even if we don't, though, we can still go to the nationals in Bozeman, Montana because the top two teams from each region are entitled to compete."

In order to stay on the team, the members must win and accumulate points. If another Aggie NIRA member is doing better than a team

member in an event, he replaces that person on the team.

Terry Chapman, another team member, is winning the saddle bronc event so far this year. Other members who have been on the team at some time during this season include Tommy Harkness, Mark Tillman, Cody Dutton, Johnny Powell, Jerry Hayes, Marta Pickens and Nancy Adair.

The Aggie Rodeo Association is currently planning its annual NIRA show, to be held May 1-3.

"Walt Garrison and Red Springer, United States Tobacco Co. representatives, will be at our rodeo," said Reed. "The company is giving scholarships to NIRA members this year to promote rodeo in colleges across the nation."

Regional event winners will get \$500 scholarships and \$1,000 will go to national winners.

The Aggie team has never won the national championship, but has finished in the top ten for the last three years.

Considering there are 130 NIRA teams made up of the country's top hands, just making it to the nationals is a pretty fair accomplishment.

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# Aggieland beats Batt, 64-60 in annual basketball exhibition

By KEN STROEBEL  
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Roundballers of the Aggie and Batt successfully exercised prior restraint on the Batt boardpounders 64-60 in the second "annual" Student Publications tilt Friday night.

In a C. Rollie White Coliseum that wasn't exactly sold out (with referees who reportedly were), the Aggie and Batt consistently stopped the Batt presses.

The game proved to be a tight one from the beginning with the teams tying at the 6-, 13- and 19-point mark in the first quarter.

Thereafter, the Aggie built up a progressively larger lead with the Batt trailing 35-28 at the half.

The Batt returned to play catch-up ball for the third quarter, the score continuing to see-saw in the Aggie's favor until fish McGrath whooshed to tie it 52-52 with 6:30

remaining in the fourth quarter.

The score stalemated at 62-60 in the closing moments of the game until Steve Gray shunned his mild-mannered reporter disguise with a valiant sprint and unsuccessful layup to the south end. Mike Bruton put in the Batt females in the closing minute of the game, but it was all to no avail; The Batt had missed its deadline. Final score: 64-60.

"They had good defense. I'll give them that," said Bruton after the game. "We just gave up too many easy ones."

Aggie editor-player-coach Norman Chatman reflected, "We played really good, considering. We have been practicing for two weeks and this is great revenge for last year's defeat by one point."

Asked about any particular Aggie-land standouts, Chatman added, "The military section are the ones that came through."

Even referee David Walker was charitable: "The fans were the best in the conference. There wasn't a bit of ice on the floor."

The diversified staffs added vari-

ety to the game. Kevin Bean proved you don't have to be tall to play well, Mike Bruton proved you do, and Glen Johnson contributed a distinctive volleyball flair to the game.

The Aggie's scoring force was led by Willie Cheek with 26 points and Greg Stevenson with 15. Guard David LaRue tossed in 14 with Tim Ricks and Kevin Bean hitting five and four respectively.

The Sports staff netted 49 of the Batt's 60 points with Bruton pumping in 21 to lead the scoring and McGrath and Nick Voinis hitting 18 and 10 respectively. Alan Killingsworth scored six and Jerry Geary hit five to round out the scoring for the Batt.

Aggie	Willie Cheek	26
	Greg Stevenson	15
	David LaRue	14
	Tim Ricks	5
	Kevin Bean	4
Batt	Mike Bruton	21
	Paul McGrath	18
	Nick Voinis	10
	Stamp Killingsworth	6
	Jerry Geary	5
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