

Ags win 4 of 5 games

By DAVID WALKER Staff Sports Writer

The last five games for the Texas Aggie baseball team were a case of some good news and some bad news.

First for the good. The Ags won four of the five games played. Now for the bad. The one loss was a costly

one to Texas Tech that virtually eliminated the Ags from the Southwest Conference race.

The Aggies won the Friday game from the Red Raiders 4-0 with Clint Thomas getting the win. Everything stayed just fine Saturday in the first game of the doubleheader when the Aggies scored in the last

inning to win 1-0 but conference hopes all but died when the Ags lost 7-4.

Yesterday the Aggies swept Northeast Louisiana by scores of 2-1 and 3-2.

Hoot Gibson was the winner of the first game giving him a 9-1 re-

cord for the year. The 9-1 record ties him with Tommy Chiles and Doug Rau for most victories in a single season. Chiles won nine in 1968 with Rau duplicating the feat in 1971.

First baseman Jim Bratsen had a home run in each game to pace the Ags who won their 27th and 28th games of the year. Bratsen's first homerun came in the seventh inning of the first game with the bases empty to give the Ags the 2-1 victory. Larry Reece was the loser for Northeast but he gave the Aggies only two hits.

His coach was so impressed by his pitching that he decided to start him in the second game. He pitched four innings of the second game but didn't figure in the decision.

The Aggies also waited late to win the second game.

The maroon men scored in the bottom of the sixth in the second game to win 3-2. With one out Mike Schraeder singled and stole second. He moved to third on a ground out and scored the winning run on a Robert Bonner single to right. Clint Thomas was the winner in relief of Jeff Scheumack. Thomas ran his season record to 6-2.

In the weekend series with Tech the Aggies needed a sweep to stay within striking distance of the Texas Longhorns who are undefeated with six games to go.

The Longhorns are 18-0 with games left with TCU and A&M. The Aggies travel to Rice Friday and Saturday before hosting the Longhorns the next week.

An Associated Press story today said that the Aggies had "virtually assured themselves of a spot in the NCAA baseball playoffs if they continue to stay in second place."

The Aggies' excellent record is good enough for the playoffs as the Aggies would play in either the Western Athletic Conference playoffs or the Big Eight playoffs.

The Aggies are now 28-6 for the season. The record for victories in a single season for A&M is 31 set in 1971 and again last year.

First Game
NE Louisiana 000 100 0-1 3 1
Texas A&M 001 000 1-2 2 0
Larry Reece and Jim Owey, Kirk Campbell, James Gibson 5 and John Biersner, W-Gibson, 9-1.
L-Reece, 2-3. HR-A&M, Jim Bratsen, 7th, bases empty.

Second Game
NE Louisiana 001 100 0-2 8 0
Texas A&M 011 001 1-3 6 1
Larry Reece, Randy Reynolds 5 and Jim Owey, Jeff Scheumack, Clint Thomas 4 and Tommy Hawthorne, W-Thomas, 6-2. L-Reynolds, 4-3. HR-A&M, Jim Bratsen, 2nd, bases empty.

A&M netters beat Lamar, get clobbered by SMU

By NICK VOINIS Staff Sports Writer

The Texas Aggie tennis team set a torrid pace Friday by defeating Lamar University but couldn't keep it up Saturday as it dropped one to SMU.

The Aggies swept past Lamar, 9-0, in a nonconference match as

Bill Wright beat Carlos Lopez, 6-4, 7-5, in the No. 1 singles match.

In the No. 1 doubles match, Billy Hoover and Wright defeated Lopez and Doug Rodwell, 7-6, 6-2.

Saturday it was a different story as the Aggies ran into some tougher competition — the nation's No. 4 ranked team, SMU. The netters lost

8-1 in that dual SWC match, by only winning the No. 1 doubles match.

Coach Richard Barker said he wasn't disappointed in his team's play but was downhearted that they had lost some close matches.

"We played pretty well but it's kind of the same story — we lost some close ones," said Barker. "I knew it would take a supreme effort to beat SMU." The Aggies' SWC record now stands at 15-29, while the Mustangs sport a 22-5 mark.

The SWC's 1974 No. 1 singles player, George Hardie, beat the Ag's Bill Wright, 7-5, 6-1, in the No. 1 singles match. In the doubles competition, Hoover and Emley defeated the Mustang's Hardie and John Muller, 6-4, 6-3.

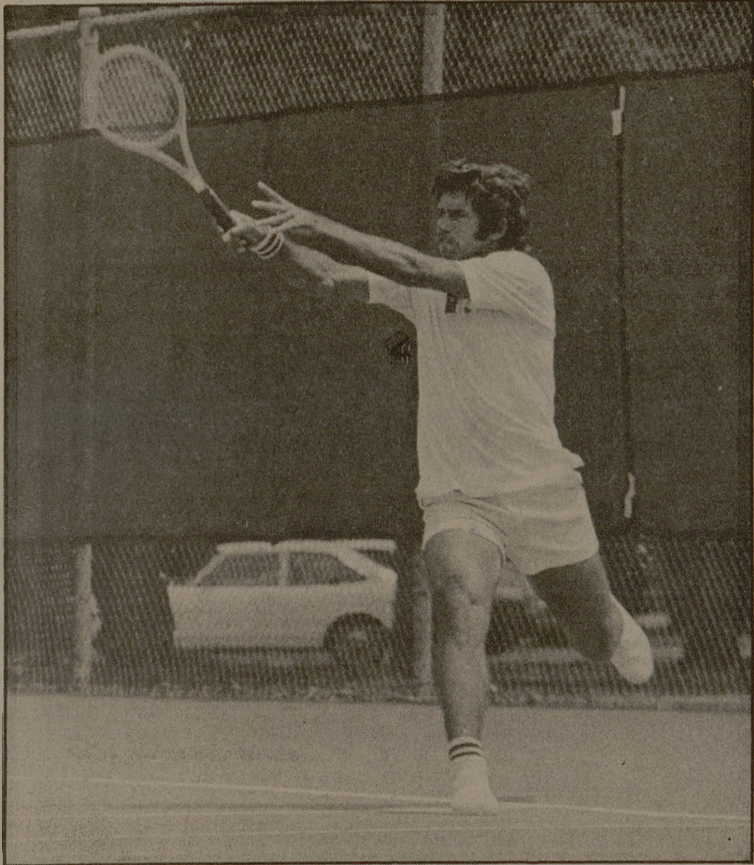
"SMU has a lot of ability and a tremendous amount of talent," Barker said of SMU, who sport no players from the state of Texas. Their top six consists of four players from California, and one each from Australia and South Africa.

Barker spoke highly of Hardie by saying anyone who plays him has to play extremely well to beat him. "George Hardie is a tremendous asset to that team. A winner, all the way," said the Aggie mentor.

The Aggies simply outclassed SMU in the first doubles match according to Barker. Hardie and Muller were previously unbeaten in SWC doubles competition. "It was the best doubles match that I've seen here in ten years," Barker commented.

He believes the only problem faced by the team of Hoover and Emley is consistency. The two have proved they can beat the best around — now if they can do it on a consistent basis.

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Billy Hoover makes a return in the SMU match.



Rightfielder Bill Raymer crosses the plate.

(Photo by David McCarroll)

Four swimmers represent A&M at AAU championship contest

By PAUL McGRATH Staff Sports Writer

Only a four-man squad represented Texas A&M at the Amateur Athletic Union Championship swim meet in Cincinnati this weekend. But, according to Head Swim Coach Dennis Fosdick,

each "swam well and did a good job."

The quartet consisted of two freshmen, one sophomore and one senior. The two frosh were Bob Leland and Greg Meek. Bill Cunningham was the sophomore and Larry Schueckler is in his last season for

the Aggies.

Leland set a school record in his event, the 100-yard breaststroke. His time of 59.74 was the first in a minute in this category. The 400-yard and 800-yard freestyle relay teams, which was comprised of the foursome, bettered both the times made in the Southwest Conference meet.

Leland swimming in the relay was like a "shot putter running the sprint relay" jested Fosdick. Actually, Fosdick was quite pleased at the splits achieved by the first year man.

USC won the men's portion of the meet while the Mission Viejo Swimming Club captured the women's crown.

The meet concludes the season for Fosdick's team. "Considering the guys we had ineligible we did real well," said the Aggie coach. The team's attention now turns to preparation for summer meets as they will compete with various clubs.

Meanwhile, Fosdick's attentions focused on recruiting. "We did a lot of recruiting while we were there. We must have talked about eight hours a day with recruits," Fosdick said.

Fosdick said he has several interested prospects. He says the search for new blood "seems to be going well." Recruits can sign now except those from California and Florida schools whose seasons end May 10.

Batt sports

Knicks, Ranger fans return playoff tickets

NEW YORK (AP) — The lines began forming early in the lobby at Madison Square Garden Monday.

But the buzz of the crowd, the pre-game excitement heard so often at the nation's most famous sports arena, was missing. In its place was the soft shuffling of customers queuing up to the box office, returning tickets instead of buying them.

The Garden began refunding about \$1.4 million worth of playoff tickets to basketball and hockey fans Monday. Those tickets won't be used because the building's two teams, the New York Knicks and New York Rangers, were eliminated in the first round of the Na-

tional Basketball Association and National Hockey League playoffs.

Like most sports ownerships in these inflated times, the Garden had depended heavily on income from playoffs. Both the Knicks and the Rangers have large payrolls and the building, with an even larger mortgage to meet, needed those extra playing dates and the revenue from tickets and concession sales.

Playoffs have been routine in the Garden since 1966-67. Both the Knicks and Rangers have qualified every year — nine straight seasons — since then.

Both teams fell on lean times this season and barely made it.



McDONALD'S INTRAMURAL HIGHLIGHTS



This week in intramurals

All-University Golf Champions

Craig Lawson and Dan Goldberg became the All-University Golf champions by defeating Lee Niles and Dan Litterer by a score of 72-73. A sudden death elimination occurred on the 19th hole as a result of the close score.

Fast Pitch Softball

A new feature of TAMU intramurals, fastpitch softball, will take place later this month on campus. Entries will be limited to the first 32 teams to enter, due to lack of equipment and space. Entries close on Thursday, April 21, with a team managers meeting that night at 5:00, rm. 232, G. Rollie White. A representative from each team must attend. This will be single elimination competition, using ASA rules. Play will be held on the diamonds in the Duncan Hall area.

More on Superstar Competition

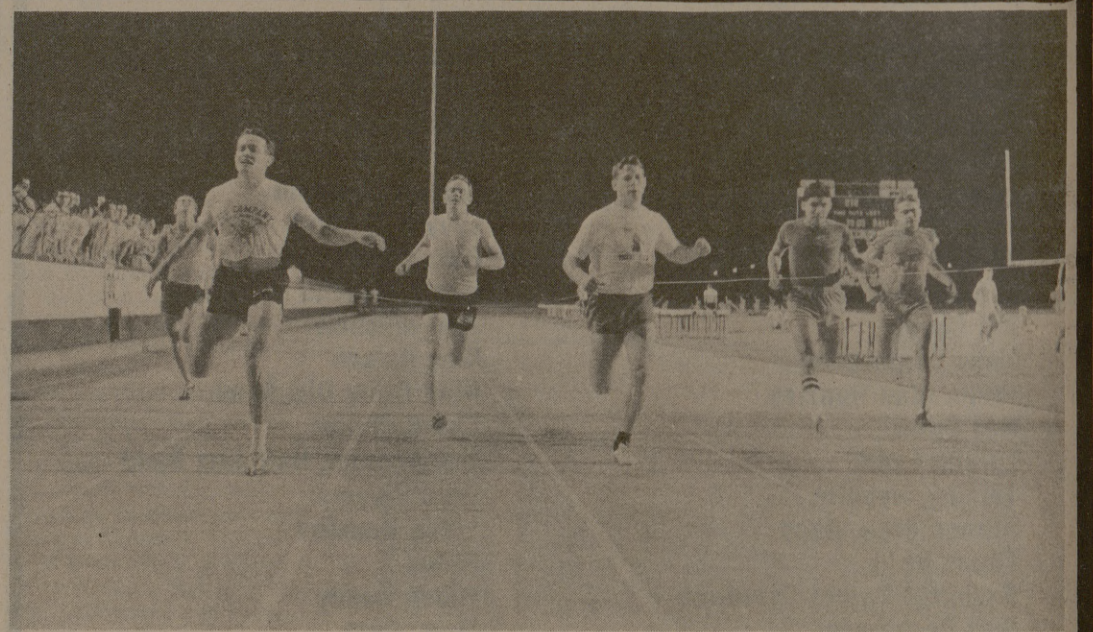
If there are more than 20 entries to the first annual IM Aggie Superstar competition, with entries closing on Tuesday, April 22, there will be eliminations in three categories to determine the 20 finalists. The events will include: 50 meter swim, basketball freethrow shooting, and the 100-yard dash. Entrants should check with IM office before Thursday, April 24 and if eliminations are needed, should be prepared to swim, run, and shoot freethrow on that day.

Racketball, Tennis Results

In IM racketball doubles, Jill Hockey and Jan DeWitt clinched first place honors in the womens division last week. Tom Meinecke and Gina Lee captured the same honors in the Co-Rec division. In All-University tennis doubles, Frank Rannels and O. J. Shaffer, both third year Vet students defeated Wayne Nutt and Joe Kendall of Sq. 2, 8-0 to become the campus champs.



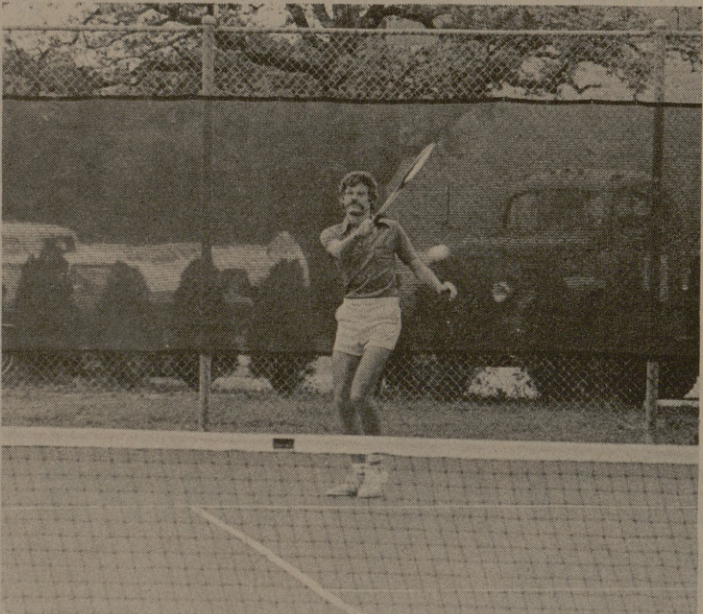
Above: Dan Goldberg is shown chipping on to the 18th green in the IM golf doubles championship match. He and his partner, Craig Lawson (below) beat Lee Niles and Dan Litterer by the score of 72-73. The match had to go into a sudden death playoff on the 19th hole because of the closeness of the scores.



Above: John Thornton of D-2 flashes across the finish line to win the 220 yard dash in the Military division of the IM Military and Fish track meet.

Below: Lindsay Sneed (middle) takes the last hurdle just before crossing the finish line to win the 120 yard low hurdles in the Military division of the track meet.

These intramural highlights are sponsored every Tuesday by McDonald's on University Dr. The page is prepared by Paul Nettell, Ray Wottrich, and the Intramural office, DeWare Field House, 845-2624.



O. J. Shaffer, a third year Vet student, is shown in the IM tennis doubles All-University championships last week. He and his partner, Frank Rannels won the first place honors, 8-0.

