## Sperifolio Home-team advantage proven

## **By MIKE BRUTON** Sports Editor

There is a term used in the sports orld, especially in basketball, called "the home-court advantage." A home team supposedly receives a piritual lift from atmosphere produced by cheering fans and from the ecurity of knowing that they're at nome or in familiar surroundings. At Aggieland the home-court adntage must have double effect as A&M is 33-5 at home in the four maor collegiate sports; football, basketball, baseball and track. The



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coming on the road. A&M's conference champion basketball team faltered twice in G. Rollie losing to

Oral Roberts in overtime and Texas Tech in a game that the Raiders played perfect. The Aggie tracksters dropped two meets here finishing second to Rice in a triangular and losing to Baylor by three points

in the College Station Relays. Texas Tech put another smudge on A&M's immmaculate home record by defeating the Aggie baseball team in

a recent series. I want to give the credit where it is due - to Aggie fans. There are few, if any, athletes that are displeased with the support of A&M partisans. The roar of Aggie crowds have put goose pimples on me many times in my four years of athletic competition. The tremendous sup-

this Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

the fine goalie play of former All-

American Les Matthews in the cage

for Houston. Scoring goals for A&M

footballers had a spotless record at unbeatable combination in Aggie-Kyle Field, with their three losses land.

A&M's Athletic Master Plan When I look at Texas A&M's success in the major sports recently, I think of the possibility that this might be a part of a master plan to have A&M show its best all-around face for the centennial, even in sports

The National Football League's scouting force will probably camp out at Kyle Field next fall, because of people like: All-Americans Pat Thomas and Eddie Simonini, stellar performers Bubba Bean, Skip Walker, Richard Osborne, Carl Roaches, Glen Bujnoch, Bruce Welch, Garth Ten Napel and Jackie Williams - all members of the centennial class of 1976. An odd coincidence

The basketball team of SWC championship caliber, anchored by junior college transfers Sonny Parker, Barry Davis, and Ray Roberts all will play their senior seaport of Aggie fans coupled with the high quality athletes in the Texas stop. As one who has watched Aggie port of Aggie fans coupled with the sons next year and they'll be hard to A&M sports program gives us an

**Club Sports** 

Sauer with one score. The Texas A&M Rugby club sec-

The match is part of Parent's ond team won the Central Division weekend activities on the campus. Championship of the Texas Rugby Both the Maroon and White teams Union last weekend to gain the fiwill combine to combat the Red nals of the Texas Rugby Union on April 26. A&M finished their league

The TAMU group defeated the Austin Hun's second team 48-0 to win the central division. The Aggie club has lost only one game this year. They recently won the Austin Invitational Tournament.

The first team won the first game of the central division playoffs de-feating the Austin Blacks 13-9 but lost in the championship game to San Antonio, 15-3

This is the fifth year in a row that the TAMU club has been in the state championships.

**Rangers** rap Sox, 7-3; **Fergie wins** 

CHICAGO (AP) - Mike Hargrove doubled across two runs and Jim Spencer tripled home two more in a six-run fifth inning, helping Fergie Jenkins win his first game in three starts Thursday as the Texas Rangers defeated the Chicago White Sox 7-3.

Jenkins, a 25-game winner last season, and loser Stan Bahnsen were locked in a scoreless game until the fifth when the Rangers

presence will surely be felt at the sports closely I have noticed an upconference meet. grade in our baseball, track, swimming, tennis, golf and women's

Texas A&M's whole athletic program has made a revolutionary turn and from all indications will be better in the 100th year of Aggieland's existence.

Master plan or coincidence either way it looks like Texas A&M is going to get one whale of a 100th birthday present from its athletic program



sports programs. All seeming to be

ready to hit that high note in 1976.

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cord and won the SWC basketball

crown with a record-setting 20-7 re-

cord. The baseball team is contend-

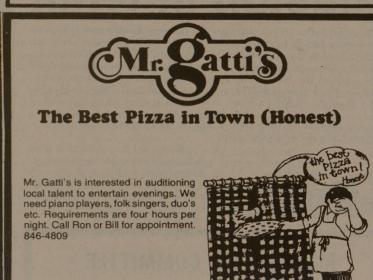
ing for a NCAA playoff spot with a record of 28-5 and the track team's

This year A&M finished 16th na-

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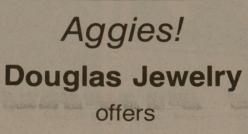
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Raider stickmen. schedule with a 1-3 mark after opening the season with a triumph over San Antonio. Last week the Aggies were nipped by Houston 10-7 with



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The Texas A&M Lacrosse Club osts a demonstration match with were: Ken Hubbard (2), Wally Green (2), Greg Smith (2), and Ted hosts a demonstration match with the newly-founded Texas Tech club

