

Sportfolio

Home-team advantage proven

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Sports Editor

There is a term used in the sports world, especially in basketball, called "the home-court advantage." A home team supposedly receives a spiritual lift from atmosphere produced by cheering fans and from the security of knowing that they're at home or in familiar surroundings.

At Aggieland the home-court advantage must have double effect as A&M is 33-5 at home in the four major collegiate sports: football, basketball, baseball and track. The

footballers had a spotless record at Kyle Field, with their three losses 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.

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 seasons next year and they'll be hard to stop.

As one who has watched Aggie sports closely I have noticed an up-grade in our baseball, track, swimming, tennis, golf and women's sports programs. All seeming to be ready to hit that high note in 1976.

presence will surely be felt at the conference meet.

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.

unbeatable combination in Aggieland.

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.

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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 support of Aggie fans coupled with the high quality athletes in the Texas A&M sports program gives us an

Club Sports

The Texas A&M Lacrosse Club hosts a demonstration match with the newly-founded Texas Tech club this Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

The match is part of Parent's weekend activities on the campus. Both the Maroon and White teams will combine to combat the Red Raider stickmen.

A&M finished their league 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 the fine goalie play of former All-American Les Matthews in the cage for Houston. Scoring goals for A&M

were: Ken Hubbard (2), Wally Green (2), Greg Smith (2), and Ted Sauer with one score.

The Texas A&M Rugby club second team won the Central Division Championship of the Texas Rugby Union last weekend to gain the finals of the Texas Rugby Union on April 26.

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 defeating 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 erupted for their big inning.

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