

I'm not the Quarterback

A&M baseballers ignore Longhorn syndrome

By DAVID WALKER
Well it's no secret who's coming to town this weekend. Those mean old Texas Longhorns. No doubt several thousand Aggies will start running for the hills to escape the evil plague that

follows those orange fire-breathing creatures. It's a strange phenomenon that changes Aggies everywhere from imdominatable optimists to inveterate pessimists. The phenomenon occurs during the week preceding the meeting

of the two institutions on the field of athletic combat. Ags, young and old, are heard to utter such strange things as, "You know we can't beat them, we never do," and "Why should we beat them this time, we couldn't do it last time."

Netters prepared for Raider match

By NICK VOINIS
Staff Sports Writer
The Texas Aggie tennis team winds the regular Southwest Conference season by traveling up Lubbock way to play Texas Tech. Coach Richard Barker's forces came through to win a couple dual matches this past weekend. First the netters defeated Sam Houston State 8-1 in Huntsville Friday. Saturday the team returned to the friendly atmosphere of the A&M courts and promptly defeated Texas Christian 6-3 in a dual SWC match. Barker said his team looked pretty good as TCU was a tough opponent. The match was close as the two teams split their singles matches 3-3. The Aggies then came on to sweep the doubles competition. "I was proud with the way they (A&M) played. They're coming

around just fine," Barker said. "The match put us in fifth place (SWC standings behind SMU, Texas, Houston and Rice)."

Barker will be going with his regulars once again, as seniors Bill Wright and Billy Hoover will make their final regular season appearance as Aggies. The rest of the team making the flight to Lubbock include Charles Emley, Tom Courson, Mark Silberman and John Kirwan.

"It's been a long year and I think they're (the A&M team) tired and ready for the season to end," Barker said. "I'm proud of them for not giving up even though they were already out of the (SWC) race." The Aggies finish the year with the SWC Tournament in Lubbock on May 22, 23, and 24. The Tournament was rescheduled to coincide with the SWC golf and track meets. It was previously scheduled for this weekend.

There is another strange word that evolves during Longhornitis week, that's choke. Oh, dreaded choke! The Longhorns and Aggies have met three times this year with championships on the line, the Aggies lead the series 2-1. Choke! After the Thanksgiving Day plus 1 massacre this year Aggies were screaming, "I knew it would happen," and "I figured we would choke." Haven't they ever heard of just being outplayed? Can't a team



Club Sports

Skeet and Trap
The Texas A&M Skeet and Trap Club recently attended the Intercollegiate National Tournament at the National Gun Club in San Antonio. The Aggies took second place overall behind Trinity University with a 968x1000 and third overall in the combined American and International events with 2493x2800. Last year's class B skeet champion, Derek Davis of A&M finished second in this year's International Skeet competition with a 95x100. He was closely followed by Rick Hopkins with 94x100. Other Aggies in the tournament: Les Mwineke with 199x200 to win first place in class B American skeet, Danny Thomason 194x200 runner up in class B Skeet, Jamie Martin 191x200 for third place in class three, and Marshall Blalock 180x200.

Rifle Team
The A&M rifle team posted its best Southwest Rifle Association finish in a decade when it placed second in a Saturday shootoff in Houston. They were tied for first with two other teams going into the match. A&M, the University of Houston and St. Mary's University had a loss each in association matches. U-H won the shootoff, with 2,747. Texas A&M claimed second with 2,724, reported SFC Max Schill, team coach. St. Mary's placed third, at 2,717. Rice University posted a 2,715. All five top Aggie shooters return next year. Four are freshmen. Their individual scores for the Houston shootoff included a 538 by Claude Boggs, a junior and the only upperclassman of six shooters at the match. Mike Selby shot 557 of a possible 600; Bob Lunsford, 552; Jim Beal, 539, and Jeff Potter, 538. Ernest Hugo, whose score did not figure in the team total, shot 533. The team's last match of the year will be April 26. The Aggies will fire in the Fiesta Invitational in San Antonio.

No. 1 rated Connors wants new surface

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Tennis Star Jimmy Connors demanded Tuesday that a new playing surface be installed for his \$850,000 match against Australia's John Newcombe on Saturday.

He backed the demand with a veiled threat of withdrawing, claiming contracts called for a different surface than the one now installed at the Caesars Palace indoor court. Newcombe has refused to agree, saying he doesn't want to change.

Connors called a news conference on his arrival in Las Vegas, said he could play the Aussie on any court, but maintained the contract must be followed.

At issue is an artificial surface known as Supreme Court. Connors and his manager, Bill Riordan, maintained their contract required the new version of that surface.

The presently installed surface with the same name was used by Connors and Rod Laver when they played a \$100,000 winner-take-all match Feb. 2. Connors won 6-4, 6-2, 3-6, 7-5.

Before that match, Jimmy had threatened to withdraw in a hassle over the referee.

Describing the newer court, Connors said, "It's a little bit rougher and takes more to spins, slices and a variety of shots. Who knows if it's slower?"

Generally, it was agreed, a slower surface would be to Connors' advantage against the swift serve of Newcombe, who has beaten the left-handed American the three times they have met previously.

Asked if he would withdraw from the match if a new surface were not installed, Connors answered, "I don't know, I could go see Paul Anka and rehearse my song. I don't have to play tennis."

Connors, No. 1 rated in the world, came to Las Vegas after winning the World Championship of Tennis Blue Group tournament at Denver on the new footing. Riordan maintained advertise-

ments already in print said the new Supreme Court would be used and this put Connors and himself in a position to be sued if it wasn't.

Sidney Gathrid, director of special events and promotions at Caesars Palace, maintained, "The contract said only they will play on a Supreme Court surface."

Orioles rap Milwaukee in shutout

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Bobby Grich's home run with two out in the eighth inning lifted the Baltimore Orioles to a 1-0 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers Tuesday night behind Jim Palmer's six-hit pitching.

Palmer, 2-1, walked four and struck out six in hurling his second shutout of the season.

The right-hander, coming back from elbow trouble last year, has allowed only one earned run in three starts.

Grich slammed his second home run of the season into the left field stands after Milwaukee starter Pete Broberg, 2-2, had fanned the first two batters in the eighth. It was the seventh hit off Broberg.

Palmer allowed only one hit until Bob Coluccio reached on an infield single to start the sixth. Coluccio advanced to third on a sacrifice and a fly ball but, after a walk to George Scott, Don Money popped out.

Robin Yount singled with one out in the eighth and went to third on Scott's double, but Palmer retired Money on a fly ball to end Milwaukee's most serious threat.

The only other Brewers to get as far as second were Pedro Garcia, who doubled with two out in the third, and Sixto Lezcano, who doubled with two out in the ninth. Palmer then retired Garcia on a pop fly to end the game.

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