

Rugby

# Ags plaster San Antonio

The Texas A&M White squad (varsity) gave notice that they were coming of age by defeating San Antonio, 21-8, on Saturday. This was the best performance of the fall season, said faculty representative Dr. Gerard O'Donovan, noting that SA was a finalist in last spring's Texas Rugby Union Championship.

O'Donovan pointed out that "the arrival of Alan Jeffrey from Scotland on campus was hailed with delight. He played on the Maroon squad until this game and his promotion was a masterly move by the selection committee.

"He played out half, however, instead of fullback for this game. Taking his passage from scrumhalf Curley Simmons, Alan — like a Glasgow surgeon — knifed holes galore in the usually tough San Antonio defense. At one time he would rife the ball, two-handed to center, John Rayton, at another he would fake and run ahead before passing and at other times he would deftly kick ahead. The latter move bamboozled San Antonio, catalyzed the Aggies to follow-up the play and set up most of our scores," said O'Donovan.

"The idea of such low grubber kicks is to place the ball between two or more would-be tacklers for you or your teammates to run on to. It was pleasant to see the Aggie forwards on top of every play, hungrier than Manhattan Wildcats," O'Donovan said that internationally known referee Tony King has told

them, "We will win by playing fundamental rugby. The other team will be forced to err; we must capitalize on such breaks and take the ball over having picked it up cleanly."

"It was so true on Saturday," said O'Donovan.

"The trip was a memorable one for me for several reasons: 1) The large number of players and non-players who made the trip was noted and much appreciated by me; 2) Though San Antonio may kill you on the field — that is rugby — their post-game hospitality has no equal. On Saturday night they treated everyone to a magnificent barbeque with adequate refreshments and provided overnight accommodations for anyone who needed them; 3) Many of our past and present players have come from the San Antonio area and each had his own entourage watching. Ray Zwartjes, our hooker, had the biggest following . . . but then hookers always do!" said O'Donovan.

"Mr. and Mrs. Tony King not only made the trip but brought with them Owen Long of New Zealand who was visiting the USA on a short-term visa to learn about peccans. The former New Zealand International star heard about the game and to a man from Down-Under, "Rugby is the only game in town!" His hints and little tips were of immeasurable help to Tony and myself and we were very honored by his presence. We thank Mr.

Long for his interest and camaraderie. We even took notes," said O'Donovan.

The whites played first and after losing a few early scrums to a much larger San Antonio side, the Ags settled down and did not lose another scrum until late in the game. "Accordingly, Simmons would find Jeffrey of the multi-option, and we were off to the races," said O'Donovan.

Texas A&M scored first, the try being taken over by Jeffrey. Placekicker and fullback Tim Field tacked on the two-point conversion for a 6-0 lead.

San Antonio came right back as Danny Tamez broke four haphazard tackles for a well-earned try. Gallejo missed the angled kick and the Ags maintained their lead 6-4. Jeffrey kicked ahead on the right side and the omnipresent Fitch pounced on it for another try.

The extra point attempt was wide giving the Ags a 10-4 lead. Field kicked a 37-yard penalty goal to make it 13-4. Billy Tigler did a marvelous job running and kicked ahead. The ball fell free and Wayne Womack was on the spot to snatch it up and dash over from the 22. Womack also blocked a two-point conversion by Gallejo.

The conversion on the Aggie try failed and the score remained 17-4. O'Donovan called the last Aggie try "vintage stuff." Billy Goodwich picked up a loose one and bulled over Gallejo for a try. O'Donovan

points out that Gallejo is not known for his easy tackling. The Ags led 21-4.

San Antonio provided the last score of the match when winger Lee Hutton raced down the sideline breaking three or four tackles for a beautiful try. The Ags prevailed though 21-8. O'Donovan called Hutton's try "perhaps the finest try I have seen this year."

The Maroon squad however did not come home quite as lucky, losing a heartbreaker 8-7. Butch Lewis opened scoring with a long 47-yard penalty goal. Dick Shutt, in a superb effort blocked and dived on the ball for the Ags' only try.

Lewis missed the conversion and the Ags owned a 7-0 lead. "We lost our excellent hooker Bruce Noble, and several changes had to be made," said O'Donovan. Carl Mesloh provided the crowd with a nifty piece of scrambling when he fielded the ball near the goal line, raced behind the posts and found touch near the 30.

O'Donovan said, "Both the San Antonio tries were questionable, so the Maroons were unlucky to lose. Trahan made two try-saving efforts, played hard all day and never once lost his temper."

# Tomkins, Adair take Rodeo

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Mike Tompkins and Nancy Adair topped competitors in the All-Aggie Rodeo last weekend, earning respective All-Around Cowboy and Cowgirl honors. Approximately 150 students and several faculty members entered the Rodeo Club-sponsored event, club sponsor Dr. Gary D. Potter said.

Champions in each event received a championship belt buckle. The top three contestants in each event also shared a jackpot of entry fees collected from contestants in that event.

Winners in men's events were: Bare-back riding — Mike Beasley, Calf roping — Tom Blakeney, Steer wrestling — Keesie Kothmann, Saddle Bronc riding — (tie) George Norman and John Truehitt, Team roping — Joel Hamm and Joe Dutton, Bull riding — Mike Tompkins.

Girl winners were:

Breakaway roping — Nancy Adair, Goat tying — Angie Averhoff, Barrel racing — Nancy Adair.

Mike Tompkins earned top cowboy honors with 87 points earned from bull riding and 72 points from bare-back events for a high men's overall of 159. Nancy Adair's high total of 207 combined 120 points from breakaway roping and 87 from barrel racing.

The rodeo was held Friday and Saturday nights at the Aggie Arena on campus west of Wellborn Road. An annual Rodeo Club fund-raising project, the contest drew 800 to 1,000 spectators both nights.

The Rodeo Club's "primary reason for being," sponsor Potter said, "is that it's the local chapter of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association." The Aggie club sponsors a six-man, three-girl team that competes with teams from the 11 other colleges in the NIRA Southern Region.

Each team compiles a composite score from rodeos sponsored by each school in the team's region during the school year. The top two teams in each region compete in the NIRA National Rodeo, held each June in Bozeman, Montana. The A&M team has traveled to the national event the last three years by benefit of first- or second-place rankings in the Southern Region. They have consistently been among the top ten teams nationally.

The All-Aggie Rodeo provides most of the finances for the Rodeo Club's other activities. The hundred-member club sponsors their own NIRA rodeo each year in May. Club members also hold several social activities during the year, including dances and barbecues. The club sponsored a clinic recently for girls' rodeo events such as barrel-racing and goat tying, and is hoping to hold a similar clinic for men's events in the near future, Potter said.

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