Water Polo

Ags blister Longhorns

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The Aggie water polo team pummeled the University of Texas swimmers, 22-8, last night keeping their record unblemished after 13 starts. The win gave Coach Dennis Fosdick his twelfth win of the year to one tie and leaves him just five short of 100 wins in his six year tenure at A&M.

Bolstered by aggressive teamwork, something which had been lacking recently, the Ags made the victory look as easy as their last game with SMU was hard.

Don Reeser led Aggie scorers with four goals, he also had two assists. Team captain Jim Yates added three tallies and assisted on five more. Blake Hinman also had three goals and one assist. Bill Yates scored two goals and had two assists. Doug Adamson and Steve Moore each had a single goal but Moore added four assists and Adamson added two. Oran Marksbury, and Dennis Light had a goal and an assist apiece.

Mike Reilly, Don Wederman, Bob Leland, Dave Meeh, Michael Springer and Greg Meek each added a goal. Tom Schwab, Steve Spencer and Mike Vanderhurst each had an assist.

Fosdick was pleased with play in general. "Jim (Yates) played a good game. And so did Blake (Hinman). They were both out against SMU," said Fosdick.

"We're still a bit sloppy. We're getting used to playing everybody. Our teamwork was all right, though our mechanics are still a bit shaky.

"We just had the blahs last week. We just got back from the tournament (California) and were so high after winning, it was hard to shake off.

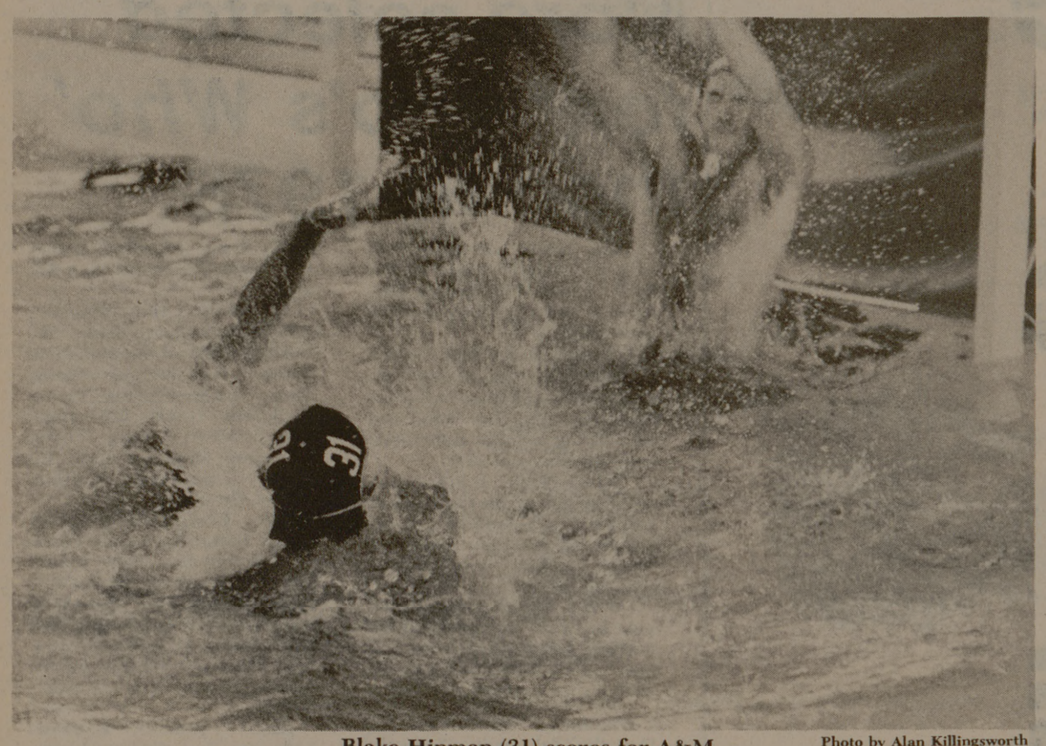
"The guys are looking forward to Michigan this weekend," said Fosdick.

Half of the team will be sent to play four games in Michigan on Friday and Saturday. They will play a practice game against the Ann Arbor All-Stars on Friday afternoon, then participate in a three game tourney on Saturday with Michigan (5-2), Bucknell and Loyola of Chicago (6-1).

Fosdick was most worried about officiating, "I'm wary about how they'll be calling the ball," he said. About the quality of teams he said, "I can't imagine any Eastern teams playing better than California teams."

Meanwhile the other half of the squad will be sent to Ft. Worth to play TCU along with the women's squad.

They then return to College Station for the last home game of the year versus The Bunch from Houston on Monday night.



Blake Hinman (31) scores for A&M. Photo by Alan Killingsworth

Davis, Ivory key OU

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As quarterback Steve Davis entered the Oklahoma huddle late in the fourth quarter during their classic confrontation with the University of Texas, the thought of Russell Erxleben's 43 yard field goal clearing the cross bar by inches might have loomed in his mind. The UT freshman kicking specialist had just squared the contest at 17-17 against a torrid 15 miles per hour wind.

As Davis bent over center Dennis Buchanen, he noticed an unbalanced number of orange jerseys on the right side of the Texas defensive line. The play from Head Coach Barry Switzer originally called for a pitchout directly into the heart of the would-be tacklers. But Davis called an audible, sending fullback Horace Ivory off tackle to the opposite side.

The third stringer from Fort Worth found a hole wide enough for an elephant to walk through, darting the final 33 yards and preserving a 24-17 win for the defending national champions. The win embarrassed the Longhorns for the fifth consecutive year. It was also the Sooners 26th win in a row and their 36th without a loss.

Turnovers were the big factor in what turned out to be a sloppy melee resulting in 11 fumbles and one interception. To the common spectator, it appeared that neither team wanted the game badly enough to play up to their nationally ranked potential. The Sooners capitalized on four of five Texas fumbles and intercepted a pass, while the 'Horns jumped on two of six OU miscues.

The big question prior to kick-off was whether each squad could put a stop on respective superstars Joe Washington and Earl Campbell. Campbell was the leading ground gainer, tacking on 95 yards on 23 carries. Washington was impressive at times, returning a punt 80 yards which was nullified by a clipping penalty. He ran 76 yards on 16 attempts and scored a touchdown on a nine yard spurt.

Marty Akins' precision Wishbone leadership led to a Longhorn touchdown early in the fourth quarter. Following a partially blocked Oklahoma punt by defensive back Joe Bob Bizzell which gave Texas excellent field position at the Sooner 37, a perfectly timed pitch from Akins to halfback Jimmy Walker put the orange and white back in contention.

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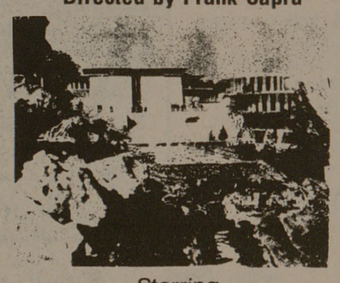

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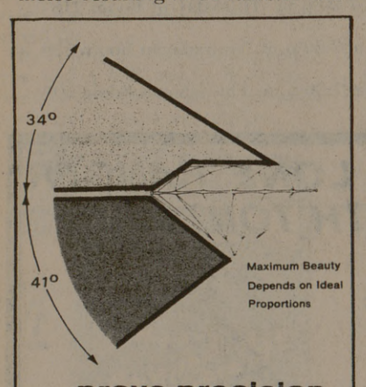

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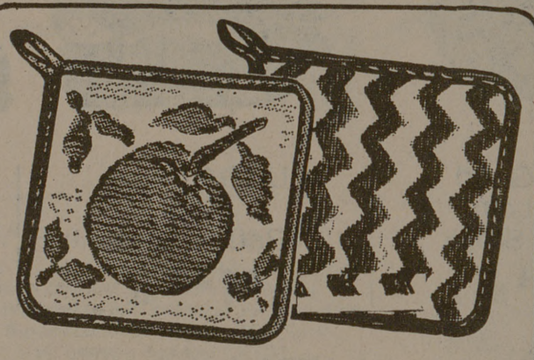

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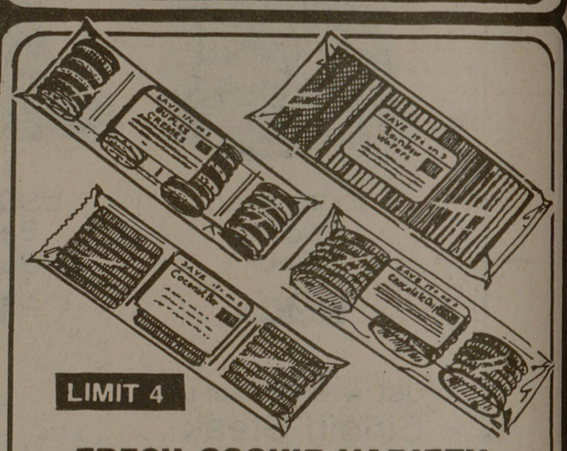

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