

### In Arkansas tourney

# Ag water polo take top two places

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Dennis Fosdick and Larry Schueckler could be called masters of conspiracy by the outcome of the Hen-

drix Water Polo Tournament held last weekend in Arkansas.

However, it was not hook or crook, but pure ability that propelled the Aggies to a one-two finish in the tourney.

Fosdick, heading the varsity, and Schueckler, who coaches the frosh polo team, both had undefeated squads going into the tournament. By a quirk of fate, the draw had the A&M tankers matched up in the first contest.

In what Fosdick called "the most physical of all the games," the more experienced varsity zipped past their freshman cohorts by the score of 8-4.

Although improving throughout the tourney, Fosdick said his team was handicapped by the officials unfamiliarity with the new NCAA rule changes.

"The NCAA mid-year rule changes continue to haunt all teams this year. It is impossible for coaches and officials to get copies of the new rules from the association," said Fosdick. "They have been passed from hand-to-hand, coach-to-coach, official-to-official. The officials have had no time to learn and understand the changes."

The varsity made it a four game sweep by then whipping the University of Central Arkansas 7-2, dominating the University of Arkansas at Little Rock 9-3 and taking the finale over Hendrix College by 14-6.

Fosdick was pleased with the

team effort and overall teamwork put forth by his tankers, although many of the usual first liners stayed home this weekend to rest. In the last two games, every A&M goal was preceded by an assist.

"It was a story of conditioning and experience which proved a winning combination for us. The team out-reacted all of their opponents. In fact, at times they out-reacted the officials," Fosdick commented.

Leading scorers for the upperclassmen were Mike Reilly with seven goals in the tourney, followed by Bob Leland with six. Don Wederman, Nash Dowdle and Craig Hill each had four scores. Wederman, Dennis Light and Leland sparked the offense with seven assists apiece.

A&M freshman tankers proved themselves worthy, facing four var-

sity level teams and defeating three of them.

The Aggie fish had no mercy with Hendrix, chalking up a 27-2 victory. Central Arkansas was the next victim, falling 7-6 in the final seconds on a goal by Joel Ganze.

A&M came back to overtake Little Rock after falling behind early. Seven goals in the second quarter by the Ags reversed the momentum, helping them take a 13-8 win.

Scott Harris and David Stewart were the one-two punch for the Maroon offense, scoring 11 and nine goals respectively. Chris Shipp had 8 points to his credit while Ganze had 6 scores. Barry Pearson and Chuck Burr had five each.

Schueckler, a former A&M water

polo star himself, gave a good deal of credit to goalie Ken Goode for excellent play all during the round robin affair. Goode replaced Harris as the number one goalkeeper when Harris moved back into the field where he was all-state in high school.

The frosh coach also singled out Brad Swendig for doing a fine job on defense and playmaking.

The varsity record now moves to 21-0-1 with the frosh pushing their mark to 13-1-0. Both teams will again be in action tonight with Fosdick's crew tackling the surprising SMU Mustangs and the frosh going against St. Marks. Both games will be in Dallas with the varsity getting underway at 5 p.m. and the fish playing immediately afterwards.

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## Royal says team best in years

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Coach Darrell Royal assessed his squad at mid-season Monday as the best team he has had in recent years.

"We are a better football team than in the last several years, in my opinion," Royal told his weekly news conference.

The eighth-ranked Longhorns "have continued to improve," Royal said. "I thought the big hump we got over was up at Fayetteville."

Texas came off a 24-17 loss to No. 2 Oklahoma to beat Arkansas 24-18 at Fayetteville, Ark., and then walloped Rice, 41-9, here last Saturday night.

Texas apparently escaped without injury, and Royal said, "I think we are in the best physical shape" of the season.

He added, however, that guard Will Wilcox "is not the original Will Wilcox" as a result of an earlier foot injury, and tackle George James is still "bothered" by a knee injury although both are starting.

The Rice victory padded Texas' season record to 6-1, with four Southwest Conference games remaining, including the finale against unbeaten Texas A&M, which is ranked No. 5.

Royal predicted Texas' next foe, SMU, "will be stirred up good." He praised halfback Wayne Morris as a "quality runner" and said quarterback Ricky Wesson "is extremely elusive with a lot of speed. He was hurt, but he's well now."

Royal dwelled, however, on his own quarterback, Marty Akins.

"Hell, every time I looked up, he was pitching it and some guy was in the end zone" against Rice, Royal said.

Akins' pitchouts, said Royal, require "every bit the precision and timing that it does" for someone to "drop back and throw for scores."

The 200-pound senior lateraled for three touchdowns against Rice, just as the Owl defenders were slamming into him.

"We've tried to teach it (the delayed pitchout) to a lot of people," said Royal, but Akins is the best of any Texas' Wishbone-T operators at doing it since the Longhorns adopted the formation in 1968.

"He milks it down to the last drop," said Royal.

Asked why his team was better than he anticipated in pre-season,

Royal noted the development of sophomore Steve Collier at safety, Brad Shearer at defensive tackle, Bob Simmons and David Studdard at offensive tackle, Billy Gordon at center, Rick Fenlaw at linebacker, Alfred Jackson at wide receiver, and freshman Tim Campbell at defensive end.

He said Jackson, who has caught 22 passes for 41 yards, is Texas' best receiver since Cotton Speyer in 1970.

Royal noted, too, that defensive tackle Robert Rickman, who had 11 tackles against Rice, was not even considered a sure prospect for the traveling squad a couple of weeks ago.

In addition, Royal said defensive halfback Raymond Clayborn "certainly ought to be a candidate for the all-SWC secondary."

The Top Twenty teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, season records and total points. Points based on 20-18-16-14-12-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1.

1. Ohio St. (50) 7-0-0 (1,190)
2. Oklahoma (8) 7-0-0 (1,084)
3. Nebraska (2) 7-0-0 (939)
4. S. Calif. (1) 7-0-0 (890)
5. Texas A&M 7-0-0 (632)
6. Alabama 6-1-0 (609)
7. Michigan 5-0-2 (584)
8. Texas 6-1-0 (516)
9. Penn St. 7-1-0 (459)
10. Ariz. St. 7-0-0 (342)
11. Florida 6-1-0 (293)
12. Missouri 5-2-0 (183)
13. UCLA 5-1-1 (151)
14. Maryland 5-1-1 (108)
15. Notre Dame 5-2-0 (62)
16. Colorado 5-2-0 (52)
17. Arizona 5-1-0 (41)
18. San Diego St. 7-0-0 (34)
19. Miami, Ohio 6-1-0 (33)
- tie Okla. St. 5-2-0 (33)


## Harrison lost for rest of Pony year

DALLAS (AP) — Senior split end Kenny Harrison will be lost for the season with a knee injury and freshman linebacker Marion Harper will be lost for two weeks with a dislocated shoulder. Southern Methodist Coach Dave Smith said Monday.

Harrison injured a knee two weeks ago against Rice. Harper suffered a hurt shoulder in pre-season. SMU meets Texas Saturday in the Cotton Bowl in a Southwest Conference game.

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