



The Aggies prepare for the Southwest championships this weekend as they play host to ten teams. A&M is undefeated thus far this year.

Water polo team hosts tournament

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The highly rated A&M Water Polo team faces a tough ten team lineup here in College Station this weekend. Included in the competition is an extremely strong S.M.U. squad who twice have given the Ags a swim for their money.

In the first, the A&M tankers scraped home by a margin of 7-5, then in their last meeting the Water Ponies took the Ags into overtime, only to be defeated 10-8.

The fifth annual Southwest U.S. Water Polo Championships get under way on Friday at 4 p.m.

All the teams competing are: Texas A&M "A"; Texas A&M Freshman; Texas A&M "B" and "C", Southwest Missouri, College Station Water Polo Club, Chapparral Sports International, S.M.U., The Bunch from Houston and Alamo Heights.

The A&M "A" squad are definite favorites for the champs, even though the Ags are without their

All-American captain Jim Yates, who is presently out with mononucleosis.

"It's hard to drop an All-American from any squad, no matter what the situation is," said A&M Coach Dennis Fosdick. He went on to say, "We've got a really well-balanced attack, there's no way you can lose one man and beat us."

It's quite possible that Coach Fosdick knows what he's talking about too, when you consider that his A&M record is 105 wins, 14 losses, and one draw, which includes the last 34 games without a single loss.

The top goal scorers this season are the two Yates brothers, Bill and Jim, together with junior Blake Hineman, who also holds the distinction of having the most assists.

The water polo action, starting at 4 p.m. on Friday, produces two games an hour until the last Friday game at 9 p.m.

Saturday will prove to be exciting, due mainly to the two major finals games, which round off the weekend's splashing, with the semi-finals at 4:30 p.m.

The championship game will start at 6 p.m. Saturday.

Fem harriers capture second place spot

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A novice Texas A&M Women's Cross Country squad took a very respectable second place in a two-mile race here in College Station recently.

The lady harriers were out-run by a more experienced Cameron Track Club team, which is in fact a combined squad from the University of Houston and Rice University.

The individual title was taken by Carol Urish from Cameron, who strode the two miles in 14:48.

Second place saw a dead heat between Lynn Lovat and Donna Shell, both of Cameron.

The first Aggie finisher was Martha Sartans, who took fifth place over-all in a time of 15:22, followed by another Ag in seventh place, Sharon Boyle, who was timed at 15:42.

Other Ag places were: tenth, Tanya Strow (16:05); 12th, Susan Johnson (16:19) A&M Water Polo; 14th, K. K. Kueteman (16:49) A&M Water Polo and 15, Diane McCrady (16:58).

The A&M Coach Dave Williams was totally satisfied with his team's performance. "The whole team is new to the sport, but they are improving steadily."

Cross Country is not recognized as a major sport by the T.A.I.A.W. (Texas Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women).

"The sport is still young, and it's going to take time for us to get recognition," said Williams.

The two top finishers for the Ags are both on partial scholarships, which amount to \$200.00 per semester plus books, which according to the young ladies, is a good start.

Both Martha Sartans and Sharon Boyle are optimistic as to the future of women's track and cross country programs at A&M.

"Our budget is really small at present, we receive \$2,000.00 per year, which really isn't much to work with, but it's a good start," said Coach Williams.

On Saturday the squad travels to Tea-sipper country, where they compete against Baylor, Houston, Texas Tech, S.M.U. and the host University of Texas.

In the finale of the season, Sartans and Boyle jet to the national meet in Ames, Iowa, where Iowa State University plays host. Both girls qualified for the meet by running two miles under 13 minutes.

TEAM PLACINGS:
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Second: A&M Cross Country
Third: Lamar University
Fourth: A&M Water-Polo
Fifth: Texas Tech

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