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Water Polo SW champs

Coach Dennis Fosdick took a little time off from his hard work, sat down for once this season and enjoyed the final game of the Southwest USA Water Polo Championships. It wasn't because the Aggies had lost after going undefeated all season, but because his A team was playing his B team for the right to represent the region in the NCAA playoffs.

The A team won 17-4 to earn the right. But that was only expected, for the Ags were seeded first going into the tourney. Fosdick termed it "an amazing tournament." Amazing because of how far the B team got in order to make it an all-Aggie final.

The B's upset highly favored and second-seeded SMU in the semi's to put them in what Fosdick termed "very good position." SMU figured that they had played the A's so well (earlier in the season) that the B's would be no problem," said Fosdick.

The other top challenger and eventual third-place finisher was Southeastern Missouri. "SeMo was

very physical. The game we played bordered on gross," said Fosdick.

In the semi's the referees forfeited the game to the Ag B's because of the unruliness of the SeMo team. The B's were leading at the time 7-5.

"The A team was never really pressured. The B team played what they are capable of doing," noted Fosdick.

In the final game Jim Yates led all scorers with four goals and seven assists. Blake Hinman had three goals and three assists for the A's while Don Reeser had three goals. Oran Marksbury had four assists with his one goal. Mike Reilly had one goal and two assists, and Lee Davis added two goals. Steve Moore, Bob Leland and Tom Swab each added a single goal.

Doug Adamson scored two goals and had an assist to lead the B's. The A team defeated SMU 16-8 to gain the final. SeMo, ousted earlier by the B's, then took a narrow 12-11 victory over SMU for the third place trophy.

In other tourney games, SeMo beat the College Station Water Polo Club 10-3 and Chaparral Sports International 31-5. The A&M frosh beat Chaparral 20-0. The Bunch beat the A&M C's 22-1 and then ousted Alamo Heights 11-1. The B's also beat Alamo Heights 8-3. The C's lost another to SMU 26-1. The A team beat the CSWP club 7-3.

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Robinson takes USC coaching position in '76

Associated Press Sports
 LOS ANGELES — The University of Southern California is counting on a former Oregon end, John Robinson, to replace a former Oregon halfback and bring further football glory to the Trojans.

Robinson, 40, whose career nearly parallels that of John McKay despite an intervening decade, will head the Southern Cal football fortunes in 1976 when McKay goes to the professional ranks.

Robinson, a former Southern Cal assistant coach, faces a tough assignment. He replaces a man who has coached more USC victories than any other and gone to the Rose Bowl on eight occasions, winning four.

Ags win 4-0, gain playoffs

The Texas A&M Soccer team advanced into the playoffs of the Texas Intercollegiate Soccer League for the first time in five years by defeating Rice on Saturday 4-0, boosting their season record to 6-1-1.

The Ags led by Habib Ben-Ali's unassisted goal, his seventh score of the season, and assists on two other goals, will see their first post-season game since the 1970 team went all the way and won the League title. That was the third year in a row for the Ags to take all the honors, before being relegated to the position of a has been the past five years.

The first score of the game came at the 6:40 mark of the first half when Ahmed Cherrak took a short pass from Habib and flipped it past the Rice goalkeeper from two yards out.

Rice looked in a definite position to score when a pushing foul was called on A&M at the penalty box line and was awarded a direct kick.

Rice pulled their center fullback up to take the kick. A&M goalie Hank Arnold made the save and gained an assist when he took advantage of the hole left open in the Rice defense and tossed the ball downfield to a waiting Arturo Wolf, who beat all comers to the Rice penalty area and blasted in a shot from 15 yards out to put the Ags ahead 2-0 at the 20:40 mark of the first half.

Less than seven minutes later at the 27:30 mark Habib followed a Rice fullback back in a routine checking maneuver and as the fullback attempted to pass to the goalie at very short range, Habib stepped in between them, stole the ball and pumped from ten yards to the right.

Just 3:30 into the second half, the Ags struck again for the final time as Habib sent a cross from the left side. Rice's goalie overshot the ball, tipping it slightly. Mehrdad Farrokhnia took the ball with his head,

dropped it to his feet and pumped home the final score.

Hank Arnold was superb in goal making ten saves, five in each half. While the Rice goalie made 15 saves, nine in the second half.

Farrokhnia and Habib led the Ags in shots on goal each with ten. Farrokhnia had eight in the second half, including four straight very close misses. Arturo Wolf had five shots, John Higgins four, Cherrak two and Foudi, David Longoria, Don Bernard and Ameer Al-Tahho each had one shot. The total shots on goal for

the Ags amounted to 35 to Rice's 17.

Coach Kurt Irgolic's crew will play a practice game against Richmond College next Saturday in preparation for the upcoming TCU playoffs to be held in Houston.

Division leader University of Houston will be the host, with other likely eligible teams being 1974 champs SMU, ranked 25th nationally and 1973 champs University of Texas, now leading the southern division. Trinity, Texas Tech and North Texas State are other possible entrants in the eight-team tourney.

Golf team places second at meet

By ALAN SMITH
 Battalion Sports Writer

A&M Golf Coach Bob Ellis almost had his high expectations turned into reality at Edinburg on Saturday.

Going into the final day of the Jimmy Demaret Invitational, the Aggies had a very realistic five-stroke lead over more than 20 teams, with only 18 holes to play.

In anyone's book that sitting pretty, but unfortunately it wasn't to be A&M's day. A very determined Texas Tech squad slowly ate away at the lead, and eventually pulled ahead to win the tournament by four strokes.

"Tech just put on a super effort — they were exceptional — there's no getting away from it," said Ellis. "We should have won it, we all knew that, we made mistakes, and when someone makes mistakes in a big one like this, it shows."

The turning point of the tourney swivelled on the greens, where Tech sank two excellent putts, one of 30 feet and another of 35 feet. This was coupled with a few mistakes on the Aggies' behalf.

Junior Monty Schauer took second place in individual honors, with a score of 213, three over par, followed in fourth place by senior Larry Gorzycki who boasted a five over par 215.

Ellis expressed disappointment at his team's loss, although he felt that overall the team played well. "It tends to leave a bad taste in one's mouth, but it's behind us now, we are looking forward to the future," he said.

Team Placings:

- 1st: Texas Tech
- 2nd: Texas A&M
- 3rd: Oral Roberts
- 4th: Houston Baptist
- 5th: Pan American

Hockey team brawls threaten credibility

Associated Press Sports
 Players in the National Hockey League skate with one eye on the opposition and one on the local civil codes. The Philadelphia Flyers skate part of the time and wreak havoc the rest of it.

And amid growing violence in the NHL, violence that threatens to give the sport the credibility of roller derby or professional wrestling, President Clarence Campbell appears unwilling — or unable — to use the police powers he has.

The Flyers, known as the "Broad Street Bullies" partly because of their physical game but more so because of the goon-squad tactics they occasionally employ, triggered

another brouhaha Sunday night in Philadelphia.

Defenceman Jack McIlhenny received an automatic one-game suspension Monday night after leading one of Philadelphia's patented bench-clearing charges that resulted in a lengthy brawl with Pittsburgh Penguins.

It was the second time this season McIlhenny has led the charge off Philadelphia's bench. Yet the suspension was a mere slap on the wrist.

Campbell has the power to suspend players for lengthy periods of time — conceivably for life for particularly heinous acts. He also has the power to clamp down on teams which violate the laws of the league.



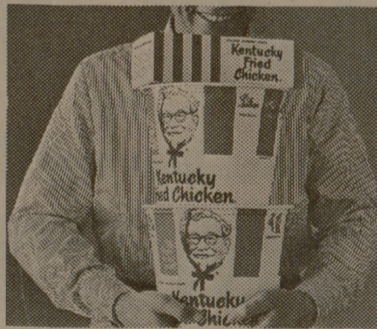
Midfielder Steve Mayer pumps a volley-shot in A&M's 4-0 victory over Rice Saturday.

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