Expects good swim year

Battalion Sports Writer
The three Texas A&M Water Polo squads have left sparkling records in

their wakes this season.

The Aggie "A" squad had an un-blemished 25 wins, no losses, and only one draw - to the tough Stan-

only one thaw — to the origin stan-ford team from California.

It would have been the same story for the Ag Freshman squad, had they not faced the varsity twice. The frosh record is 15-2, their losses

anyone's cap, and Aggie Swim Coach Dennis Fosdick certainly was not disappointed with the outcome.

"Water Polo is really just a very good way of keeping the swim squad in shape in preparation for the swimming season," Fosdick said. Aggieland is apparently going to

see a super swim season next semester. "We have a bunch of unknown super potentials, some on the verge of becoming Olympic hopefuls. I re ally feel that in this upcoming season we are going to score points in both the NCAA and the AAU meets, and it'll be the first time for Ags to do so since 1957," said Fos-

Coach Fosdick backs up his statements with surprising facts from his twice-a-day training work-outs, where approximately 60 dedicated swimmers churn water for literally miles and miles, and are in the water for four hours a day and

A&M defense

(Continued from page 10) A&M has successfully pulled this

feat during the season. —Cause four turnovers. Five times the defense has done the

Score defensively. The squad has chipped in 16 points with two

touchdowns and a pair of safeties.

—Give good field position to the offense. They have set up their teammates well 35 times.

—Stop the opponents' best plays.

Every game a job well done.

—Hold the opponent to less than 280 yards. Texas Tech is the only black eye in this category, gaining 320 yards against the Arc. 320 yards against the Ags.

To go with these stats are two shutouts and a total of three games without allowing a touchdown. No team has scored more than one sixpointer in any one quarter and A&M has allowed zero points in 25 of 36 periods.

In 362 rushing attempts, there have been only 19 runs over nine yards against the A&M wall and just four of those over 17 yards.

Robertson says he had no doubts the Aggie defense would develop into its present awesome form. had no doubts at all. If you allow kids to work with a system for long, they'll get to know it and develop in it. It never fails. It has always worked for the last 25 years," he explained.

Five starters will depart from Robertson's brainchild. Besides Simonini, A&M loses Garth Ten Napel, Pat Thomas, Jackie Williams and Blake Schwarz

"We've got a pretty firm nucleus coming back," said Robertson. "Th-ese kids know they've got a job to do, and they go ahead and get it done. They are not a one-man team. This allows the young kids to mature a lot quicker.

The ghost of the present will soon have to turn matters to the ghost of seasons yet to come. If the present is any indication of the future, the Aggie defense will continue to haunt the nation's offenses.

Smith key to Houston win

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Two years ago Bubba Smith's scarmarked knees were supposed to be ready for the Hall of Fame, Billy Johnson was judged too small and Ronnie Coleman was deemed too small and too slow for the National Football

League. However, Houston's pulsating 20-19 victory over Miami last Sunday might not have been possible without the performances of these three Oilers nobody wanted. They also share the responsibility for the Oilers' 7-2 record and their return to a contender's role in the NFL.

Smith blocked two extra point at tempts, Johnson returned a punt 83 yards to tie an NFL record for most kicks returned for touchdowns in one season and Coleman broke five tackles to score the winning touchdown with 1:11 left in the

Smith may have had the most satisfying game of the three. Smith, a former all-pro at Baltimore, was cut by Oakland earlier this year and then signed with Houston to play behind his younger brother Tody But Bubba had played little until

You know. Sunday was the first time I've started and played a whole game in three and one-half years," Smith said. "I'll just be happy when Tody's leg is better, so I can get back to my regular row.

usually starts about 5:30 with an hour workout of about two miles. In the afternoon the team reels off between four and five miles of timed

intervals, which range in distance from 50 to 1,000 yards each. Other off-season workouts include jogging between four and six

miles three times a week, and weight training three times a week. Both men and women participate in intramural volleyball and cross

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The A&M women tankers had a similar story, 10-2, the two losses going to TCU and Wichita Falls. A season like that is a feather in training when Fosdick intends having the swimmers doing as much as 25,000 yards a day.

The unofficial record for distance

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As the team nears NCAA time, they begin tapering off, gradually cutting down on the distance working more on the quality than

On the subject of the Olympic Games, Fosdick was quick to bring up the name of Bob Leland. Leland, a 170-pound, 6-3 sophomore from College Station, was ranked fifth in the nation last year in the 100-yard breaststroke. He clocked an excellent 1.06.4 in the 100 meter event.

"It's going to be real tough on Bob, and any other of the swimmers who make it all the way. For conference, we have to take a week off

in a single day is 23,600 yards, or between 13 and 14 miles. That's more than many on the track team from school. Then we go to NCAA in Rhode Island, then we come straight back and immediately head for Long Beach, Calif, for AAU

where we hope to qualify Leland for the Olympic trials which are to take place June 15," said Fosdick.

Another Olympic hopeful is Eric Rasmusson, the Swedish import, who will return to Sweden next

summer to qualify for the games.

When confronted with the question of what keeps the swimmers going through all those endless miles and hours of training, Fosdick answered, "The whole team is very close. They participate in intramurals together and even arrange group

outings together."

Whatever it takes, it seems that dedication is the name of the game.

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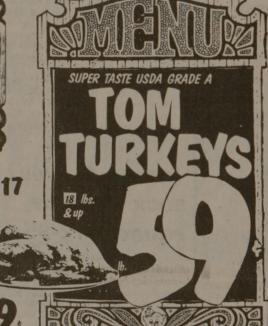
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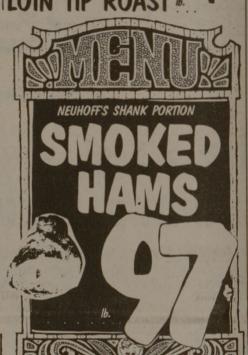
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