

Invitational tees-off golf schedule

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Some of the nation's top amateur golfers will be treated Saturday and Sunday to the A&M links and to the 1976 edition of the Aggie golf team as the University of Houston, University of Texas and SMU join the Aggies for the 36-hole opener of the Spring season.

Dubbed the A&M Invitational — which is hoped to turn into an annual affair — play will get under way at 10 a.m. both mornings.

Aggie coach Bob Ellis stressed the quality of talent that will be represented by the visiting squads. "Some of the best amateur golfers in the state — or the country — will be playing in this tournament. It will actually be a treat to be able to see this many good golfers at once."

As for A&M, the six representatives have not been decided yet, as they will be involved in qualifying play through Friday. Each team will enter six golfers, from which the five lowest scores will count toward the team score.

In his second year at the helm,

Ellis has some eight squadmen back from last year's crew, four of which journeyed with him to the NCAA Nationals last June. Those four include Larry Gorzycki — the team's only senior — hailing from Bryan; juniors Bobby Baker of Missouri City, Tex.; Monte Schauer of Victoria and Midland's Steve Whiteside.

Other returning squadmen are juniors Gail Mayfield of Perryton; Houston's Jerry Orebaugh; Craig Schurbusch of Farmington, Mo.; and sophomore Tom Sutter, representing West Springfield, Mass.

Ellis also feels that a good crop is

up and coming in this year's new members. "We recruited some good players last year and I expect them to get a lot better. They haven't yet played as well as they can, but they'll come through this time of adjustment and do us a good job."

Included in the list of those seeking a berth with the team are juniors David Belt, Frank Bush and Mike Maynard; and freshmen Bill Alexander, Rusty Day, Lyn Lente, Mike Schwerman, Doug Ward and Dave Watson.

Houston will be bringing some of the top individual talent into the tourney, led by Keith Fergan, who is

the nation's seventh ranked amateur, as well as being an All-American and runner-up last season in the U.S. Amateur Tournament. Also providing plenty of backbone is Robert Hoyt, the Texas Amateur Champion and a quarter-finalist in the U.S. Amateur Tournament.

Texas' credentials are equally impressive, beginning with Lance Ten Brock, the defending SWC individual champ and last year's second low man in the Amateur Division of the U.S. Open. Also joining the 'Horns will be Randy Simmons, runner-up in the Western Amateur Tournament and Louisiana's

Amateur Champion; and Tim Wilson, the reigning Trans-Mississippi Champion.

Leading Southern Methodist into the tourney will be Mark De Bolt, 1974 winner of the Harvey Pennick Tournament. By his side will be Charly Adams, former Dallas junior champ, and Joe Hagger, the '75 Long Distance Champion.

The tourney will be the first of some 11 meets the Aggie linkers will be attending this year, with the possible addition of another as they seek their second spot in the Nationals.

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Women beat Prairie View — fall to Lamar consistency

By CAROLYN BLOSSER
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The Aggies hung on and kept their cool under pressure as they defeated Prairie View A&M 66-49 in a hard fought game last night.

The Ags had just come off a disappointing 74-51 loss to Lamar University last Friday night in Beaumont. Their record now stands at 6-2 for the season.

Against Lamar, the Aggies' shooting just went cold, but they did play well defensively the entire game. They steadily forced Lamar to attempt long, outside shots. Unfortunately, Lamar's Carol Sims had an incredibly hot shooting streak going and piled up 26 points with consistent, accurate shooting from the outside.

Prairie View A&M wasn't so lucky. They were completely stymied by the Ags' awesome defense. Prairie View simply could not penetrate into the inside, and they were

continually forced to settle for the outside shots, most of which they missed.

To say that the game got a bit hectic at times is a gross understatement. The entire contest was filled with fouls, turnovers, controversial calls, and hard, aggressive playing. But through it all, the Aggies remained extremely well-disciplined, a fact which greatly pleased Coach Kay Don.

The Aggie point production was evenly spread out, with Cissy Auclair getting a game high of 14 points, followed by Cindy Gough's 11 points. Sally Morisse and Diane Quitta each scored eight while Dana Callaway and Donna Parmer each contributed six points to the final score.

Morisse and Gough controlled the boards for A&M, getting seven and six rebounds, respectively. Quitta led in assists with nine.

The Aggies will hit the road once again when they travel to Austin to-

night to face the University of Texas. Both of the Ags' losses this season have been on the road, so they especially hope to do well against Texas.

10 matches bring women 10 victories

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Rice University was no match for A&M's overpowering women's tennis team as the Aggie netters coasted to a 10-0 victory in their dual meet last Friday in Houston.

A total of ten matches were played, with the winner of each match receiving one point. As was evidenced from the final score, the Ags won every match.

In singles play, A&M's Sheri Sharp defeated her opponent 6-1, 6-4; while Jane Wright won her match 6-2, 6-4. Mary Guerra easily took her match 6-1, 6-0; and Ginny van Hardeveld handily beat her opponent 6-2, 6-0.

Rounding out the singles matches, Kim Bellamy won 6-0, 6-1; Robin Kendrick defeated her opponent 6-2, 6-3 and Ellen Flake won her match 6-0, 6-1.

In doubles competition, Sharp and Patty Randolph teamed up to win 6-1, 4-6, 6-3. Guerra and van Hardeveld took their match 6-4; 6-2; while Paige Beasley and Gwen Thomas won 6-0, 6-3.

In a match played just for fun, Pam Williams and Karen Boerner teamed up against Jenny Howell and Rice coach Helen Johnson, who was substituting for an injured player. The Ags lost, but luckily that match didn't count in the final standings.

Rice will have a chance to avenge its loss to A&M when they come to College Station Friday, Feb. 6 for a dual meet beginning at 1 p.m.

This weekend the Aggies will travel to San Marcos where they will compete in matches Friday and Saturday against Southwest Texas, Baylor, and possibly Sam Houston State University. The toughest competition will probably come from Southwest Texas, but Coach Ellen Buchanan feels that her girls should finish high in the match.

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