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Tennis team on road Ags play in tourney

By PAUL ARNETT
Battalion Sports Editor

The Aggie tennis team takes a bus trip to Waco today to play in the S.W.C. Tournament this weekend. The University of Houston is favored to win both the individual and team championships.

Competition will be tough, with each school sending six singles players and three doubles teams. The tournament is operating on a new format this year. There will be six separate singles tournaments matching the number one through the number six players from each of the nine schools. The same format will be followed for the doubles.

The Aggie entries are: Singles — Charles Emley, Tom Courson, Mark Silberman, Mike Moss, John Kirwan and Robin Baker. Doubles — Emley-Courson, Silberman-Kirwan and Moss-Baker.

Besides Houston, Texas and S.M.U. are also strong contenders. Texas is only five matches behind

Houston and S.M.U. has already defeated second-ranked Trinity. Rice and T.C.U. are the dark horses in the tournament.

The coaches like the new format, which is actually nine separate matches, with each one counting toward the final team standings. The round-robin matches have been used in the past, but they only decided who won the individual matches.

Houston's London Town man, Ross Walker, will be the man to beat in the singles. He is the defending champion in the S.W.C., and he and his double's partner, Dan Valenticic, are the favorites in this event.

The Aggies have one claim to fame in the tournament. The team of Emley-Courson defeated the number one doubles team of Walker-Valenticic in a dual meet held at A&M on Tuesday. The Ag-

gies came from behind to win the match 2-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Buddy Bowan of Arkansas, and Gary Plach of Texas, figure to challenge Walker for the singles championship. Each have a strong serve and excellent ground strokes. If they take the match to Walker, then it should prove interesting to see who comes out the victor.

The standings in the conference are: Houston 55-8, Texas 57-15, S.M.U. 51-21, Rice 38-34, T.C.U. 32-31, Arkansas 33-39, A&M 20-43, Tech 11-52 and Baylor 9-63.

The Aggies' best chance for individual honors is in the doubles. Emley-Courson work well as a team, and should prove a formidable opponent.

The tournament starts today, with the championship to be decided Saturday. Action will take place on the Sul Ross Courts in Waco.

Guest column

Injuries stall 'hop

By PAUL McGRATH

When Sam Dierschke graduated out of Sealy High School in 1972 he was heralded as the Great White Hope of Texas track. People came from miles around to see this white boy who ran so fast. At most meets he was the star attraction and a good many in attendance left after his day's work was done.

Dierschke was one of the most hotly-recruited prep tracksters in the state and ended up under Charlie Thomas' fold at Texas A&M — a school rich in track tradition following the Randy Matson-Curtis Mills era. He had just run a 21.1 in the 220-yard dash at the state meet, a mark that still bears his name.

As a freshman Dierschke continued to ooh and aah the crowds with personal bests of 21.0 in the 220, 9.3 in the 100-yard dash and a 46.2 leg in the mile relay. The Great White Hope had arrived.

But then came the pain. The 6-1, lanky sprinter developed groin pulls his sophomore year and missed almost the entire year. Everytime he reached back for the power to provide a winning kick his injured body betrayed him.

The injuries have persisted into this, his senior year. Dierschke has not run competitively this year after missing most of his junior year because of the pulls. This year, he is having problems with both achilles' tendons.

His legs have been treated with heat and sound therapy and Dierschke says his legs have responded "pretty good so far." He will compete for the first time this season at a pick-up meet in Waco while the rest of the team travels to the Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa. Although planned by Thomas to run mainly the quarter, he will run the 220 this weekend.

"It seems like I've had bad luck all the way through," Dierschke said of his three and one-half years at A&M.

Dierschke has no complaints against the somewhat football-oriented training room and says the treatment he has received is "usually pretty good."

He appears to be the exact opposite of what has become a travesty for athletes competing in spring track. The training facilities, particularly the two whirlpools, are used by the football team, now in spring drills.

Dierschke says the facilities are crowded at times, what with the leg and all. Although treatment has been good, he agrees it is not always the best for other athletes. Scottie Jones, a premier hurdler, a 1975 All-American and an Olympian, was told to put ice on his leg and was denied use of the room. Others have complained about the difficulty in getting to the facilities and lack of received on entering.

Many of the trainers are in treating most injuries through no fault of their own. Able to deal with track injuries, an injured leg in track is more because of the amount of pressure athlete must exert on the leg running. Unfortunately, most present trainers and managers inexperienced in treating track injuries.

Yes, football pays its way of all other sports, but doesn't ignore injured athletes.

"The training room should be sports in major centers," Dierschke said, referring to spring sports of baseball, basketball and tennis. "I think they should give priority, it's their part of the he said. "But it doesn't always get that way."

The Aggie senior brings another point. "Football has all summer to recuperate from their injuries," he said. "I wait until the fall. This is a go-round and I'm still trying to rid of all my aches and pains."

Dierschke has only a few months before his career at A&M ends and naturally he will end it on a pleasant note.

His legs heal he may not get the complaints against the training room until steps are taken to end the nation between football and all other athletes. Unfortunately, in the bygone days of one's legs, eyes will probably close to the problem. Host that the Aggie way? If you correct a situation, ignore it, away someday.

Metcalf, crew sign 6-5 guard-forward

By PAUL ARNETT
Battalion Staff Writer

Shelby Metcalf and company travelled all the way to gatorland country to sign their latest basketball recruit. His name is Sonny Howard, and if he is anything like Sonny P., then he is a welcome figure in Aggieland.

Hammond, who makes his home in Miami, is a 6-5, guard-forward prospect. He averaged 25 points a game, which was tops in the city and county.

Assistant coach Bob Gobin said, "Sonny has a tremendous range from the outside, in fact, shooting is his strong point. We hope to start him out as a guard or forward, then move him to the point. He is like a Ray Roberts or Sonny P., and will work well in our game plan."

Hammond liked A&M the minute he saw the campus. He is interested

in agriculture and forestry, and feels A&M has an excellent program in each. Hammond also enjoyed the players on the team, and looked forward to joining the club.

His senior year in high school, Hammond was All-City and reminded the coaches of Cecil Rose of Houston. Hammond was also heavily recruited by such schools as Houston, Oregon and Washington State.

Hammond will join the other Aggie recruits, and hopefully will help shore-up a team plagued with the loss of seniors.

Metcalf will return to College Station on Thursday, and then will be off to Illinois. The Aggies have recruited well in that state the past few years, and who knows, maybe another Sonny P. will make his home on the court of G. Rollie White.

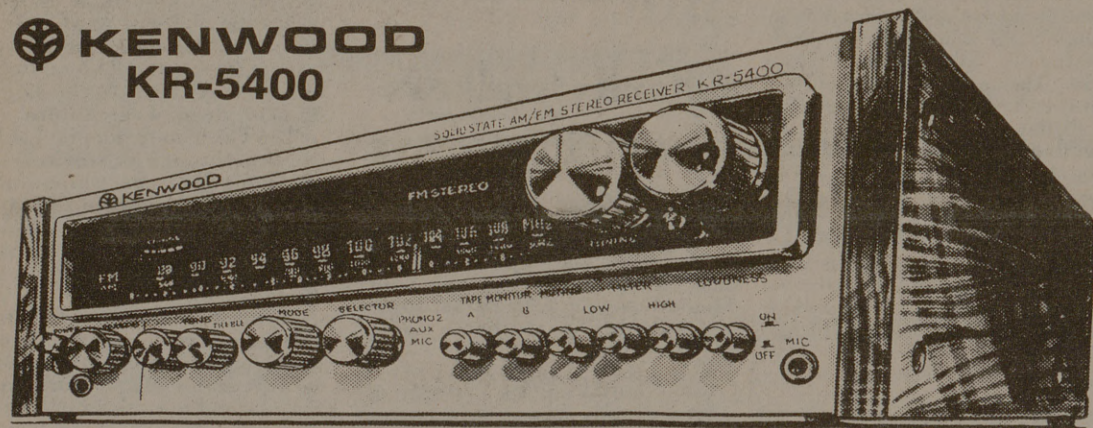
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