

Lunkers 'N Lies

By JIMMY GUILLOT

Fishing proved to be tough for the Aggie Bass Club tournament at Lake Livingston last weekend. The water was muddy, and mostly small fish were caught, but 17 anglers turned out for the competition.

When the last fish was weighed, Tommy Nucho carried home the first place trophy for his stringer of 11 lbs., 6 oz. He also aced the \$17 bass jackpot with a 4 lb. 9 oz. largemouth.

Here's how the first six positions turned out:

Name	Weight (lb.-oz.)
1. Tommy Nucho	11-6
2. Jimmy Janac	8-7
3. Joe Griffin	7-8
4. Brandon Berry	6-5
5. Tom Bennett	6-4
6. Ray Hinnant	5-15

Trophies were given to these six places.

The fact that the fish didn't come easily is shown by the weights listed here. Add a six-pounder to the sixth place weight, and you have a different story. But the lunkers were just not to be had during this tournament.

The next Aggie Bass Club tournament will be held before the next club meeting, so we'll announce it here. It will be called a "road runner" tournament. That's a new one to me, but it sounds like a lot of fun. What it amounts to is that after a check-in here in town, contestants are allowed to fish any Texas public waters for two days. Then all contestants will meet again for the weigh-in 48 hours later.

The dates for this "road runner" are Oct. 2 and 3, weekend of the Illinois game (out of town). The check-in time and place will be 5:30 p.m. at Fed Mart shopping center, Friday, Oct. 1. Contestants will then split for the lake or river of their choice anywhere in the state. It might be noted here that ponds and other private waters are not consid-

ered fair fishing areas for this tournament.

Weigh-in will be Sunday, Oct. 3 from 5:30 to 6:30, again at Fed Mart. A 10-bass limit will be weighed for each contestant, and trophies will be awarded. There will also be another lunker jackpot for those who want to enter. Entry fee for the contest is \$4 per member.

This tournament should be interesting, and anyone who likes to bass fish is invited to enter. Aggie Bass Club dues can be paid at the tournament, and any student or faculty or staff member can join the club.

Although the Lake Livingston tournament was the first of this school year, the tournament trail actually started last May and will run through next April.

Point totals are kept for each member throughout the year and at the end of the tournaments, the first six places are awarded special trophies. Points are given on the basis of one point for each ounce of fish weighed in during the tournaments.

At this point, a new fisherman could break into the top six with one good catch. First place is being held down with 28 lbs., 7 oz., while sixth place is 17 lbs., 13 oz.

With cooler weather on the way, the bass fishing is going to improve immensely. There are still seven tournaments left, with approximately one a month through April. A lot of big fish are likely to be weighed in between now and then, so if bassin' is your thing, try a tournament and really test you ability.

Although most tournament fishermen own boats, there is no requirement of boat ownership for joining the club. Tournaments are usually fished with two members in each boat. Although there might be some exceptions, a non-boat owner can usually find a partner to fish with in just about any tournament.



Battalion photo by Kevin Venner

On a drive in the fourth quarter, David Walker calls a signal at the line of scrimmage. Walker, who took over the quarterback position for the Aggies in the third

quarter of the Virginia Tech game Saturday, completed three of six passes for a total of 47 yards.

Bellard opens offensive attack

By PAUL ARNETT
Battalion Sports Editor

It is on to Kansas State, but first this important flashback of last Saturday's game. The press box was filled with typewriters banging out the play by play, the announcer's voice cracked loudly over the intercom, T.V. sets illuminated the Baylor-Houston game, when suddenly David Shipman dropped back to pass and was thrown for a six yard loss.

That in itself was insignificant, but as the afternoon wore on fans at Kyle Field saw Shipman and David Walker connect on 11 passes out of 17 attempts for 186 yards. It was a historic occasion at A&M, and one that may mark the beginning of a new offensive attack for the Aggies.

So much for memories. The question really is, will it work against Kansas State? The Aggies did throw well against Tech, but can they repeat this performance against a team who knows that the Aggies can throw?

The element of surprise is gone, but Shipman's and Walker's abilities should help overcome this obstacle. Each quarterback is an excellent pocket passer, with Walker going

one step further by being able to throw on the run.

Kansas State does not have a strong defense. They have an adequate secondary and a weak front line. With these two items working in the offense's favor, Shipman and Walker should have a lot of time to pick out the receiver each wants.

Last year A&M had trouble moving the ball against the Wildcats. The wind was blowing over 30 miles per hour, and caused havoc to the ball everytime it was thrown. The Ags won the game 10-0, but found their offense to be an ineffective weapon.

This year should prove to be a different game. The Aggies opened up their running game last week by filling the air with 17 passes. Woodard had more running room up the middle, and the outside game became easier to run. With the defensive backfield respecting the pass, the Wishbone becomes that much more of a potent offensive attack.

This week the fans should see basically the same game plan used against Virginia Tech. The Aggies will stay on the ground, passing only when Bellard feels it is merited.

The starting backfield will be George Woodard, Darrell Smith,

and Adjer Armstrong, Curtis Dickey and David Brothers should see second half action, with Walker replacing Shipman when Dickey and Brothers enter the game.

There were no major injuries at Saturday's game. Keith Baker can start light workouts in three days, and should be ready to play in about three weeks.

Minutes are public records

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Tex. — Southwest Conference minutes are public records when held by the SWC faculty representative of a Texas state-supported university — but with important exceptions, Atty. Gen. John Hill ruled Tuesday.

The exceptions are references to students and private reprimands given coaches and other employees of non-public universities.

Private reprimands of employees of tax-supported schools apparently will remain a gray area until somebody requests an opinion on whether they must be disclosed under the Texas Open Records Act.

Hill's opinion went to University of Texas President Lorene Rogers. She requested it after The Associated Press sought minutes in the possession of UT-Austin's SWC representative, Dr. J. Neils Thompson.

"I would say that the opinion doesn't bother me," Thompson said.

He said it would be some time before he is able to grant the AP's request for access because he needs to consult with UT's lawyer and the conference.

"It means we'll have to reorganize and rewrite our minutes. That means that minutes of the past will have to be edited. . . . The conference may also be faced with two sets of minutes," Thompson said.

Hill's opinion said, "If the information requested was obtained by the university's representative to the conference in his official capacity as representative, we believe that he holds it on behalf of the university and that it is public information within the scope of . . . the act."

Minutes sought included those of a meeting at which two Texas A&M freshmen basketball players, Karl Godine and Jarvis Williams, were disciplined.

Hill said references to students in SWC minutes constituted "education records," exempt from disclosure under both state and federal law.

He further noted that minutes of the May 22 meeting recorded disciplinary action, never made public, against a person employed by a private university and one who was not officially connected with any school.

The attorney general relied on a recent Texas Supreme Court decision that opened records of workmen's compensation claims but said district judges must cull from them intimate facts that might embarrass individual workers. The court used as examples of intimate and embarrassing facts such things as illegitimate births, on-the-job rapes and mutilated sex organs.

"We believe an individual who had been officially, albeit privately, censured or reprimanded would find that fact highly embarrassing and would reasonably object to publication of the information," Hill said.

The Southwest Conference has often been secretive about its internal affairs, and Hill's opinion means minutes concerning such things as its finances must be disclosed.

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Women volleyballers lose in finals

By CAROLYN BLOSSER

Members of the women's intercollegiate volleyball team had high hopes last weekend when they traveled to Houston for their first competition of the season.

Touted as one of A&M's best teams ever, the Aggies were especially anxious to prove themselves. And that is exactly what they did.

A&M began play Friday evening with scrimmages against Baylor and Wharton Jr. College. Against Baylor the Ags had little trouble, sweeping all three games 11-3, 11-3 and 11-4. They met with similar success against Wharton Jr. College, winning 11-1, 11-7 and 11-8.

The real test came Saturday morning when the Ags scrimmaged nationally ranked University of Houston. The Aggies captured the first game 11-8, before dropping the next two 4-11 and 2-11.

That afternoon A&M began competition in official matches which counted in the standings. The Ags were in top form as they beat both Wharton Jr. College (15-8, 15-9) and Baylor (15-11, 15-11).

For the big finale, A&M once again faced the University of Houston in a match that Coach Laura Kitzmiller describes as "fantastic."

U. of H., one of the top teams in the nation, barely squeezed by A&M in the first game 16-14. The Ags came back strong to capture the second game 15-11, before U. of H. won the last game 15-11, thus securing the match.

Coach Kitzmiller was extremely pleased with her team's performance, saying "it really set us off on the right foot."

"We know we can beat them (U. of H.)," she said. "We've got the material and the teamwork this year."

The Aggies will travel to Beaumont next Tuesday, September 21 for matches against Lamar and Rice University.

The Ags are especially anxious to test their skills against Lamar University, since it was Lamar who won the State Championship last year.

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