

Tourney time for Ruggers

By KATHY YOUNG
The Texas A&M Men's Rugby team is practicing for its first tournament of the season to be held this weekend in Corpus Christi.

The team lost its home game 7-6 Saturday to the Houston Heaters, an amateur city team. The Aggies led 6-3 for most of the game with the Heaters scoring late in the second half.

Fullback Tim Fields put the Aggies on the board for the Aggies with two penalty goals from the 25 yard line.

John Lipscomb, a senior industrial technology major and a third-year player, said the team missed a number of penalty kicks causing the

loss. "It was a real close game against a tough opponent," John said. He expects the team to improve and re-enter the national championship next year.

Saturday's game was the Aggies' first loss. The team tied its first game against the Houston O'Boys,

another noncollegiate city team, by a score of 9-9.

The Aggies will play nine games this semester. The most important ones are on Oct. 23 and 24 at Baton Rouge. LSU is hosting the tournament in which the Aggies will defend their '74 national championship.

The Aggies are still the current national champs, since the national competition was not held last year.

There are 15 players on the starting team. It is called the white team. The maroon team is composed of 15 second-string rugby players. A selection committee, comprising coaches Tony King, and John Rayton and player Tim Fitch, appoints the players to their positions.

This year's white squad includes John Lipscomb, Billy Goodrich, Ray Zwartjes, John Patrick, Kelly Kirkpatrick, Robert Moorman, Rick Reno, Tim Fitch, John Rayton, Rodney Smithfield, Frank Burke, Alan Jefferys, Billy Tigner, John Wyble and Tim Fields.

Colts ready for Cowboys

Associated Press

DALLAS — The spiritually healed Baltimore Colts put their 11-game regular season victory streak on the line against the Dallas Cowboys Sunday in a battle of National Football League unbeaten.

The Colts, buffeted by a feud between the front office and Coach Ted Marchibroda, have swept aside New England and Cincinnati with brilliant performances from quarterback Bert Jones.

"I think the situation helped give them their enthusiasm back," said Dallas Coach Tom Landry.

Marchibroda "resigned" after verbal conflict with club president Robert Irsay and vice president Joe Thomas. Then Marchibroda came back after strong player support.

"Ted felt front office interference in his running the football team on the field," said public relations director Barry Jones. "No one is speaking about the situation any longer. Hopefully, the turmoil is over. It did provide a rallying point for the club like Coach Landry said."

Landry has paid his usual proper respect to an upcoming opponent,

saying, "Baltimore is very aggressive. They play with a lot of enthusiasm. It will take a great effort to beat them... They really play football and hustle."

Landry said Jones is "one of the brightest young quarterbacks I've seen. He has a great arm and great poise. I met him once and he is an outstanding young man."

Jones was perhaps the most outspoken of the Colt players who stood behind Marchibroda.

"Bert was at the point where he felt he was in a financial situation where he did not have to depend on football for a living," Barry Jones said. "He said he would play out the year then asked to be traded if Marchibroda wasn't the coach."

The Cowboys have been devastating in victories over Philadelphia and New Orleans.

"Baltimore should help us evaluate just what kind of a team we have," Landry said.

"Potentially, it could be the best team we've had. But to be honest with you I don't know how far along we are."

Polo teams off to fast start

Freshmen were the guiding force last night, as the men's water polo team defeated SMU 9-8.

Steve Spicer scored four of the Aggie goals, while goalie Vincente Tazarez blocked two penalty shots in the final period in leading the Aggies to victory. Scott Harris added two points to the effort, with Blake Hinman, Jim Yates and Steve Moore rounding out the Aggie scoring.

"Tazarez played an excellent defensive game," coach Dennis Fos-

dick said. Bob Leland did an outstanding job on setting up plays.

"Our main problem was jamming in the middle, and not playing team ball. Our reactions were slow, but all these things can be expected in a first game."

The team will be traveling to California next week to play in a major tournament.

The women's water polo team went into double overtime, to defeat Clear Creek 6-5 last Tuesday night.

The first team played most of the grueling night, with Barbara German, Debbie Star and Ann Ketterer each scoring two goals.

Defense was the Aggie main method of victory, with Shirley Hill saving the game by blocking two penalty shots in the overtime period.

The girls will play a scrimmage against the freshmen guys next Wednesday before traveling to San Antonio to play their women's team.

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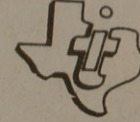
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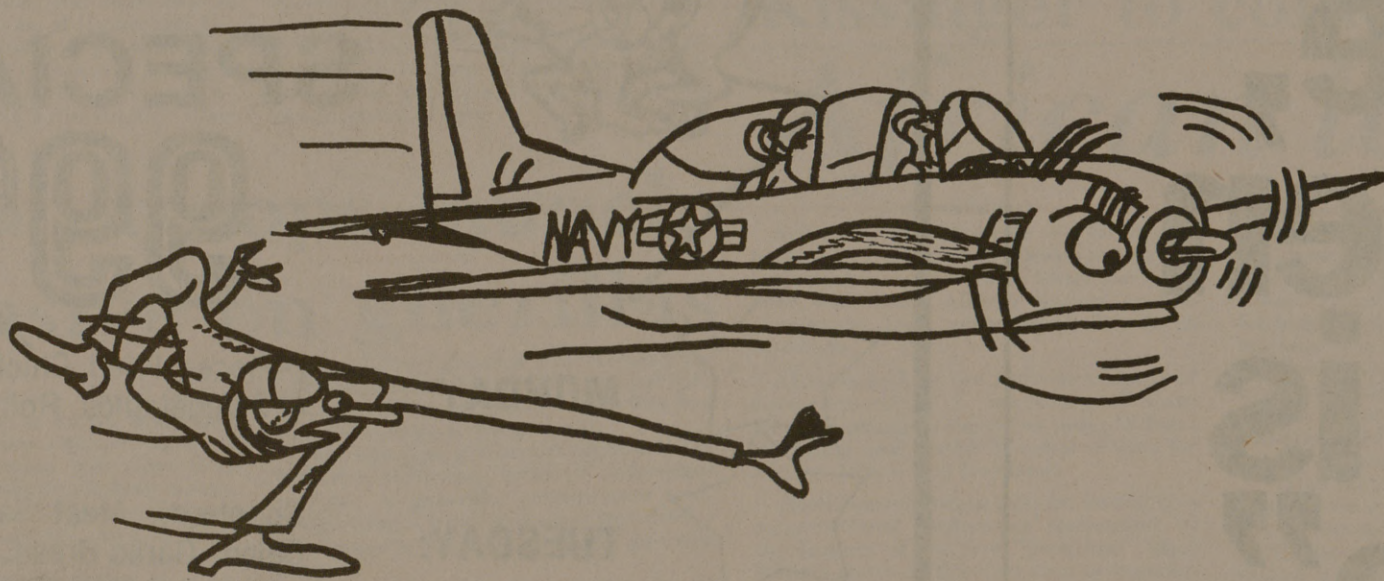
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