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Froggies invade Aggielan

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It is time for the Texas Aggie basketball team to fall back and regroup. After three tough losses, the team just may have that chance when they entertain the TCU Horned Frogs tonight at 7:30.

The Froggies' record in South-



their football team...winless. But that record is misleading. TCU has been in many of those contests, yet let victory slip through their fingers in the waning minutes.

One such game in which TCU blew a big lead came against Houston. Leading by as much as 10 points on numerous occasions, the Horned Frogs fell apart in the final

minutes and lost 78-74.

The man who led the Horned Frog charge against the Cougars with 39 points was Daryl Braden. Braden is a fine forward who is averaging 16 points and 9.5 rebounds a game. He is shooting a solid 48 per cent from the field and 77 per cent from the foul line.

"Braden is a complete ball player," coach Shelby Metcalf said. He is one of the best players in the

Another fine performer in the conference, Steve Jones, will have the dubious honor of guarding Braden. Jones has had no easy assignment this year. His last two games, Jones has had to guard Otis

The game tonight will not be for Birdsong and Marvin Delph. Havthe championship, but A&M needs ing to guard those two superstars a victory so winning ways can be should help him against Braden. a victory so winning ways can be found again. The Ags need to win

the Aggies if they are to defeat TCU. They are Wally Swanson and Willie Foreman

Swanson has had his problems the last three games. The big man seems to be pressing a little, and therefore, having his troubles. Swanson, normally a good shooter, hit on only three out of ten shots from the field against Arkansas. A&M needs Wally to be playing at his best before it can compete effec-

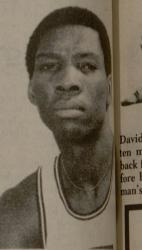
Another man the Ags need a good game from is Foreman. Willie scored a team-high 18 points against Arkansas. The stocky forward from Houston hit key baskets from inside, by beating his opponent to the ball. This aggresive play has been an element A&M has needed.

The series has been a close one over the years, with the Ags holding a slight 61-59 advantage. The Aggies defeated the Froggies' each time last season en route to a SWC

least in the number fives

conference chase. Teams finishing in that host the first round of the play-offs. A&M is cu

with Baylor for fifth place.



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Palmer to play in San Dieg

SAN DIEGO - It's been a half dozen years or so since Arnold Palmer has played in the Andy Williams-San Diego Open, this week's stop on the PGA Tour, and

for a pretty good reason.

Usually, the San Diego Open has followed the Bob Hope Desert Classic, played at nearby Palm Springs, and it has been Palmer's policy not to play in both California

events on successive weeks.

Since he has had a lot more luck winning in Palm Springs, five Hope titles over the years, it's understandable why he has passed up San Diego. Not so this year, which also is the first in the last four that the two events — Williams and Hope - are not being played back-to-

And for that reason, plus the fact Palmer wants to play more often this year than last, Arnie leads the charge, however weak these days, this week. It's a big boost for the local sponsors, since Palmer still has the magic that draws people in large

He played in the Crosby National Pro-Am last week for the first time in three years and that tournament, given a big boost as well by the

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Gerald Ford who played as a team with Palmer, set attendance records that may never be beaten.

Palmer, of course, is the most visible player here this week, but the overall field is one of the strongest in years. It boasts, among others, PGA champ Dave Stockton and Masters champ Ray Floyd.

J. C. Snead, who won here the last two years, is back, of course, as well as Ben Crenshaw, who took three titles a year ago and ranked second only to Jack Nicklaus in money winnings, local hero Gene Littler, Tucson winner Bruce Lietzke and Crosby winner Tom U.S. Open champ Jerry Pate had

entered but withdrew when his wife Suzie came down with the mumps. British Open champ Johnny Miller is taking the week off.

Pate started the 1977 Tour by winning the Phoenix Open. Lietzke, who won at Tucson two weeks ago, was a late entry here as was Tony Jacklin, runnerup to Watson in the Crosby, Jacklin lost out to Pete Brown he in the 1070 Pete Brown here in the 1970 tournament but the way he is playing now, Tony ranks as a favorite

Watson was near perfect in win-

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of former president ning the Crosby and should com-d who played as a team mand a good gallery here. The est winning score in half former Stanford University student won the Crosby with a .4 under par score of 273, a tournament record, and a pretty fine performance any-way you look at it considering the difficulty of the three courses they

use in that tournament.

The Williams, with its combined course of two Torrey Pines layouts, can be difficult at times and certainly is not a shooting gallery. Snead won last year with a 16 under par score of 272, which was the lowPalmer won the 1957 §

outright, and with a 271, 1961 title in a playoff. Of those were his glory year. Arnie says he feels he can if he plays more ofter Last week in the Crosby

missed the cut by two shots spent so much time trying former president Gerald partner in the pro-am, that neglected his own game.

Bounce back time for Baylor Bears

The past week has brought quite an alteration in the life of Jim Hal-

"Last week I was suggesting what people should do," he said. "Now I'm telling them."

Haller took over as head basket-ball coach at Baylor University last week after the unexpected resignation of Carroll Dawson. And since

then the Bears have dropped decisions to Texas Tech and Houston.

Baylor will try to give Haller his first victory Wednesday night against the lowly Rice Owls (1-6) in one of two Southwest Conference games on the schedule TCU (0-7) will be at Texas A&M (3-4) in the

It's been hectic to say the least, said Haller. "There's been a big change in my life, and a big change for the team, too.

"I'm quite disappointed in the way we started, of course. But this is not going to be an overnight pro-

"I had a lot of respect for Carroll Dawson. But no two people are alike. I think the biggest factor right now is to get the players to thinking like winners and have more confidence in ourselves. We have got to be more intense and compete a little harder, have more concentration in what we doing.

"I thought we played pretty good against Tech, but I was disap-

Baylor, one of the pres

ference favorites, will car league mark into the me

"You can never take any granted," Haller said. "Rice has yet to play itsh of the year.

And the coaches at Houston both said their played the best game if played all year against us But I've always been

I don't get down on myse not going to get down players. Right now the w we could do is worry about of the teams in this con What we've got to do is be best team Baylor can b 'We have the resour

told the people in Houst game there Monday nig Cougars were coming of win of the season age A&M and they had there. Our last two ga have drawn 9,000 and 8 have the support.

Conference activity Thursday with two key league leading and Arkansas (7-0) at SMU (ond place Houston (5-

Tech (5-3). Those two gan back to Thursday from in order to reduce the t sas and Houston would road for their weekend tr will also take the Razo Baylor on Saturday after Houston to SMU on Satur

Houston, Ag fencer

The Texas A&M University Club hosted an open ment Saturday in DeWa

The results of the wo

1. Lisa Crispin, Texas (victories, defeats); Alison Colquhor

Club, Houston, 5-1 3. Kim Jones, Dad's Ch

In the men's foil finals to 1. Mike Monks, Uni

Houston, 5-0; 2. Richard Lanfear, T

3. Mike Bienek, D Houston, 2-3; Seven women and 11

peted in all.

"For this early in the was a good turn out," A& Coach Abe Cyrus said This is the first tou preparation for the Col Championships coming

at U.T."
Club president Paul "The A&M fencers, after slow season in the fall, quite well against fen other areas.

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