

# Women swimmers take state meet

By GLEN JOHNSON  
There was tenseness in the air at the University of Houston swimming pool Saturday, when the Texas A&M women's swim team went into the final meet of the Texas Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (TAIAW) state swim meet.

Texas A&M and the University of Texas were nearly tied after two days of swimming. U.T. led by the end of Thursday, but the Aggies took the lead on Friday. For their grand finale, the Aggies won the meet with a 12 point lead over U.T., the next closest competitor. The final score was 525 points for Texas A&M.

This is the first time in the history of the women's team at Texas A&M that they were able to win a state meet.

Members of the U.T. swim team sported T-shirts bragging of past victories at state meets. They boasted with the saying "Some things never change." The women on the Texas A&M team plan to retaliate with T-shirts saying "Some things DO change."

Head swimming coach Dennis Fosdick credited the whole team with the victory. "Everyone just worked real hard, and we pulled it out," he said.

For a while, the fate of the team rested on the shoulders of the divers. Had they done poorly, Texas A&M would have had to settle for second place, but the Aggies took sixth and seventh place in the three-meter diving which gave them the points that A&M needed to stay in the lead. This was an unexpected asset to winning the meet, Fosdick said.

The top swimmers who drove the Aggies to victory were Debbie Starr, Shirley Hill, Cindy Hallaran, Kathy Singletary, Stacy Pletz and Susie Lynde.

Jeannie Buckles and Jennie Hicks also brought winning points for the Aggies.

When one considers the multitude of schools entering the meet,

which included all the colleges and universities in Texas, it becomes easier to appreciate the Aggies' victory.

Starr took sixth place in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 55.5 seconds, a seventh in the 50-yard freestyle with a 25.3, and eighth in the 200-yard freestyle with a 2:00.5, which was 3 seconds better than her best previous time. She also participated in the 800-yard freestyle relay with Hill, Hicks, and Lynde who took first place with a time of 7:56, and in the 400-yard freestyle relay with Hill, Hicks and Buckles who took first place with a 3:37.9.

Starr along with Singletary, Linda Melis and Julie Krienke took third place in the 200-yard freestyle relay, while she and Buckles, Pletz and Krienke took third in the 200-yard medley relay.

Hill placed first in the 50-yard freestyle with a 24.71, which is a Texas record, and she qualified for the AIAW national meet in this race as well as in the 200-yard freestyle where she took third place with a time of 1:02.2.

## New mortuary has top priority over soccer club

BUDAPEST (UPI) — The City Council of the West Hungarian town of Kibiti first voted in favor of building a new mortuary until the Council chairman explained that a new dressing room for the local soccer club would be more important. "Comrades," the chairman said, "we have to look forward. The dead are not producing for our Socialist country."

A few weeks later, after the soccer club had dropped to the bottom of the league following a series of defeats, the decision was revoked. The half-finished dressing room was torn down and the mortuary will be built partly with the used material.

Hill took second place in the 100-yard freestyle with a 53.8 and a sixth in the 200-yard individual medley with a 2:18.8.

Lynde, who is currently the team's most versatile swimmer, swam less than her full capability, according to Fosdick. However, she placed in six events.

She took second place in the 100-yard individual medley with a 1:02.2, which also qualified her for that event at nationals. She also placed second in the 200-yard butterfly with a 2:11, the 200-yard individual medley with a 2:13.3 and the 400-yard individual medley with a 4:41.

Lynde captured fifth place in the

200-yard backstroke with a 2:17.5.

Buckles, a returning winner from last year, took third place in the 50-yard backstroke and in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:03.

Hicks earned the third place in the 500-yard freestyle with a 5:09.4, which is also a state record.

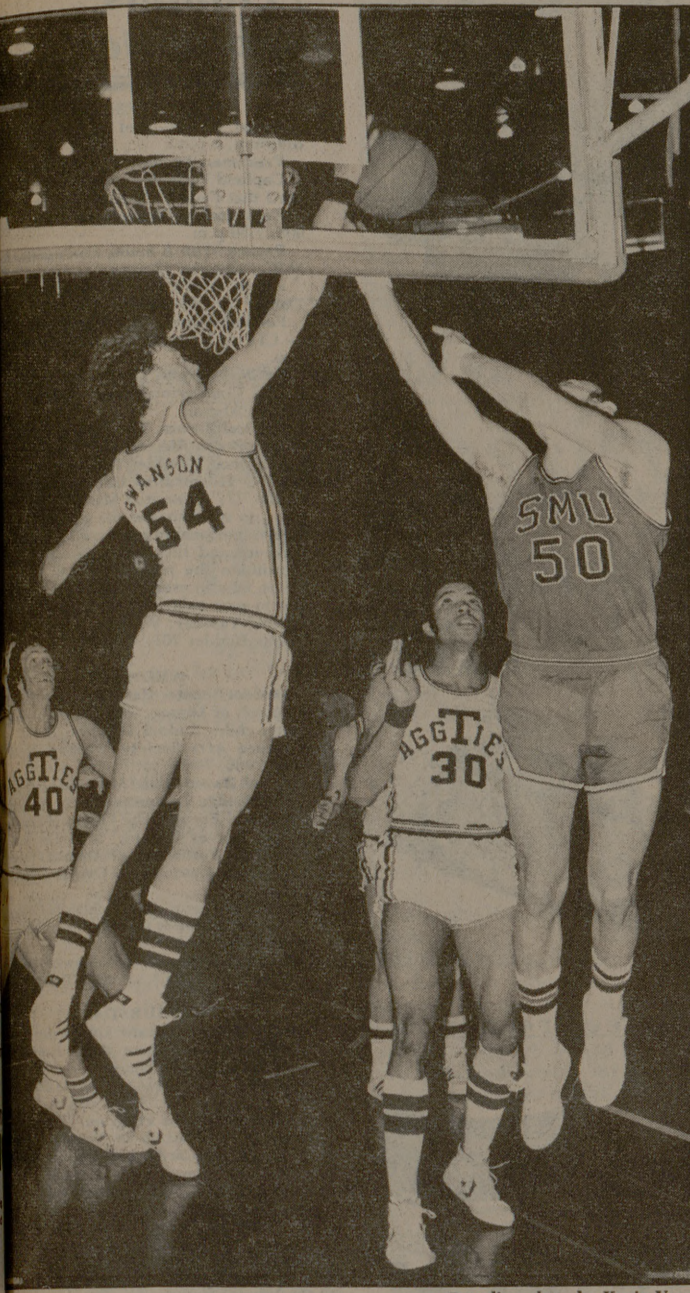
Pletz set a Texas record in the 200-yard breaststroke by taking a first with a time of 2:31.5. She finished first in the 100-yard breaststroke with a 1:10.5, and third in the 50-yard breaststroke with a 33.4.

Singletary finished with a surprising sixth place in the 100-yard individual medley with a 1:04.4. She also finished seventh in the 50-yard butterfly.

The excitement of the three-day meet reached a thrilling peak when the women realized their victory. The Aggies took first place in the final event just to show that they could do it, and qualified for the Amateur Athletics Union nationals in the process.

"We were going nuts," Starr said. "The whole place went wild. We knew that if the divers could hold their place, we would only have to place fourth or better to win the meet, but we tried to take first place to show everyone."

The Texas Tech team even joined the Aggies in singing the Aggie War Hymn on the starting blocks in celebration of their victory over Texas University.



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Wally Swanson (No. 54) goes high to block Jeff Swanson's (No. 50) lay up. The Aggies defeated the Mustangs 89-79, and will play Houston in The Summit Thursday night at 7.

# Aggies sweep Razorback series

By WAYNE NELSON

Sparked by strong pitching performances, the Texas Aggie baseball team opened their Southwest Conference (SWC) season last Friday at Saturday by sweeping a three game series from the Arkansas Razorbacks.

Friday afternoon, sophomore pitcher Mark Ross hurled a shutout over the Hogs. The win led Ross' season record to 3-0.

At the plate the Aggies collected hits on 36 times at bat.

Leading the Aggie batters Friday afternoon were Kyle Hawthorne who went 2-for-3 at the plate and Alton McMath who went 2-for-4. McMath and A&M catcher Bus-

ter Turner hit home runs in the winning effort.

Head coach Tom Chandler was pleased with the team's first SWC outing and Ross' performance.

"Ross really did a fine job," Chandler said. "We wanted to leave him in there as long as we could, and with this warm weather we really didn't think about hurting his arm."

"More importantly, he's got that first one under his belt now."

"Overall the team effort was a good one, probably one of our best this season," said Chandler.

The "good effort" carried over into Saturday afternoon as the Aggies again dominated the Razorbacks, taking both games of the doubleheader, 4-3 and 4-0.

In the first game John Pockrus

came out of the dugout to relieve David Pieczynski in the top of the sixth inning to help the Aggies escape with a narrow 4-3 win.

Pieczynski was credited with the win while Pockrus was given the save. The win gave Pieczynski a 3-1 season record.

Highlighting the first game was a three-run homer by freshman Mike Hurdle in the bottom half of the fourth inning.

Arkansas quickly countered with a three-run fifth inning, but with the relief pitching of Pockrus, the Aggies were able to hold on for the win.

The second game saw the best pitching performance of the series with junior college transfer Jim McWilliams hurling a three-hit shutout. McWilliams struck out 10 batters in the first five innings and

allowed his only hits during those innings.

A&M collected its four runs with the aid of Winston Whiddon, who went 2-for-3 in the second game. He gained a home run and three runs batted to his record.

Whiddon, who has been sidelined by an ankle injury, saw his first action in four games.

The Aggies, who are now 3-0 in SWC play and 11-2 in season games, travel to Lubbock this weekend for a three game series with Texas Tech.

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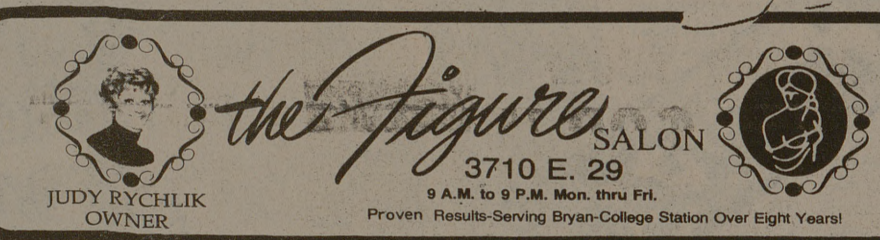
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