

Ags spark Texas canoe team

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Fighting fierce winds and the northern chill, the Texas A&M Canoe Club sparked the Texas team to an eighth place finish at the national canoeing championships held in New York.

The Texas squad consisted of eight members, four from Texas A&M. With a crowd of nearly 1000 viewing the representatives

of 30 states competing in the races, the Aggies keyed Texas to its unexpected high placing.

Texas A&M's Kay Edwards said that many were surprised by Texas' good showing because canoeing was thought to be taken seriously in only the northern states.

The 20-mile course from Binghamton to Owego was longer than the Aggies were used to and the coolish air made it difficult for them

to breathe after being accustomed to the warm climates of the Lone Star state.

Aggies' John Bugge and Mike Shively placed sixth in the men's aluminum division out of 50 competitors. The other two Aggies, Edwards and Trevi Holt, teamed for a seventh place in the women's cruising (fiberglass) division. The two women had only been competing together for a month as Ed-

ward's regular partner is expecting.

Edward's also took a third in the women's kayak category in which only 12 boats competed.

Houstonians Doug Harrington and Richard Miller placed fourth in men's aluminum and ninth in men's cruising after turning over at the start of the race.

The nationals race occurred at nearly the mid-point of the Texas title race, which has several Aggies currently in first place. In fact, it was the current standings which determined which representatives were sent to nationals.

Edwards and Holt lead the state in the women's cruising category and Edwards also has the kayak division all to herself.

Bugge and Shively head the men's aluminum, while the mixed category (with male and female partners) is still up for grabs with the Edwards-Bugge and Holt-Shively teams. Each have good shots for the title.

The title is determined by points accumulated in the designated state races. Only four state races remain before the conclusion of the season.

This weekend the club will travel to Dallas to compete on the Trinity River in one of the four points races left. The high point individual will receive the Dallas Cup trophy.

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Wade defeats Richards

United Press International
FOREST HILLS, N.Y. — Supremely confident Virginia Wade, true to her word, washed away whatever threat transsexual Renee Richards posed upon the women with a 6-1, 6-4 rout over the controversial doctor today in an opening round match of the U.S. Open Tennis Championships.

What developed into something of a grudge match caused by a flippant remark from Wade that she would "check out" Richards if she won, the British Wimbledon champion won in one hour.

Richards, the father of a young boy, previously played here as Richard Raskin, losing an opening round match in 1960 to Australian Neale Raser. Now, she required a court order to permit her to return to the women's field.

Prior to this eagerly awaited duel on the stadium court, methodically cool Chris Evert breezed past outclassed Sharon Walsh, 6-0, 6-1.

There's no reason I'm going to lose this match unless I screw up," third-seeded Wade had predicted, and this is something she certainly didn't do. Taking the initiative from the start, the intense, 32-year-old

Richards won the first three games before dropping her only game of the first set.

Richards, who wore gold earrings and mascara on her eyes, was much more comfortable in the second set, breaking Wade in the sixth game to draw even at 3-3 and carrying Virginia to duce on numerous occasions. But Wade, after breaking back in the seventh game, managed to retain the edge and won the match by holding her serve at love in the 10th game.

The two women, who demonstrated little emotion during the match, shook hands at its conclusion.

Although the stadium court wasn't packed, there was a lot of noise generated with the fans seeming to lean towards Richards.

Evert, a 22-year-old blonde, was elegantly attired all in white except for a yellow band around her waist and yellow shoulder straps. She required 40 minutes on a warm, lazy day to dispose of Walsh and run her winning streak on clay courts to 107 matches over a stretch of 23 tournaments.

Despite the fact she is the two-time defending champion here, Chris merely set the stage for the Wade-Richards spectacular that followed.

King Pele retires from soccer

United Press International
NEW YORK — This time, Pele says, he means it. He's saying goodbye to soccer, positively, absolutely and permanently.

He'll play his last game a month from today at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. That's what he says, anyway. He'll suit up with the Cosmos for the first half of that contest and with his old Brazilian team, Santos, in the second half, and then he'll be all finished.

Don't be your life on it, though, Pele has said the same thing before. Not once, but several times each time he agonized over his "retirement" for a period, then changed his mind and came back to play some more.

It was the Cosmos who talked him out of his last retirement in the summer of '75 with a three-year contract for \$4.75 million plus another \$2.25 million to take care of his income taxes here, and it is the Cosmos who are doing everything they can now to talk him out of this "retirement."

Tell us how much you want, Pele says, and we'll give you any kind of contract you say.

To which Pele merely smiles, shakes his head, and says no, thanks, he's retiring.

One veteran soccer official who doesn't think he will be Enzo Magnozzi, the man who first brought him to this country to play soccer with the Santos team 11 years ago and more than a half dozen times after that.

Now president of the Southern New York State Soccer Association, which is part of the U.S. Soccer Federation, Magnozzi believes Pele will change his mind about quitting. He also believes money is what will make him come back.

"I think he'll play again," says Magnozzi, with the assurance born of someone who has dealt with Pele before. "Why? Because he's the best businessman I've ever seen and I've been associated with soccer more than 30 years. Pele has said he was retiring three times now. I brought him to this country with the Santos team seven times but I gave up doing it in 1970 just before the World Cup in Mexico because Pele said he was quitting and not playing anymore. Then he turned around and joined the Brazilian World Cup

team. You know what I think? I think he was just holding out for more money." Magnozzi, 57, played eight years himself in the American Professional League with the New York Americans and comes from a soccer family. His father, Spartacus, was general manager of Livorno, a first division team in Tuscany, and his uncle, Mario, played on two World Cup teams and still ranks among the top 10 all-time scorers in Italian soccer history.

"I remember the first time I brought Pele to this country," says Magnozzi. "We put him in a hotel here with the rest of the Santos players and he was such a hero to the Spanish people and all the other Latin Americans that he had to stay in his room like a prisoner because he'd be mobbed every time he stepped out."

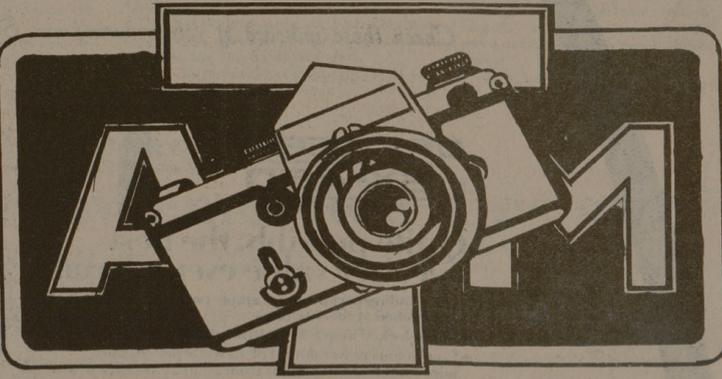
The people would gather in the hotel lobby and wait for him or they'd go upstairs and try to get in to see him. Food would have to be brought to his room. All the attendance records the Cosmos are breaking now are the ones we set. With Pele in the lineup, Santos played Inter-Milan at Yankee

Stadium on Sept. 5, 1966, and drew 42,183 people. That was a record and it wasn't broken until the Cosmos did it this season by drawing 62,000.

Magnozzi recalls another game Pele played here that same year, one that had been ballyhooed as a "showdown" between Pele and Eusebio, known as "The Black Panther of the Mozambique." Playing for Portugal, Eusebio was high scorer in the World Cup competition that year and soccer fans around the world were speculating that he could be the "new king."

"The game I have in mind was played at Randall's Island Stadium," says Magnozzi. "Pele played for Santos and Eusebio for Benfica of Lisbon. Santos won the game, 4-0, and Pele scored two goals. There was no more talk about a 'new king' after that although Eusebio was a very good player. He was almost as good as Pele."

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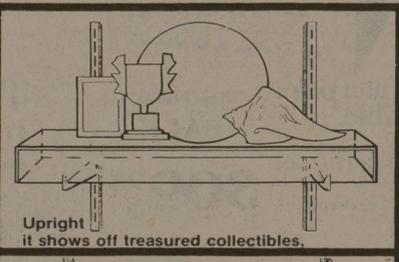
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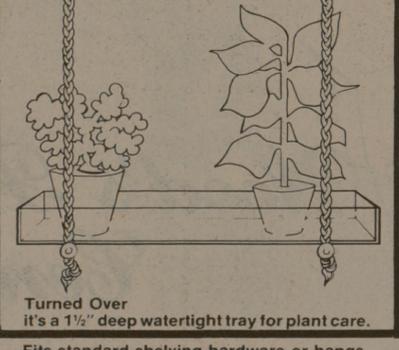
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