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Ruggers are Houston bound

By GERARD A. O'DONOVAN

The Texas A&M Rugby Club defeated the Austin Huns by a score of 14-4 at the Main Drill Field on Saturday. It was the seventh win of the season for the Aggie Whites against one loss. The loss occurred earlier in the season against the State Champion, Houston Heathens.

The Aggie Maroons, the A&M No. 2 team was also a winner. The Maroons downed the Huns 17-0. John Ekrut, Mike Gatens and Bill Shearin each had a try for A&M and Alan Weiss connected on one conversion and a 45-yard penalty kick.

All of the Aggie scoring took place in the first half of the main event and gave A&M a 14-0 lead at the interval. Phil Cook opened the scoring for the Whites going over near the corner flag on a break after some nice movement by the A&M backs. The 2-point conversion was wide from near the touchline. The Aggies led 4-0.

The second try followed a loose ruck. Robert Moorman saw Chuck Martin breaking through in the center. Moorman tossed a quick pitchback and the Aggie fullback made no mistake, going over between the posts, after a 15-yard scamper. Alan Jeffrey's conversion was good and the Ags led 10-0.

Phil Cook scored his second try of the day just before half-time. Cook lofted a 45-yarder to Garry Uwen. He somehow managed to run under his own kick after one bounce near the 12-yard line and he scored untouched between the uprights. The conversion was no good. The Whites led 14-0.

The second half was evenly played. The Huns had the only score on an unconverted try.

Outstanding players for the Aggies were Mike Frenzel and Mark Anthony, who owned every lineout. Paul Rutledge and speedster Greg Laswell shone in the backline.

This was another strong outing for the improving Aggies who had beaten the Dallas Rugby Club the previous week 17-9. The Dallas Club was No. 1 in the State until suffering its first loss of the year to the Aggies in a grudge match.

A&M travels to Houston this weekend for the annual Houston Tournament. The event will have 25 nation wide teams participating. The Maroons will also take part in the Houston tournament.

This has been an especially rewarding season for the Aggie Ruggers. Employing a nice blend of experience and youthful enthusiasm, the Rugby team has operated on character and desire. Last year's coach and perennial mentor Tony King, have each left Aggieland.

The secret of its success is that the Maroon squad consistently gives the Whites a hard game in scrimmages. As in the late 60s and early 70s, when A&M was 84-4 over a four-year period, the same Aggie spirit returns.

Rugby is not a game for the faint-hearted and Tuesday's scrimmage at the Main Drill Field was typical of hard crisp quality rugby. The Ruggers work out daily from 5-6 p.m. on Mondays through Thursdays on the Main Drill Field. Everyone is welcome.

Horns have new coliseum

United Press International

AUSTIN — As amazing as it may seem, the main attraction surrounding the Texas Longhorns basketball team this season — at least for a while — will not be the never ending one liners from Coach Abe Lemons.

It will be the building in which the Longhorns will play.

It's called the Super Drum, it is awesome in appearance and it will hold more than 16,000 people.

"And it has orange rugs on the wall," said Lemons. "That's class — rugs on the wall."

This will be Lemons' second year at Texas and the new players there will represent his first major recruiting effort. And although the Texas coach made a large splash by signing three freshmen and one junior college transfer from California, the likely first-night starters will all be familiar names.

Lemons' current thinking is to field a lineup of 6-4 Ron Baxter, 6-7 Mary Goodner, 6-1 Jim Krivacs, 6-0 John Moore and either 6-7 Phillip Broud, the only newcomer in the bunch, or 6-5 Ovie Dotson.

When queried about his group of California prospects, Lemons did not sound enthusiastic.

"I think some of them have their feelings hurt," he said. "They were two hours behind on the West Coast and they haven't been able to pick them up yet. They've been kind of lackadasical.

"Next year I'm going to get some players from the other coast.

"And the best of the California group may not even play."

He was referring to Henry Johnson, a 6-6, 190-pounder who has had a mysterious knee ailment. Doctors cannot find anything wrong with the knee, but it has continued to bother Johnson.

"Guys put men on the moon, but we can't make Henry Johnson well," said Lemons.

Texas was competitive all last season, breaking even in conference play and finishing fourth. But no matter how well they do during the early part of this season it will be the coliseum that will get most of the attention.

"We still have those three parking places out front," said Lemons, who during the stadium's construction noted that he could find no more than three spots to park a car near the building.

"I would reserve them for the officials if I though it would do any good. I'm going to take my car down there and leave it."

The parking problems at the stadium will be overcome — at least in part — by utilizing government parking garages nearby and running shuttle buses back and forth.

But parking problems or not people want to get in. The Longhorns have already sold more than 2,000 season tickets and school officials feel that by the 1978-79 campaign the only way a person will be able to get into the place is to have a season ticket.

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