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# Not-so-simple NIT tips off this evening

## Deciphering schedule tough as competition

**United Press International**  
NEW YORK — It used to be so simple when the entire National Invitation Tournament took place in Madison Square Garden, where it originated.

Now in order to be one of the four teams to play in the semifinals March 19 in the traditional New York site, you have to be smart enough to figure out the schedule as well as being good enough to beat it.

The second-round schedule and some sites of the oldest national basketball tournament in the nation were announced Monday and they may seem a little confusing, but it's just part of the NIT's 3-year-old effort to boost multi-regional interest in the tournament.

First-round action begins this week with seven games Wednesday and five games scheduled for Thursday. All six second-round games will be played Monday.

The winner between Nevada-Reno and Oregon State will play the Texas A&M-New Mexico survivor. The winner of the St. Joseph's-Ohio State matchup will face the Rhode Island-Maryland victor.

The winner of the Wagner-Old Dominion contest will face the Clemson-Kentucky survivor and the Alcorn State-Mississippi State winner meets the Indiana-Texas Tech winner.

The Northeast Louisiana-Virginia contest will meet the St. Bonaventure-Alabama winner and the Holy Cross-Dayton survivor faces the winner of Thursday night's matchup between Purdue and the

Mid-America Conference runner-up, either Central Michigan or Toledo.

The location of the second-round games will be as follows:

If New Mexico wins, the Lobos will be the home team in the second round regardless of their opponent. If Texas A&M beats New Mexico, however, the Aggies will advance to the second round on the road, either at Oregon State or at Nevada-Reno.

If Maryland beats Rhode Island, the Terrapins will host the second round at College Park, Md. If Rhode Island wins, the Rams would either host St. Joseph's in the second round or travel to Ohio State.

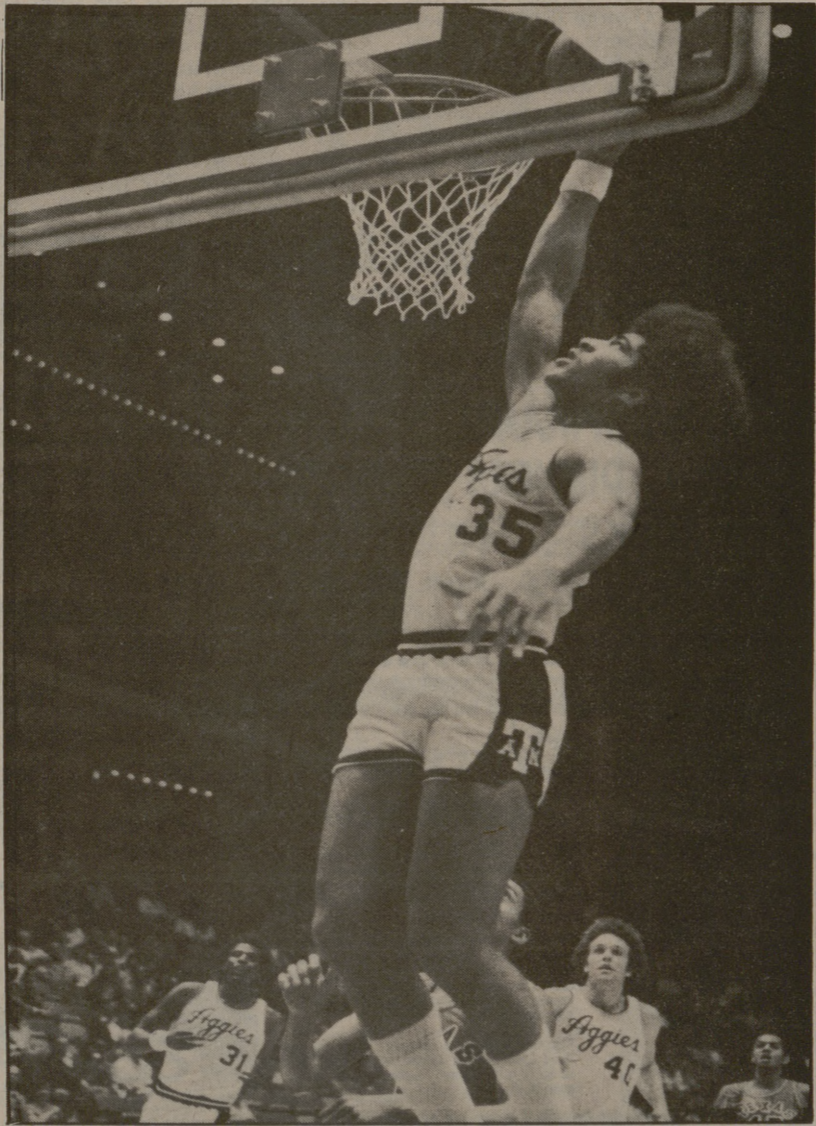
The winner of the Kentucky-Clemson game will host either Wagner or Old Dominion in the second round.

If Indiana beats Texas Tech, the Hoosiers will be at home for the second round. If the Red Raiders beat Indiana, they would either host Alcorn State or travel to Mississippi State.

An Alabama victory over St. Bonaventure would make the Crimson Tide the host team against either Northeast Louisiana or Virginia in the second round. If the Bonnies win, they would either host Northeast Louisiana or play at Virginia.

If Purdue wins, the Boilermakers host the second round. If Dayton beats Holy Cross and Purdue loses, the Flyers host the second round. If Holy Cross wins and Purdue loses, the Crusaders either host Central Michigan or travel to Toledo.

Two of the six third-round teams will receive byes.



Texas A&M's Rynn Wright goes up for a stuff against Texas Tech in the SWC post-season tournament last week. The Aggies will play New Mexico in the opening round of the NIT Thursday in Albuquerque.

Battalion photo by Mark Patterson

## Lobo mania runs rampant

**United Press International**  
ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — New Mexico fans don't call themselves "maniacs" for nothing.

The Lobos, who annually duel with such better known basketball powers as Kentucky and UCLA in attendance average at home games, drew better than 16,000 fans per game this season, despite the fact the Lobos finished third in the Western Athletic Conference behind Brigham Young and Utah.

From all accounts, Thursday's attendance for New Mexico's bout with Southwest Conference member Texas A&M in an opening round game of the National Invitation Tournament, will be better.

Students, who were limited to no more than two tickets per person, started lining up outside the University Arena Sunday afternoon, shortly after New Mexico received the NIT call. By morning, the last person in line was looking at a four-to-five-hour wait to the ticket windows.

Some of the more ingenious spent the night outside the arena in sleeping bags while others joined friends in "linepooling," alternating shifts every three or four hours.

UNM student Ernest Bishop,

who along with several friends was holding down the front of the line, summed up the feelings of the Lobo faithful.

"We wanted to be No. 1," said Bishop. "We're maniacs."

By the time the ticket windows closed Monday night, only 4,500 of the 18,000 available seats remained. But that wasn't the only problem facing university officials.

The school had promised season ticket holders they would get the first opportunity to purchase tournament tickets. However, numerous non-season ticket holders purchased tickets during the crush Monday and the university was trying to make sure the remaining 4,500 tickets went to persons who held regular season tickets.

Should New Mexico beat Texas A&M, the Lobos would be at home for a second round game.

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## Netters win

The Texas A&M women's tennis team boosted its season record to 62 Tuesday with a 9-0 victory over Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches.

In singles action for the Aggies, it was Maylyn Hooton over Helena Aguirre 6-3, 6-1; Pam Hill over Lesus Davis 6-1, 6-2; Kathleen Sissom over Jennie Wehrneger 6-2, 6-0; Judy Willard over Susie Locke 5-7, 6-1, 6-3; Ferol Hinkle over Mary Travis 6-1, 6-3 and Mary Guerra over Donna Eaton 6-4, 6-1.

In doubles, Hill and Hooton defeated Davis and Wehrneger 6-4, 6-3; Sissom and Alexis Hefley defeated Aguirre and Jean Jones 6-0, 6-0 and Willard and Susan Schilling defeated Travis and Eaton 6-3, 6-0.

The Aggies host Texas Thursday at 2 p.m. on Texas A&M's varsity courts.

## Ruggers win

Last weekend, the Texas A&M women's rugby team defeated a newly organized Sam Houston State University team by a lop-sided score of 52-0.

State champions for two years, the Aggies tightened their hold on the Texas Rugby Union Cup with the victory over SHSU.

The Aggies began strong with a solid team effort in the first half resulting in a commanding 30-0 lead at halftime. They increased their lead by scoring five tries and kicking one conversion in the second half.

On March 18, the Aggies will host the 1979 Texas Trials to determine the 20 best women ruggers in the state. These women will compose the Texas Women's Select Side and will represent Texas in touring competition around the nation.

The Aggies now have a 19-1 season record as they prepare for the Third Annual TRU Cup Finals in April.

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