

the sports

Aggie notes

Frogs host baseball team

Trying to regroup after its losses to Baylor in last weekend's rain-shortened series, the Texas Aggie baseball team travels to Fort Worth to play TCU this weekend.

The Aggies, 5-3 in Southwest Conference play after dropping both games to the Bears, are scheduled to play a single game Friday afternoon and a double-header Saturday beginning at 1 p.m.

Mark Thurmond and Mark Ross, the two winningest pitchers in Texas A&M history, will pitch the first two games for the Aggies. Thurmond pitched the first game of the Baylor series 7-3. It was the first loss he has suffered in regular-season play as an Aggie.

Thurmond had won 28 straight regular season games and 16 straight conference games. Ross took the loss in the shortened second game, losing 5-3. The game was called in the sixth inning because of darkness.

Left fielder Mike Hurdle continued his hot hitting streak for the Aggies in the Baylor series. In the last seven games Hurdle has raised his average 84 points, carrying a .277 season average.

The Aggies return home to meet Oklahoma City in a pair of double-headers Monday and Tuesday.

Men's golf

The Texas A&M golf team traveled to Houston Wednesday to compete in the All-America Invitational Golf Tournament, scheduled to run through Saturday. The tournament field includes the top teams in the nation and features a variety of competition for team, individual, two-ball and four-ball matches.

In Wednesday's opening round, the Aggies shot a team total of 293 to leave them in tenth place at the end of the day.

Coach Bob Ellis sent the Aggies' second team to Austin last week to compete in the Lago Vista Invitational Tournament. The Aggies finished third, with Jay Kent of Texas A&M winning the individual title with a 214 total. Matt Tillinghast posted a 221, Kel Devlin had a 223, Mike Dawson ended with a 228 and Biff Alexander scored a 234.

Women's golf

After finishing fifth in last week's Lady Paladin Invitational in Greenville, S.C., the Aggie Ladies golf team travels to Vidor for the Lamar

University Lady Cardinal Invitational this weekend. The tournament will be held at the Riverwood Golf Course.

In last week's play, Texas A&M's Shirley Furlong took fourth place honors in individual play. Furlong and Terry Moody of Georgia finished regulation play tied at 229. Furlong birdied the second playoff hole to capture fourth. Kim Bauer of A&M finished eighth.

This week's tournament is the final work-out before the state championships April 20-24 at East Texas State University in Commerce.

Tennis

The Aggie Ladies tennis team traveled to Austin last weekend for the 31-team UT-Austin Invitational Tennis Tournament. The tournament was rained out but not before the team chalked up a few victories.

Susan Schilling and Kathleen Sisson defeated Oklahoma State's Debbie Cunningham and Linda Christopher in the Division I consolation round.

In Division II play, Mary Guerra and Ferol Hinkle downed Jane Setree and Cary Garton of Texas Tech. Before rain halted action, A&M's Maylyn Hooton was still alive in the consolation singles.

The Aggies will host Southwest Texas State University Saturday on the varsity courts, starting at 1 p.m.

Softball

Posting a 12-6 season record, Texas A&M's softball team travels to Springfield, Mo., to compete in the

Southwest Missouri State Invitational Tournament Friday and Saturday.

The tournament field will include four teams that played in the national championship tournament last year.

In their last outing the Aggies won two and dropped one in the Texas Women's University Invitational Tournament. Texas A&M defeated TA and Northwest Louisiana 7-2 before losing to Kansas 4-2.

Leading the mound corps for the Aggies are Sami Evans, with a 6-4 season record, and Shannon Murray at 5-2 on the year.

Women's Rugby

After two shutout victories last weekend, 38-0 over Dallas and 14-0 over Austin, the Aggie women's rugby team gained sole possession of second place in the Texas Rugby Union.

Ending the regular season with a 24-2-1 record, the Aggies advance into the Texas Women's Championship Sunday to face the Houston Hearts April 15 in Dallas.

Sport Parachute

The parachute club will host a meet Saturday at 8 a.m. at the Hearne Airport. The University of Texas-Austin and the University of Houston, along with other schools, will compete in three classes: round canopy, modified round canopy and square canopy.

All participants will be jumping for accuracy.

Fairbanks vows to revive Buffaloes

United Press International DENVER — Newly released from his New England Patriots contract, an apologetic Chuck Fairbanks Wednesday admitted he had no magic wand, but nevertheless vowed to transform the University of Colorado football program into a national power.

"You can mark this down," said Fairbanks, as he officially accepted the reins as head coach of the Colorado Buffaloes. "We will win. I don't know how long it will take, but we will win."

Fairbanks met with reporters two days after settlement of a three-month-old contract dispute between the NFL Patriots and CU officials.

The Patriots had tried to keep Fairbanks, hired by them from the University of Oklahoma, from quitting so he could return to college coaching. But they agreed to halt legal efforts when the university said it would pay \$200,000 and Fairbanks would drop claims for deferred payments of 105,000.

"It would have been nice to have a smooth transition, but that didn't happen," Fairbanks said. "Unfortunately I made some errors, but I don't think I was the Lone Ranger. There were others who made mistakes too."

Details of the settlement were not released until late Tuesday after Gov. Richard Lamm contacted CU President Roland Rautentraus and urged a public announcement be made.

Fairbanks repeatedly apologized for the controversy and said he now

looked forward to meeting his players and beginning the task of restructuring the CU football program.

"I would have liked to have had a more pleasant way to resolve the situation and I apologize to the people interested in the Colorado University football program," he said. "I am anxious to become acquainted with the people involved with the university and the football team."

Fairbanks acknowledged that CU's recruiting efforts had suffered because of the controversy, but said nonetheless spring drills would begin as scheduled Saturday with the anticipation of producing a competitive 1979 Big Eight Conference squad.

"It appears to me there is a lot to be done to put the program on a level that everyone would like to have," he said. "This university is one of the very fine state universities in the nation."

"I have no magic wand, but I see no reason why in the future this football program can't be one of the top echelon."

Fairbanks, who succeeds Bill Mallory who was fired at the end of the 1978 season after six years as CU's head coach, said he had tried to assist in the recruiting effort but was bound by legal restraints.

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