

Lemons sweet on Aggies

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Abe Lemons, Texas Longhorns basketball coach and pundit, had just finished a lengthy sermon based on the theory that you can't believe everything you read.

"I read these books (press brochures from the individual colleges) and they have about every player," said Lemons. "It says this player has good quickness and excellent jumping ability and really hustles. And I look at his statistics and I see he averages three points a game."

"Some year I'm going to write the book. And it's going to say, 'I wish I had never recruited this player. He has eaten \$5,000 worth of groceries and cost us \$10,000 overall and he's scored one point. He's a dog.'"

After the proper number of chuckles had been elicited, Lemons paused for a minute and said:

"You know the thing about this league? It's nasty. Real nasty."

The Southwest Conference, which during the last five years has barged into the national consciousness as a league in which basketball

is played, begins all that nastiness again Saturday.

Seven of the nine SWC teams will open Saturday night to start a season in which all the pressure is on Texas A&M.

Since the Aggies return a front line of 6-8 Vernon Smith, 6-6 Rynn Wright and 6-11 Rudy Woods, A&M is the unanimous choice of the league's coaches to win the Southwest Conference and make the largest impact on the national level.

"Texas A&M can play in the NBA," said Baylor coach Jim Haller in a typical comment.

But, as good as A&M should be, the Aggies will have plenty of sweat as they struggle through the conference schedule. After all, it is hard for any team to win in places like Lubbock, Fayetteville, Austin and Houston.

"I kind of look for there to be another tie this year (Texas and A&M tied last season)," said Lemons. "There are a lot of teams that can beat the other teams. I put Texas Tech in that category and

SMU. And I know Guy Lewis (the Houston coach) thinks he has a good team."

"I put Texas A&M and Arkansas in a tie. Arkansas has been to the wars and they've been to the top and it's not easy to get those people out of there when they've played like they have in the past."

Most of the SWC teams have already seen action against international teams touring the United States. SMU and Texas Tech, for instance, have lost to the Russians and Poles while Baylor and Texas have defeated the Greeks and Canadians.

"I wish Canada was in our league," said Lemons, demonstrating why he never considered joining the diplomatic corps. "If they were we'd be sure to win two games."

The official action starts Friday with Texas hosting Northwestern Louisiana, Houston at home against Arizona, Rice traveling to Vanderbilt and Texas A&M taking part in the Alaska Tournament at Anchorage.

On Saturday evening Arkansas starts up at home against Loyola (Calif.), Baylor will visit Brigham Young, SMU will be at home against Tulane, TCU hosts Texas-Arlington and Texas Tech entertains West Texas State.

The SWC has lost some talented players to graduation this year — Sidney Monerief at Arkansas, Vinnie Johnson at Baylor and most of the Texas starting lineup, Jim Krivacs, Tyrone Branyan, John Moore and Phillip Stroud.

But Texas recruited well this season, the center point of the Longhorns' freshmen class being 6-10 LaSalle Thompson from Cincinnati. Among the top players returning this year will be Arkansas center Scott Hastings, Baylor forward Terry Teagle, Houston guard Ken Williams and SMU forward Brad Branson.



Putting the squeeze on the 'Juice'

Texas A&M tailback Johnny 'Juice' Hector is stopped short of the goal line he's concentrating on by a TCU defender. Hector started in the place of Curtis Dickey who may be out for the Texas game this week. Hector finished the day with 68 yards

on 20 carries. Hector got the nickname 'Juice' in high school and says that O.J. 'Juice' Simpson has been his idol for years.

Battalion photo by Ed...

N.C. State's Ritcher wins Outland Trophy

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OKLAHOMA CITY — The Football Writers Association has named

North Carolina State's Jim Ritcher winner of the 1979 Outland Award, honoring the outstanding interior

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The Winner's Circle

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS
31 miles

Men's Individual - Don Kirby - 15:04*
Women's Individual - Gail Zieschany - 18:16*

Men's Team - Gruene Hall
Tinker Murray 15:26
Steve Zinkgraf 17:06
Don Kirby 15:04
14:36*

Women's Team - Tinker's Tonkers
Carolyn Key 22:32
Terri Hunter 20:48
Chris Muenster 24:17
67:34*

Co-Rec - Scandia II
Lance Freeman 17:45
Tommy Bruns 18:23
Terri Hunter 20:48
Carolyn Key 22:32
79:28*

LONG-DRIVING CONTEST RESULTS
Men - Steve Griscom - 195 yds. 2 ft. 10"*
Women - Jame Brickline - 148 yds.*
*Indicates a new record

Up, Up In The Sky

The Texas A&M University Sport Parachute Club is alive and jumping. The Club is fielding a team again this year to compete in the Collegiate National Parachute Meet in Marana, Arizona.

At last year's nationals, William Caldwell and Stan Moore competed on the second-place Relative Work Team, the "Mudd Divers". A relative work is a four-man team who dive together and form various formations while in free fall.

This year's team consists of: Carole Horgan, Diane Ecklund, Tommy Cannon, Mike Sartor, Mike Windsor, and William Caldwell. The team will travel to Arizona on Dec. 26. The 27th will be a practice day while official competition begins on the 28th and continues through the 30th.

The competition events include accuracy, style, and relative work. After competition, a Boogie (fun jumping) will be held in Coolidge, Arizona. The team is looking forward to both the competition and the fun of this upcoming event.

(Article submitted by the Parachute Club)

Runners in the Intramural's Cross Country Run prepare themselves before the start of the 3 mile race.

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WE WANT AND NEED YOUR OPINIONS!
Recreation Survey

The Intramural office is seeking help from the Students Faculty and Staff of Texas A&M University. If you have played in Class C Competition please respond to the questions listed below. Your opinions will help us to serve you better in our Class C programming.

Check One: Male _____ Female _____

Please respond YES or NO

1. Do you prefer a recreational (fun) atmosphere with winning as a secondary goal?
2. Did the elimination of awards and points help improve the recreational atmosphere in Class C.
3. In Class C would you prefer to play 4 to 6 regular season games and have no playoffs for a champion?
4. Will you continue to play Class C if no awards or points are offered?
5. What sports have you played in Class C in the past? Please list the activities.
6. If you have some helpful comments of suggestions please note them below.

CLIP AND RETURN TO THE INTRAMURAL OFFICE IN DE WARE FIELDHOUSE.

In Polo: A&M vs. t.u.

This weekend preceding the A&M vs. tu football game, the Texas A&M Polo Club will carry on the same rivalry, but on horseback.

The Polo Club is hosting a tournament complete with a barbeque. On December 1, at 9 a.m., the first game will be between McFadden Ranch and the Houston Polo Club. The big game is at 10:30 a.m. when A&M and tu match up. The barbeque will be served during half time at 11 a.m. The Diamond Darlings and Chi Omega will serve the meal. All spectators are welcome to come share in the barbeque.

The winners of the two games and the losers will play again on Sunday, December 2, at a time to be announced.

Lots a Luck Eases Over N. Nightriders

Class C Volleyball is a courtfull of fun and often fairly close in points. Play is less difficult, but just as exciting and filled with imaginative and spontaneous plays.

Nola Ann Boyd, Kenny Munsell, Cindy Vaughn, Mark Andrews, Kelly Stewart, and Brad Fury comprised the winning team. Nightriders included Carolyn Bulovas, Don Siebenmorgan, Karen Higbee, Mike Glenn, and Dana Marton.

The three games of the match were fairly close, especially the first two as both teams competed as energetically as possible. By the third game, fatigue was showing its effect and the game was filled with errors.

The first game went to N. Nightriders 13-15, but Lotsa Luck hopped on the express train to win the last two 15-12 and 15-9.

IM Picks Football

Well, he's trying it again — this time for all-University champs. We whiz, we hope you did 'em right. Here are his picks for all-University

Men's Class A Scheck's Bunch MIST Running Bucks	Women's Class A Briggs Jokers Spence Superstars	CoRec Class A MOB Artz Army Schocker Club
Men's Class B Wizards Pumps DG Dang's Daw	Women's Class B Moshier Maggies Trouble BSU	CoRec Class B Chamblin Wild Bunch Dr. J and Geology

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Playoffs Begin:
Volleyball
Finals - All University:
Table Tennis, 7 p.m. Room 256 of G. Rollie White
CoRec
Men's & Women's
Flickerball

Monday, November 26
Wednesday, November 28
Thursday, November 29
Tuesday, Nov. 27, and Wed. Nov. 28 (check for specific times and locations in the Intramural Office)

Entries Open:
Basketball

Monday, November 26
Entries are limited, so enter early!