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**San Antonio basketball tourney
highlights weekend sports action**

By MIKE BURRICHTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Basketball
The Texas A&M basketball team will try to win the 'second season' this weekend in San Antonio. The Ags, who won the Southwest Conference regular season, enter the tournament with a bye into the semifinals and as nearly everyone's choice to win the championship this weekend. The Ags' first game will be in the tournament semifinals against Texas Tech, which beat SMU in the Thursday night quarterfinals. Arkansas, which finished second in the league, got a bye to the other semifinal game, and will play Texas, a 20-point victor over Houston Thursday.

Baseball
Coach Tom Chandler will be looking for his 500th career win when the Aggies travel to Waco or a three-game series with the Baylor Bears this weekend. Chandler entered the season, his 22nd with the Aggies, with a career won-lost record of 490-238. So far this season the Aggies, in what Chandler calls a rebuilding year, are 8-0. Chandler's most experienced and number one pitcher, Bobby Taylor, is a sophomore. Following Taylor are two freshmen, Rick Luecken and Robert Slavens. Luecken is a right hander from Spring Woods High School in Houston. He was the 18th player chosen in last season's profes-

sional baseball draft, but opted to play with the Ags. Slavens is a 6-foot-7, 175-pounder out of Houston's Westbury High School.

Track
The men's track team travels to Laredo for the Border Olympics this weekend. The Ags, thrust into the limelight after winning their first indoor track championship in Fort Worth two weeks ago, are coming off an impressive win over Rice in their outdoor season opener last weekend. Aggie speedster Curtis Dickey will miss the meet to compete in an AAU meet in New York.

The women's team travels to Austin for the UT invitational. It will be the first outdoor meet for the team, which is coming off an impressive indoor season, which climaxed last week with a victory over 11 other teams in the LSU invitational. The women will be competing against teams from UT, Texas Tech and Texas Women's University.

Softball
The women's softball team, ranked fourth in the nation, will play its season opener tonight at 6 p.m. against first-ranked Texas Women's University. The two-game series will be played at Bee Creek Park in College Station and the second game is scheduled for Saturday at noon.

Tennis
The Texas A&M tennis team, off to what coach David Kent says is its best start in years, begins conference play this weekend when the Ags take on the Baylor Bears. The 8-2 Ags' most recent victim was Louisiana Tech, which lost to the Ags Wednesday, 7-2.

The women's tennis team is playing in the Florida Invitational in Tallahassee this weekend. The tournament consists of 11 teams from all over the south.



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Gymnastics

The women's gymnastics team travels to Fort Worth this weekend for the TAIAW State Tournament. Coach Jan Fambro, says her team, which went through the regular season without losing to a Texas team, should win the meet.

Golf

The women's golf team will host the Texas A&M invitational at Briarcrest Country Club in Bryan. The tournament, which consists of 13 teams from Texas and Oklahoma, will begin on Saturday.

**Ags play Tech in semis,
Hogs pitted against UT**

United Press International
SAN ANTONIO — Jeff Taylor gave Texas Tech a slight cushion in the late going of what had been a close game all evening and vaulted the Red Raiders past SMU, 73-65, in the Thursday night quarterfinals of the Southwest Conference post-season tournament. The Texas Longhorns also moved into the tournament semifinals Thursday night with a 67-47 decision over Houston — Ron Baxter igniting Texas in the second half. Texas will take on Arkansas and Texas Tech will meet Texas A&M in

Friday night's semifinal championship game will be played Friday night with the winner noted grabbing an automatic berth in the NCAA tourney. The loss by SMU ended the fifth of Sonny Allen as coach of the Red Raiders. Allen had resigned last Friday. SMU, which ended its season with a 16-12 record, was led by points of guard Dave Fiebel. Texas Tech will take a 16-11 lead into its game with Texas Tech during the regular season.

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