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Aggie gymnasts among best in state

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Men's gymnastics is gaining in popularity across the country as American participants are at last being set up to compete with those from other nations.

This increased interest in the sport has led Texas A&M University to, as well as the Men's Gymnastics Club has added its largest and strongest team in recent years this season.

With over 100 members in the club, and 13 who participate in state-wide competition, the Texas A&M team has taken a first place finish in the Southwest Texas State University Invitational Gymnastics Tournament and a second at the Pan American University Tournament. They also defeated Southwest Texas State and Texas Tech in dual meets this year.

The Aggies' only loss came at the hands of the University of Texas in last meet competition.

With this strong early showing, the team is hoping for a high showing

at the eight-member Texas Collegiate Gymnastics Club Conference Championships April 25-26 at UT-Arlington.

Because men's gymnastics is not recognized by the Southwest Conference as a varsity sport, the Texas A&M team is without the benefits of a full coach or scholarships.

While the team is hindered by obsolete equipment, a new room in the expanded G. Rollie White complex, complete with new equipment, is on tap for the team next year.

"Because of our current limited facilities, we haven't been able to hold a meet on campus, which has limited our publicity," Callihan said.

Despite the cramped quarters of the existing workout room, a meet here has been slated for March 29, with both UT-A and North Texas State tentatively agreeing to attend.

The Aggies, with six times the membership of a year ago, attribute much of their success to the intra-squad competition between mem-

bers.

This has been the first year the team has ever defeated the University of Texas, the perennial power in Texas, finishing ahead of the Longhorns at the Southwest Texas State Tournament.

In doing so, they set a new school record of 154 points in one meet. This shattered the old record by 14 points, in a sport where records are usually broken by fractions of a point.

In gymnastics, the events include the high bar, parallel bars, vault, pommel horse, rings and the floor exercises. Each team must have two members compete in all six events, as well as have four to six specialists in each of the individual competitions.

The Aggies team has shown exceptional promise in the rings, pommel horse, and floor exercises this season. Top performers in these areas include Scott Royse, Mark Hartwell, Ray Moltz and Callihan.

Ladies lose last home game

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The Texas A&M women's basketball team's lack of practice finally caught up with them and the result was a 65-52 victory for visiting Wayland Baptist University on Saturday night.

The Aggie Ladies opened up a 31-24 halftime advantage, but could manage only 21 second half points compared to the 41 tallied

by the Flying Queens.

"We were out of shape," said a disappointed Aggie coach Cherri Rapp. "We outplayed them in the first half, but then we got tired."

But even if the Aggies hadn't run out of gas in the second period, it would have taken an exceptional effort to keep with the Flying Queens, who hit 17 of 21 shots from the floor for a sizzling 81.7 percent in the second

half.

The Aggies' troubles began with 8:50 remaining in the game. With the Ags leading 48-44, the Queens reeled off ten straight points. The Lady Aggies were outscored 21-4 in the last eight minutes to turn the close game into a rout.

The Aggies, who shot 33 percent from the floor for the game, were led by Lori Foreman's 17

points. Trigg Crawford tallied 16 and Peggy Pope tossed in 10. Foreman also pulled down 11 rebounds.

Next stop for the Aggies is the Southwest Regional Tournament in Baton Rouge, La. The eighth-seeded Aggies will face the University of Houston, who beat the Ags in the state playoffs, in opening round action Wednesday night.

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.70	Brilliant	AA+	1500	.38	Emerald Cut	AAAA	750	.45	Oval	AAA+	1300
.71	Brilliant	AA	1450	.40	Emerald Cut	AAAA	790	.48	Oval	AAA+	1375
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Jackson late again, Torre denies trade

United Press International

Judging by the weather, the major league baseball players in Florida as well as home. At one of them was Reggie Jackson, the slugging right fielder for the New York Yankees, again singing his own version of "Did It My Way." Detained by business matters at home, Jackson did not show at training camp for second straight day and his absence is drawing increased attention in club officials.

The team had asked players to return on Feb. 29, one day before the official opening according to the players' Basic Agreement, and anyone but Jackson complied.

General Manager Gene Michael used to confirm or deny plans to trade Jackson although there are indications a penalty will be levied.

"I want to get it all together before I do anything," said Michael, who added he would meet with Jackson sometime this morning. Manager Dick Howser and Executive Vice President Cedric Tallis are expected to sit in on the meeting.

Cloudy weather prevailed at the Yankee camp and other clubs experienced even worse weather. Gustly winds, chilly temperatures and rains curtailed workouts elsewhere.

New York Mets Manager Joe Torre moved his players indoors and used the time to hold a meeting with all pitchers to discuss philosophy of pitching and fundamentals.

Torre also indicated the club is not actively seeking to trade catcher John Stearns, who has often been mentioned in trade rumors.

"We are not offering John around

anymore than we did last spring when his name was mentioned in several trade rumors," Torre said.

"However, you can't rule out any player in a trade."

Torre reiterated that the Mets do not have a deal in the works at this time but General Manager Frank Cashen is talking to all clubs, particularly those in the American League. Two weeks remain in the interleague trading period.

The weather also wiped out the first full squad workout of the Montreal Expos.

President John McHale reminded the 40 players in a clubhouse meeting that attitude during spring training would be as important as performance in determining the makeup of the squad that will head north.

Aggie riflers win

The Texas A&M rifle team took place in sectional competition at Worth this weekend.

Ten teams from Texas, Oklahoma and Missouri competed for the championship and a place in the national finals.

The Ags placed first in both the air and free rifle events. The overall championship was decided by coming in the scores in those two events.

In the air rifle competition, the Ags led 1444 points out of a possible 1500 to win. Air rifle is a pellet gun at UT-Arlington came in second at UT-El Paso placed third.

sophomore Todd Woodard scored 5 out of 400 to lead the Ags in that event. He was followed by Jerrold Arninghausen, 362, Eric Johnson, 359 and captain Mike Winzler.

The Ags completed their sweep of a victory in the free rifle event, which the shooter uses a .22-caliber rifle to shoot at a target 50 feet from three different positions: kneeling, kneeling and prone, each a possible 400 points.

Winzler led the Ags with 1103 points out of 1200 in that event.

Metta Johnson was next with 984, followed by Scharninghausen's 884 and Eric Johnson's 1076.

The Ags must now wait until returns from all 12 national sections are in to see if they have qualified for the nationals at Tennessee Tech in April.

10 highest scoring teams in the region will qualify for that event.

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