

Cycling Club to hold Little Aggieland

By STEVE SISNEY
Sports Staff
Sunday may mark the beginning of new Aggie tradition.
March 30 will be the first running of the Little Aggieland bicycle races,

sponsored by the Texas A&M Cycling Team and Baskin Robbins Ice Cream Parlors.
The event will be patterned after the Little Indy, a yearly bike race at Indiana State University which drew

Wilson misses first practice

United Press International
The Texas A&M Aggies opened spring training drills in the rain Tuesday with only one key member of the team missing — Coach Tom Wilson.
Wilson was hospitalized with a kidney-stone flare-up and was not expected to return until Wednesday. He was replaced on the field by assistant coach Jess Stiles.
"Considering the head man was not here, it was a good practice,"

Stiles said. "The most important thing I'm going to report to Coach Wilson was the great and intense effort displayed by all the coaches and players."
"I think because of the absence of Coach Wilson, that every coach and every player seemed to work just a little bit harder, to make up for his absence."
A squad of 114 students, including 65 on athletic scholarships, opened the workouts.

national attention after being shown in the recent movie "Breaking Away."

Competition will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Texas A&M Drill Field with the men's individual race, followed by the women's individual competition at 2:15.

Men will ride approximately 8 kilometers and the women will ride 5 kilometers.

The highlight of the event will get underway at 3 p.m. when team competition begins.

Each team, consisting of three members and one bike, will compete for a first prize of a 16-gallon keg of beer from Brazos Beverages, Inc. for 24 laps.

All first place winners in each division will receive trophies.

"While any three people may compete, dorms, fraternities, Corps units, etc., are encouraged to participate as a group," suggests the race's promotional chairman, Myron Gerhard.

However, no one with previous racing experience will be allowed in the student races. A special race will be held at 5 p.m. for cycling club members.

A \$3 entry fee per team is being charged. Contestants for individual races will compete free, and all races need to meet at the drill field one hour prior to their race time.

The A&M Cycling team has another race slated for April 12-13 for more experienced riders.

Sanctioned by the U.S. Cycling Federation, the event, the Aggie-land Stage Race, will be held in the afternoon. Over 100 racers statewide are expected to attend the yearly competition.

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Johnston sets Aggie record; women's swim team blanked

By JOHN BRASHER

Sports Reporter
Tracy Johnston, the 19-year-old sophomore from San Rafael, Calif., set a Texas A&M team record in the 100-yard breaststroke at the AIAW Championships held in Las Vegas, Nev., over the weekend.
Johnston was clocked at 1:07.29, breaking the old school record of

1:07.41 that she had set Jan. 18 at the Texas dual meet. Johnston also swam the 50-yard breaststroke and recorded a time of 31.27, good enough to tie her for sixteenth place.

Texas A&M's 200-yard freestyle relay teams were clocked at 3:37.76 and 7:59.04 respectively.

Bill Miller, assistant coach said, "This meet was the cream of the

crop. For us having an inexperienced team, we were very pleased with the way our girls swam against some of the great swimmers that were there."

Texas A&M didn't collect any points during the meet while Stanford, Texas and USC fielded the top three teams.

The men's swim team has qual-

ified three swimmers to the NCAA Championships in Boston this week.

James Brown, a senior from Pasadena, qualified for the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:50.70, a senior from Los Angeles, also qualified for the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:50.70 and 49.70.

Women's netters play Friday

By RHONDA WATTERS
Staff Writer

The Texas A&M University women's tennis team will play two dual matches at the varsity tennis courts this weekend.

Friday the team will play the University of Texas, with matches starting at noon.

The men's team will also play a dual match here Friday, against Texas Tech University. They will start playing at 1:30 p.m.

Saturday the University of Missouri will challenge the women's team. Play will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Last weekend the women's team traveled to Dallas to play dual matchers in a round-robin elimi-

nation tournament with 13 other schools. They played two schools, Northeast Louisiana University and Texas, losing to both.

"We had a really tough draw," said coach Hollis Hands, "but I thought we competed really well. Especially against Northeast Louisiana. We had a lot of three-set matches."

Maylyn Hooten, the team's top player, did not participate in the tournament. Hands said Hooten could not take the time off from her classes.

With Hooten not playing, Texas A&M was without its No. 1 doubles team of Hooten and Terri Neutze. The pair has a season record of 7-3.

"We didn't have them in Dallas, and that hurt,"

Hands said the team will be playing some dual matches in the future, preparing for its next state team meet at Texas University April 17-April 19.

Water skiers take second in meet over weekend

By STEVE SISNEY
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Host of the fifth annual Polar Bear Intercollegiate Water Ski Tournament, the Texas A&M Water Ski Club finished second at the March 15-16 meet. Southwest Texas finished first.

Although no Aggies placed in the individual standings at the competition held at Aqua Gardens, north of Centerville, the men's team scored third-place finishes in both the slalom and jump events.

A solid performance by the women's team helped secure the second-place overall.

For the first tournament of the spring season, 14 schools from Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana brought teams, and the total number of participants was 118.

The Aggies' next meet will be this weekend at Lamar University. It will be the last regular season tournament before the South Central Conference Championships, according to club president Bill Calk.

With 20 active members, team practices are held at Somerville, although the team is currently practicing at Utilities Lake.

In tournament competition, men's and women's teams competed in three events: slalom and jumping.

Maximum speeds attained by skiers are 36 mph in slalom, on jumps, and considered on tricks skiing, depending on maneuvers. The jump used high.

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Rockets lose to San Antonio

United Press International
SAN ANTONIO — The San Antonio Spurs converted 16 of 18 second-quarter field goals Tuesday night in their romp to an important 126-107 NBA victory over Central Division rival Houston and into the Eastern Conference playoffs.

The win assured the Spurs of a

playoff berth and helped them maintain the fourth-place record, moving ahead of the fifth-place Houston Rockets into a Wednesday night game.

Backup guard Mike Gale had 29-29 first-quarter points and six assists in the second quarter as the Spurs won 66-51 halftime lead.

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