

Coogs win SWC tourney, Aggies duffers finish fourth

Last weekend in Tyler, the Texas A&M golf team took a disappointing fourth place finish at the Southwest Conference Championship.

The University of Houston took the conference title with a score of 854, a new tournament record. The Aggies finished at 897 behind second place TCU and third place Texas.

Houston is ranked No. 3 in the nation behind Oklahoma State and Brigham Young.

The Texas A&M duffers were knocked out of the top 10 following their ninth place finish at the 26th Intercollegiate All-American meet in Houston two weeks ago.

"In Tyler, we wanted it (the conference championship) so bad, we got in the way of ourselves," head coach Bob Ellis said. "We let the course get to us. We had some bad breaks, and let them get to us."

Low scorer for Texas A&M was Brad Jones with rounds of 73, 72, and 75 for a 220 total. Jones finished tenth in the individual standings.

Other team members and their scores are: Richard Cromwell, 223; David Ogrin, 224; Jay Kent, 230; Steve Bowman, 230; Gary Kruegar, 238.

"They were not ready to play," Ellis said of the team. "Still, in my

eyes, this is an excellent team."

The next tournament slated for the Aggies will be the Southern Intercollegiate Championship in Athens, Ga., May 1-3.

Texas A&M has gone to this tournament for the last three years and has finished seventh three times.

At the tournament, 24 teams are invited, with the top 15 reinvented for the next year.

Texas A&M and Texas will be the only Southwest Conference teams at the tournament.

The Aggies hope to earn a berth in the NCAA Championships May 28-31 with a strong showing in Georgia, a feat Ellis feels his team is capable of.

The national championship will be played at Ohio State University.

"I wouldn't be surprised if one of the teams who didn't win the Southwest Conference won the NCAA," Ellis said.

— Steve Sisney



Safe at second

Texas A&M's Twig Little slides into second base in the first game of a double-header against Sam Houston University Tuesday. Texas A&M lost the first game, 2-1, in extra

innings. Mike Hurdle hit a three-run home that made him Texas A&M's all-time career RBI leader. The Aggies won the second game 9-0.

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Aggies to have own Marathon Saturday

By STEVE SISNEY

Sports Reporter

Don't be surprised if you take a walk Saturday morning and find yourself suddenly being passed by hundreds of runners.

The Texas A&M campus will be traversed this Saturday with a 13.1 mile course as runners compete in the 14th annual Texas A&M University Marathon.

Slated to begin at 7 a.m. at G. Rollie White Coliseum, the event is sponsored by the A&M Chapter of Phi Epsilon Kappa and the Health and Physical Education Majors Club.

Participants may compete in the quarter, half, or full marathon. Distances of 6.6 miles, 13.1 miles, and 26 miles 385 yards, respectively.

Aid stations with water will be located every 2-2½ miles along the race route.

Registration fee for the race is \$7.50, which includes a T-shirt and admission to the Barbecue Banquet.

Runners may check in and receive their shirts and numbers Friday from 6-9 p.m. and Saturday from 6-6:45 p.m.

Race officials have announced that the 6:45 p.m. cut-off time will be strictly observed so that the race may promptly begin at 7 a.m. Anyone

who registers on the day of the race must pay an additional \$1 late fee.

While everyone will start at the same time, competition will be among age groups, with recognition given to the first three finishers in the quarter, half, and full marathons. No formal awards will be given.

Age groups in both men's and women's divisions are: 14 and under, 15-20, 21-27, 28-35, 36-45, 46 and over.

The banquet will begin at 11 a.m. at the Texas Hall of Fame. Reception of group winners will start at 7 p.m.

Over 300 persons had entered the race as of Monday. Race director Tinker Murray expects another 200 entrants depending on weather.

Murray, a graduate student who won the Texas A&M Marathon last two years, and holds the record of 2:32.

Because he ran in the famous Tinker Murray earlier this year, Murray has not yet decided if he will attempt to go for an unprecedented third consecutive victory.

Anyone who would like additional information concerning the race should contact Murray at 845-5924.

Austria may buy U.S. jet

VIENNA, Austria — The Austrian army is seriously considering a surprisingly low-priced offer for U.S. jet fighters submitted by an American company, a defense ministry spokesman said Tuesday.

The offer was made by General Dynamics for a total of 24 F16-79 jet fighters at a price of \$6.75 million per plane, the spokesman said.

It was the latest entry in a list of bidders considered by the Austrian government for the last six years. The other bidders are the Mirage-50 from France, the Viggen from Sweden, the Kfir from Israel and the Tiger F-5 from the American Northrop company.

All of them are considered to be the newest bidder, General Dynamics, from the United States and the French Mirage plane.

"We expect a decision at the meeting of our defense committee June 27," the spokesman said.

Government sources said the American F16 plane has an edge over the other bidders because it is considerably cheaper than the Mirage offered at \$10.9 million per plane.

Another advantage of the American plane is that it is used in all NATO countries while the Mirage was sold to only two countries.

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