

Henderson, Brett top players of week

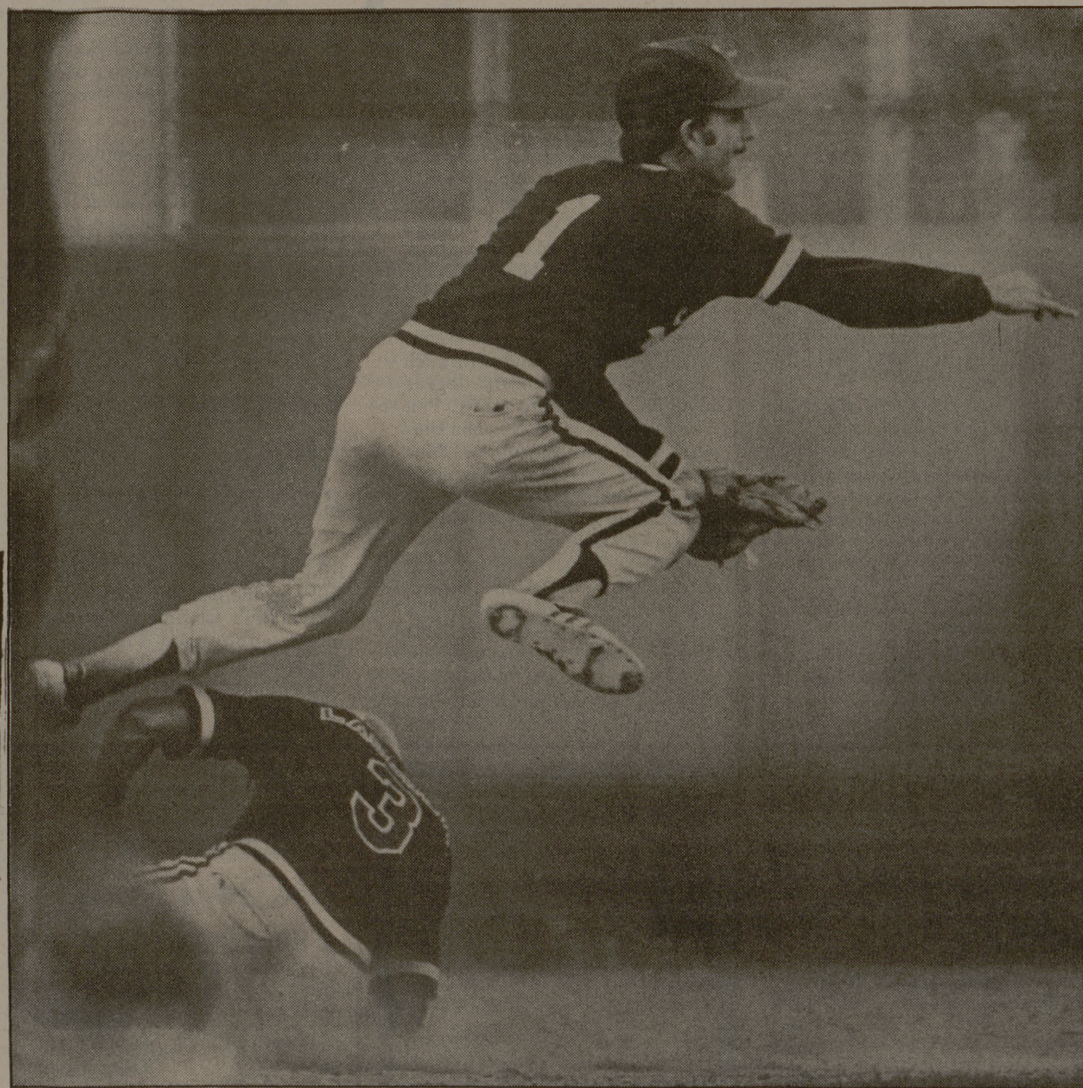
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NEW YORK — Steve Henderson of the New York Mets, who raised his batting average to .349 to take over the lead in the National League, has been named the NL Player of the Week.

Henderson, who hit in all seven games the Mets played last week, extended his hitting streak to 13 games with 12 singles in 26 at-bats. The left fielder also stole three bases and had seven RBI, including the game-winning RBI in the first game

of Sunday's double-header against Pittsburgh.

Kansas City third baseman George Brett, who had four three-hit games and hit home runs in three consecutive games last week, was named American League Player of the Week.

Brett batted .469, accumulated 29 total bases, had 13 RBI and scored eight runs last week. Brett, whose season average is up to .333, also hit safely in six of the Royals' seven games.



Staff photo by Lee Roy Leschper

Leaping to new heights

Texas A&M shortstop Bryan "Twig" Little avoids the slide of a Texas Tech player in the SWC post season tournament play May 18.

Little was picked by the Montreal Expos in the 14th round of the major league college draft. See related story, page 12.

Ag Fencing Club ready for national

by RICHARD OLIVER
Sports Editor

The Texas A&M University Fencing Club has made quite a name for itself this year. It has placed high in practically every tournament it has entered, and individual members have surpassed goals they hadn't even dreamed of when they joined.

Now several members are ready to travel to New York June 21-28 for the national fencing championships. The remarkable thing is some of the qualifying team members have been fencing only six months.

Approximately 12 fencers will be meeting in New York, and the competition will be rough, team member David Guth said.

"You have to make it to the finals of your division just to make it to the nationals," he said. "That's a lot of competition right there."

The secret to the Fencing Club's success is consistency, Guth said.

"We always do well," he said. "We have a lot of active participation in the club. The people work hard and strive to be better. We don't tend to take firsts at meets, but we do tend to place well. We usually send two or three people in each weapon category, and usually at least one will get into the finals."

Getting into the finals ensues scrapping through several competitors until you are one of only six fencers remaining in the division.

The divisions in each tournament are: foil, saber, epee and for women, the women's foil division.

Team members going to the national tournament include Marlin Frey, David Dally, Greg Taggart (alternate), Guth in the saber division. In the foil division, August Skopik, Frey and Dally will be competing. Finally, in the epee class, Dally, Taggart and Mike Scott will represent the Aggies.

Some team members will be competing in an under-19 class, which includes fencers under the age of 19. Larry Tharp and Andy Dunks will compete in the saber class, and Denise Erlich will compete in the women's foil.

Guth, who fenced for two years at UCLA as team captain, said women are allowed to enter men's divisions

but said men are generally better. Women have won men's events in the past, though, he added.

The sectional qualification tournaments were held two weeks ago in New Orleans (under-19) and Baton Rouge (over-19), and Guth said Aggie club did extremely well.

"In the Gulf Coast division there were about 25 people in each division, although there were a lot of crossovers (people competing more than one class)," he said. "There were about 60 people in all. We had several people in the finals."

One of the headliners in the Aggies at the sectional competition was Frey, who claimed fourth in the foil and fifth in the saber.

"Mr. Frey is our star performer," said Guth. "He was an athlete in high school, and that's what he is an athlete shows."

Guth also praised the performance of Dunks, Skopik, Tharp and Taggart.

"Skopik has only been fencing out one year," he said. "Tharp is the same. Scott's only been fencing a semester. That was a big surprise. Scott took first in sectional in the foil class."

Guth said the fencing club is completely independent.

"We're a club," he said. "We don't share the P.E. department equipment, but they decided they were going to share the equipment in one section. We usually deal with intramurals, but we lost the equipment use."

"That meant the fencing club had no direct support from the P.E. department. We get some help from the intramurals section, but it is some kind of indirect help."

Guth said the club hasn't been successful.

"A couple of years ago we were pretty bad," he said. "Since then we've really picked up."

The club has approximately 15 paying members, and anyone is welcome to join. During the school year, the club offers voluntary fencing lessons for members three nights a week and there is a team meeting on the fourth night. For information on how to join, call the MSC student activities office at 845-1134.

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