Sports

SWC champions scrimmage

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After four days of organized practice, the defending SWC basketball champions held their first scrimmage and a big question mark remains. Who will fill the void left by the graduation of guards David Britton and David Goff?

Head coach Shelby Metcalf, along with 100 pre-game football fans, watched the White team, made up of transfers and red-shirts, squeak out a 58-57 truimph over the Maroon team, made up of this year's leading candidates.

"We learned more about what we don't have than what we do have," Metcalf said after the 40-minute workout. "We have to develop some guard play," he added.

One guard who played well, but who won't be eligible until next season, was Tyren Naulls who led the White team to victory with 20 points. Naulls, who transfered from UCLA and must sit out this year, and Maurice McDaniels, another transfer who will become eligible next semester, both looked impressive.

Roy Jones, who is back with the Aggies after sitting out last year, led the Maroon team with 14 points. Rynn Wright had 12 points and Rudy Woods and Tyrone Ladson each chipped in eight.

One bright spot Metcalf noticed was the play of Woods. "We were pleased with Rudy," Metcalf said. "He did what we wanted him to do, which is to face the basket and pass the ball more."

But the Aggies still must find a point guard. "We haven't had this problem in a long time," Metcalf said, "because Goff ran the club for the past four years."

One candidate for the job is freshman Reggie Roberts, who didn't play because of an ankle injury. "He has the ability," Metcalf said, "but he is only a freshman.

Ladson, a three-year letterman, has the experience, but is not the penetrating type of guard Metcalf would like to see run the offense.

Metcalf stressed since it was only the fourth day of practice, that he is also in a learning process. "We have a long, long way to go," Metcalf said about the upcoming season, "and we will need some pleasant surprises if we are to become a top flight ball club."

The Aggies, who were 26-8 last year and knocked out of the NCAA tournament by eventual national champion Louisville, open the season Nov. 22 at home against the Windsor Basketball Club.

Phils take 3-2 lead in Series

The Philadelphia Phillies upped their chances for their first World Series crown by beating the Kansas City Royals 4-3 Sunday to take a 3-2 lead in the best-of-seven event.

The Series now moves to Philadelphia.

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Softball team takes state title

Women win championship for the first time

By RICHARD OLIVER
Sports Editor

The women's softball team, the most consistent and successful team representing the University over the past two years, came home Sunday with the Texas championship, something it has never accomplished before.

And the team took it with the same tools that got it there — defense and excellent pitching.

The tournament, played in Amarillo, attracted teams from all over the state, including Sam Houston State, Baylor's, Texas Women's University and the University of Texas-Arlington.

The Aggies, however, found none of these any trouble, as they claimed the title while giving up nary a run.

In the first game, Shan McDonald shut down Stephen F. Austin, 4-0, on a three-hitter. Behind her were the six hits of her teammates, and a two RBI effort by Carrie Austgen. Rhonda Reese and Mary Lou Wargo added one each.

In the second game, the Ags went against the only team which defeated them this fall, UT-A, and beat them, 2-0 (the identical score UT-A beat them by earlier this fall).

Lori Stoll picked up the win on a two-hitter, and struck out eight. Stoll also committed an error, the first by an A&M pitcher this season. In that game, Austgen knocked in both Aggie runs.

That win sent A&M to the championships against Sam Houston, a team that has historically been tough on them.

This time, however, Stoll took the mound once again and overpowered the Bearkats, 2-0, striking out three.

The Aggies scored in the second on a single by Wargo and a double by Stoll. In the sixth, Melody Pritchard sliced a triple and scored on a single by Austgen, who knocked in five of Texas A&M's eight runs during the tournament.

The Aggies finished the fall campaign with a 26-1 record. Texas A&M won 27 games in the falls of 1978 and 1979, but have never had a better winning percentage (.963) than in 1980. Sixteen of those 26 wins were shutouts.

While trying to find some names to cite in the fine Aggie season, Galloway ended up citing just about everyone.

"It was the usual things, basic defense and excellent pitching," he said. "Our infield only committed one error in the three games (of the state tournament), and our outfi was sharp."

The third-year coach remember the 1978 season, when Tex Women's University took the n tional title, but had compiled a 3 fall record.

Now, the Aggies look toward th same national tournament, whi will be held in May after a lo spring schedule. Galloway thinks t Aggies, with their excellent ability execute and capatalize on opponent miscues, may have a good shot at th title after finishing third last spri

"I was concerned about our exec tion as I went into this weekend, h said. "But we were four for four stolen bases and we had some sma playing out there. Our peop moved up with some good basern ning when the other teams were little lazy in the outfield.

"When we went into this fall, thought we should be successful all depended on the players' attitu and motivation. They needed m tally to accept the challenge. N the players made up their mind work and now they know they play with anyone in the country

Statistically in 1980, the Ag were superb.

Stoll finished with a perfect 15 record with 116 strikeouts. McD nald ended the campaign at 11 with 53 strikeouts.

The team set a school record wi 52 stolen bases. Going into the St Championships, the team had an e cellent .961 fielding percentage, a had four players batting over .300

A&M ties Hogs, 2-2

The Texas A&M men's socc team took its longest trip of the ye Saturday, and the outcome of journey was a little surprising.

The 5-2-1 Aggies took off Fayetteville, Ark. to take on the su posedly weak Arkansas Razorbac but came away with only a 2-2 ti

Arkansas took a 1-0 lead into t halftime break, but the Aggies rela ated early in the second half wh team captain Paul Winston scored a penalty kick.

Late in the game, fullback Richa Zimmerman set up A&M's last sco with a pass to Winston, who slipp the ball into the net.

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