

# Sports

## Tennis team in action Ags win again

By RICK STOLLE  
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Once more the Texas A&M men's tennis team will try to compete in a Tri-meet with Trinity University and the University of Texas beginning Friday on the campus of Trinity in San Antonio.

The first meet, in Austin, was held on Sept. 26-28.

Reid Freeman, Trey Schutz, Max Reid, Ron Kowal, Tom Judson, and Jim Grubert, Leonard Smith and Genero Fernandez will play singles for the Ags. The doubles team are slated to be King-Smith, Grubert-Schutz, Freeman-Joeson, Kowal-Judson and Stapper-Fernandez.

"We need the matches," said David Kent, A&M tennis coach. "The Southwest Conference is the highest conference in the nation for tennis. We need to get a lot of experience fast."

The SWC had five teams ranked in the top twenty in the nation last year. Texas Christian University was the highest ranked SWC team as fourth

in the nation. Trinity ended the spring season ranked second.

"Our doubles play is the strength of the team right now," said Kent, "so we need work on our singles."

The team is practicing with a fervor to prepare for the tournament. The players want to beat Trinity and Texas to prove themselves. They are excited about the tournament.

"I think we are the best team at this tournament," said Trey Schutz. "We're looking forward to this match."

"We're playing well now," said Jim Grubert, positively. "We will do well."

"The whole team is fired up. Yeah," said Ron Kowal looking around, "we're ready."

The women's team is also on the road this weekend. Coach Jan Cannon takes her girls to Houston to compete in the Houston Fall Festival Open.

The entire team will compete in singles since the tournament is open. Lilitana Fernandez, Ferol Hinkle,

Terri Nuetze, Amy Closs, Judy Willard, Maylen Hooten, Mary Hise, Sonja Hutcherson and Laura Hanna will compete. Hanna is returning after an extended absence due to an illness.

The doubles teams are Hanna-Hise, Closs-Hutcherson, Hinkle-Willard and Nuetze-Hooten.

"We are glad to finally have everybody back and fairly healthy," said Cannon. "We badly need the play."

Cannon said the tournaments in the fall will help determine the team for SWC competition in the spring.

"Everyone except the top three players are so even, it will be hard in the spring to leave anyone behind," she said.

The next match for the women will be on Nov. 7-9 at the April Sound Invitational in Conroe. The men will compete again in the Tri-meet at the Omar Smith Tennis Center at A&M for the third and final round of the series of tournaments. It will be the only home tournament for the men this fall.

By RICHARD OLIVER  
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The Texas A&M women's soccer team, behind the two goals of Carol Smith, knocked off Sam Houston last weekend, 4-0, to raise its record to 2-0 this fall.

Smith scored twice on corner shots following assists each time by Becky Carpenter. Stephanie Barrett and Sue Tesar added one goal apiece.

"Rob (Borgeson) said he thought we could've done a little better," said team member Adele Fairman. "We coulda really beat 'em worse. But Sam Houston is one of the tougher teams."

Borgeson, the head coach of the team, has a tough act to follow this year. Last spring the Allan Heath-led Aggie women took the state title, whipping Stephen F. Austin to take

the championship. Borgeson was assistant coach at that time, and took over when Heath resigned.

The Aggies had a 5-0-1 record in the spring, which leaves gives them an undefeated record spanning a semester and a half.

But, the toughest part of the fall lies in front of the ladies.

Sunday, the group travels to Houston to take on Rice, and on Nov. 1, on to Austin for the toughest encounter of the year, against Texas.

"We have to beat Texas," said Fairman. "If we beat Texas, we can go to the national tournament in Colorado. If we don't beat them, we can't go."

So, the stakes are high for the Aggies once again, but for Borgeson and his "girls," that's just the way it should be.

## Bum upset at refs again

United Press International

HOUSTON — The enigmatic Houston Oilers are an unsettling 4-3 this season, and as usual NFL referees are causing most of the acid drip, drip in Bum Phillips' gut.

The Oilers' head coach has proved he can figure how to stop Franco Harris and then put up with Harris' occasional brilliant bursts. Phillips has shown he can predict when opposing defense is going to blitz when a quarterback is going to grow long. But those factors are consistent and understandable to Phillips.

On the other hand, the officiating in team has been getting in the first seven games this season is neither consistent nor understandable, he says.

"Some crews are more inconsistent than others," he said Monday after being questioned by reporters about several Oilers' penalties in Sunday's game, a 20-14 win over Tampa Bay.

An illegal motion penalty called against center Carl Mauk was caused, Phillips said, when "the damn noseguard hit Carl Mauk with the helmet and knocked him back" before the ball was snapped.

"I've had (officiating) crews that let people line up six inches offside and never throw a flag, and crews that call the slightest movement in the line," he continued.

In his book, "He Ain't No Bum," Phillips says full-time professional referees, instead of the present officials who work other jobs during the week, would elevate the problem.

"Obviously you can't do that," he said Monday. "It would cost a fortune to hire full-time guys, unless you let them shovel manure in the season."

After that comment, he asked laughing reporters, "don't you write that."

At almost every one of Phillips' Monday news conferences he has a critical word for the league's officials, despite having been fined repeatedly by the NFL office for such comments in previous years.

Nine penalties for 75 total yards

were called against the Oilers and accepted by the Buccaneers Sunday.

"Yesterday (Sunday) we get a bunch of calls, but it's a different set of officials. That's probably the hardest thing to adjust to in the whole NFL, that one week you play exactly the same way, and they don't call anything."

The career coach added, "I don't think there's anything they can do, or they would have already done it, to get more consistency."

He singled out Pat Harder, the umpire on referee Jim Tunney's crew, as the easiest to figure.

"Pat Harder, for some reason or another, calls lots of holding penalties," Phillips said. "I don't care whether it's this week, or next week, or last week, or the week before, he's just one of those guys that throws the flag a lot."

"The guy in the Kansas City game (Oct. 12) didn't call nothin' — and it

was the same people blocking, the same people doing everything."

Phillips had other examples of officiating "mistakes" Sunday. A personal foul called against fullback Tim Wilson was "as good a play as I've ever seen in the whole time I've been watching football," the coach said.

"(Dave) Casper catches the ball, goes to the ground and (Tampa Bay's) No. 25 is coming to hit him. No. 25 is in the air on the way down, and Tim hits him before he can hit Casper. If Wilson don't hit the guy, will they call piling on? Heck no."

"If that's overaggressiveness, then I want it," he said.

On a holding penalty against Wilson, Phillips said: "He (Wilson) didn't want to clip a guy so he put his hands out to keep from clipping him. Two officials standing right on top of the play didn't see nothin' wrong. Pat Harder comes from 15 yards off and throws a flag."

## Golf team places 2nd in tourney

The men's golf team waded through a 27-team field to finish second in a tournament at the Waterwood Country Club course at Sam Houston State in Huntsville Tuesday.

The Aggies finished with a 36-round total of 624 to tie Southwest Texas State for the runner-up position behind winner Texas Wesleyan, who shot a 607.

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