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Photo by Howard Eilers

Texas A&M left wing Joey Brahm (right) pressures the Texas Tech goalie Saturday at the Penberthy Intramural Complex. The Aggies took a 2-1 win in the men's soccer action that drew

more than 300 fans despite regional coverage of the A&M-SMU football game. The Aggies shoot for second place in the SWC Saturday against Rice.

Ag soccer team fights for 2-1 win over Tech

By RICHARD OLIVER
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It's come down to one game for Head Coach Telmo Franco and his Texas A&M men's soccer team.

For the first time ever, the A&M team will fight for second place in the SWC Soccer Conference. That's important to Franco because it means the Aggies will have a decent argument for the varsity status they've wanted so long.

This weekend, the Aggies won the first of two must games with a 2-1 victory over Texas Tech at the Penberthy Intramural Complex in front of over 300 fans. One more time, the defense saved the day for A&M. And one more time, the Ags had trouble scoring, despite numerous chances.

"We had to win," said Franco. "The team played very well. It was a nice ball control game. We controlled the whole game. It's unfortunate we can't score more goals."

"We took over 20 shots on goal... only two scored. I'm happy with those two, though. We completely dominated the game."

The victory umped Texas A&M's season record to 6-3-2. The Ags now travel to Houston to take on Rice next Saturday.

Saturday's win over the Red Raiders was hard-fought.

The first goal was scored early,

when Aggie Captain Paul Winston scored on a head shot after a beautiful assist from halfback Carlos Clynes.

Winston, a forward, was in position as Clynes maneuvered a pass from the center of the field and looped it up in the air for Winston to score.

The scoring ended there for the Ags until later, and Texas Tech tied the score in the meantime. Despite controlling the ball offensively and taking numerous shots on goal, A&M could not score until time became a factor late in the game.

With approximately two minutes left, Winston booted a ball into the net and the Aggies shut down the Raiders' desperation offense to take the victory.

"You won't believe how much we dominated the game," said Franco. "They're (A&M) just not ready to score goals. They don't have the patience. It takes patience to set up goals."

While the Aggies were fighting for a second place finish in the SWC, first place SMU was crushing Arkansas Saturday, 9-0. Earlier in the year, the nationally ranked Mustangs had beaten A&M, 4-0. The Aggies tied the Razorbacks, 2-2.

The Mustangs have clinched the SWC title, but an A&M victory over Rice Saturday will put the Aggies higher than they've ever been in the final standings.

"We feel like we should win that Rice game with no problem," Franco said.

Joelson reaches semi-finals

Trinity sweeps Tri-meet

By RICK STOLLE
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The Texas A&M men's tennis team had high hopes going into the tri-meet with the University of Texas and Trinity this weekend, but all short of its lofty goals. Trinity swept the tournament, led at the Omar Smith Varsity courts at A&M Friday, winning the singles and doubles divisions of the tri-meet. Paul Warneke in the singles and then teamed with Mark Pinchoff to win the doubles.

A&M had a respectable showing, though, as one singles player reached the semifinals and two others reached the quarterfinals.

The Ags also had a doubles team which entered got into the quarterfinals.

Brian Joelson got to the semifinals for losing to Guillermo Stevens of Texas, 6-2, 6-4. He defeated Mark Mitchell of Trinity, 6-1, 7-6, in the second round after receiving a bye in the first. He beat Ted Erck of Texas, 6-2, 6-2 before meeting Stevens.

Reid Freeman and Trey Schutz also got to the quarterfinals. Freeman beat Doug Snyder of Texas, 6-2, 6-4, but was defeated by eventual champion Warneke, 7-6, 2-6, 7-5.

Schutz defeated Edgar Griffenig of Texas, 6-1, 6-1, and Dan Weber of Trinity, 6-2, 7-6, before getting beaten by Craig Karden of Texas. Karden won, 7-5, 6-7, 7-6, in a marathon match that saw Schutz win the first tie-breaker 5-4 and Karden win the second by the same score.

All five of the doubles teams reached the quarterfinals in a display of the strength by the A&M tennis team.

The only problem was that in one case, a team had to play their teammates. Schutz and Jim Grubert defeated Tal Henry and Peter Mako of Trinity, 6-2, 6-2, in the first round. They had to play Robert Stapper and Genero Fernandez, their teammates, in the next round. Schutz-Grubert won, 4-6, 6-0, 6-4 in a tough match.

Schutz-Grubert lost in the semi-

finals, however, to champions Pinchoff-Warneke, 6-4, 6-4, of Trinity.

Freeman and Joelson also lost to champions, 6-4, 7-5, in the quarterfinals.

Leonard Smith and Max King defeated Erck and Todd Lugar of Texas, 7-5, 6-2, in the first round. They then lost to Stevens and Paul Crozier of Texas, 7-5, 6-0.

Ron Kowal and Tom Judson received a bye in the first round but were defeated by Snyder and Griffenig of Texas in another tough match, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Both the men's and women's teams will be on the road Friday traveling to the April Sounds Invitational at Lake Conroe. Play is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. Friday.

Oilers win over Broncos

United Press International
DENVER — The official blew it, it may have provided the spark which propelled the Houston Oilers to a 20-16 victory over the Denver Broncos at Mile High Stadium Sunday.

The Oilers were fuming when Carl Roaches' 76-yard fourth-quarter return for an apparent touchdown was called back. Officials ruled field judge mistakenly blew his whistle, leading the Bronco defense to believe the ball was dead.

Meanwhile, Roaches was racing untouched for the remaining 60 yards to the end zone. After a two-minute argument, the terminated Oiler offense completed a 5-yard touchdown drive that took more than eight minutes and ended in a two-yard scoring run by Robert Stapper.

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