



Ag sports fill weekend

Here's a look at some sports events happening in Texas A&M sports this weekend:

SWIMMING — The Aggies will be in New Orleans taking on Tulane Saturday. The meet will be the first of the 1980-81 season for A&M.

MEN'S SOCCER — The men's soccer team, 6-3-2, will play Rice at 2 p.m. Saturday in Houston. The match is especially important because it means the difference between a third and fourth place finish in the SWC Soccer League.

WOMEN'S SOCCER — In the meantime, the women's team, 6-0, will be the top-rated team in the Austin Tournament in Austin which begins Saturday. The tournament will bring teams from all over the state, and A&M has won the event the last two years.

AGGIE QUADRATHALON — This event will be held at Carter Lake, and will be sponsored by Texas A&M professor Mike Shively. Shively, an accomplished canoeist, came up with the idea for a swimming, paddling, running and riding competition that will pit individuals from all over the state against one another. Individuals wishing to compete should call 5-2828 for information. Although participants may compete in all of the four event categories, they may also compete in any one, two, or three of the events with awards for each individual category. Also, individuals may sign up at the event on Saturday morning.

ROADRUNNERS CLUB — Will sponsor the First Miller Lite 10,000 Meter Road Race, sponsored by Brazos Beverages, Inc., and KAGC Radio. The race will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Brazos Center.

VOLLEYBALL — The women's team will host the state volleyball championships starting at 11 a.m. today in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

TENNIS — The Aggies will be in Lake Conroe today through Sunday for the April Sound Invitational.

BASKETBALL — The women, 1-1 in scrimmages so far, will play archival Houston at 5:30 p.m. Saturday at Cy Fair High School in Houston.

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Golf team in Florida

Holley eyes win at tourney

By RICK STOLLE
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The Texas A&M women's golf team travels to Gainesville, Fla., next Tuesday to compete in the Lady Gator Invitational on the campus of the University of Florida.

The tournament will be held next Friday through Sunday. The Ags will send a five-woman team to Gainesville.

Coach Kitty Holley said her team has come close but has faded out on the final day of competition in the previous three tournaments.

"But as long as we've been close, we at least have a chance to win," she said.

The Ags finished fifth in a field of 24 at the first tournament of the year, the All-College Classic at Oklahoma City. Kim Bauer led the team finishing fifth.

At the Dick McGuire Invitational at Albuquerque, N.M. the Ags finished sixth in a 16-team field. Bauer again led the team finishing a very respectable third. Then, the team improved to a fourth place finish in a 22-team field at the Georgia Invitational at Athens. Monica Welsh led the Ags in this tournament with a fifth place finish.

The Ags will take Kim Bauer, Monica Welsh, Shirley Furlong, Sue

Yantis and Jackie Bertram to the tournament. Seven golfers competed for the two positions open for the Lady Gator tournament.

"Kim, Monica and Shirley were exempt from competition for this tournament," said Holly. The battle for the other two spots was tough,

she said and the competition the entire team.

She said the team has really come together and is playing well. "Hopefully, we can put the heat of tough competition to rest and win this tournament instead of coming close," she said.

Ags host championship today at G. Rollie White

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Women representing eight Texas universities will grace the G. Rollie White Coliseum main court this weekend in competition for the state volleyball championship.

The Texas A&M team, having fallen upon hard times for the past couple of weeks, couldn't be happier to host the event. Action starts this morning at 11.

A winner in only two of their past 13 matches, the Aggies have just returned from a week-long debacle in California in which they lost five straight. But even though that record is not too impressive, A&M head coach Terry Condon was not terribly pessimistic.

"We didn't play that badly, we just got beat by some of the better teams in the country," Condon said, after her team lost to Pacific, Utah State and Washington, three teams ranked in the nation's top 10 at the UCLA Invitational. "We didn't play that well either."

"It was really good experience for our young players. We played in a very tough pool, but we didn't get blown out by anyone. Also, the gym we played in had six courts on the main floor, which is mass craziness, and if you can play there, you can play anywhere."

Condon said the team to beat in this tournament is UT-Arlington. The Mavericks are seeded first, followed by Houston, Texas and Texas Tech. The Aggies have lost to all of these teams en route to their present 19-30 record, but the matches have always been close. The most frustrating thing about coaching, Condon said, is losing the close ones when she knows her team can pull it out.

Condon said her team should go into the tournament as the fifth-rated team of the eight, with Lamar, North Texas State and Texas Women's University bringing up the rear. If the Aggies play their game, she said, they could take first place.

"If they play up to their capabilities, they could win this tournament," she said. "We have just as much talent as anyone in this state, maybe even more. That's the frustrating part, getting these girls to put it all together. I wouldn't mind so much if we just had a terrible team and lost this many games, but we should be winning more."

Experience is the reason Condon has given all season, and with a look at the team's roster, it's easy to see why. Four juniors, three sophomores and four freshmen suit up for the A&M squad. Condon has been shuffling the starting lineup all season and is still uncertain who will start this weekend.

"Five of the positions are filled," she said. "The other spot is between three girls. But I plan on changing things around anyway."

Slated starters are juniors Kristen Bloom, Marianna McNamara and Wendy Wilson, sophomore Sue Wetzel and freshman Lisa Sanders. Junior Krista Sodich, sophomore Elizabeth Echtermach and freshman Lisa Johnson will vie for the other

position, with sophomore Anne Yardley and freshmen Michelle Hlavinka and Cathy Frederick providing the team with capable reserves.

The aspect of the game in which the Aggies need the most work, according to Condon, is attitude.

"They've got to be relaxed on the courts, but they've got to want it," she said. "They've also got to be mentally prepared. A lot of these girls are not mentally prepared for the matches. That's 90 percent of any sport. I mean, if you're not mentally prepared, you might as well call it quits."

Last year at this time, the Aggies were in roughly the same position going into the state tourney. Given spoiler's role, the Aggies finished sixth in the state tourney, but still received an at-large bid to the regional tournament, where they finished fourth.

"I guess they just peaked at the right time last year," she said. "I hope they can do that this year."

She said the top three teams in the state tournament will receive bids for regionals, but at least two others should receive at-large bids.

Team members, who rarely get to play on their home court, are elated at the opportunity to play such a big tournament here.

"I'm really excited about it," Yardley said. "It's always fun to play in

front of your friends, you try a lot harder. I mean, if you play lousy at someone else's court, you don't care as much because it's not as embarrassing."

Condon said a big crowd at G. Rollie is a must. "If we can get some people out there, we have a really good chance."

At the Texas A&M Invitational in September, a ranting crowd of about 50 sat in the stands at G. Rollie, and even did some yells to rattle TWU and Texas. The Ags knocked off the women from Dallas, but came up a bit short against the Longhorns. With a significantly larger crowd expected this weekend, Condon and the rest of the team are expecting big things for the maroon squad.

Preliminary matches will be played all day today beginning at 11 a.m. The Aggies must face UTA, Texas Tech and North Texas State today. The top two finishers in each of the two pools will play in the championship bracket Saturday, and the bottom two from the pools will play in the consolation bracket. Those matches will be contested all day Saturday.

Condon said the team's California performance did not sit too well with many of the players, and that they are really looking forward to this weekend.

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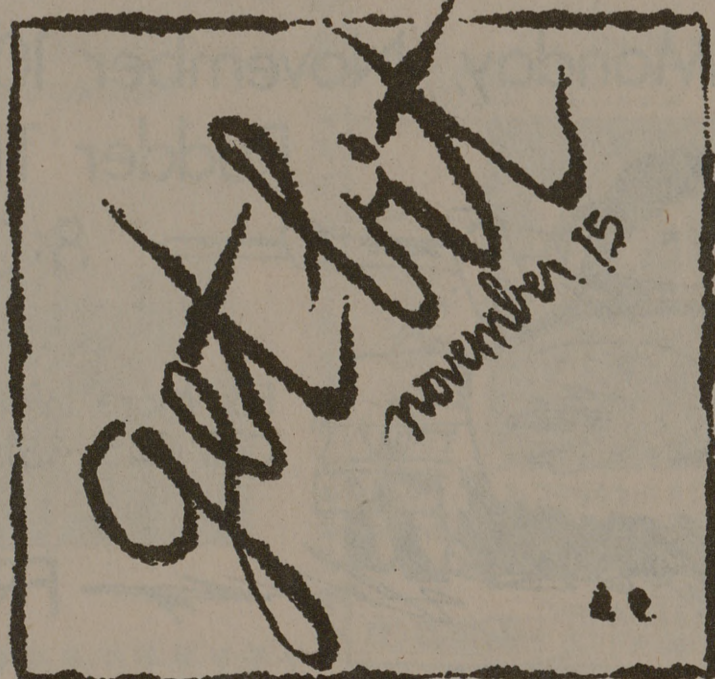
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AUSTIN — Texas coach Fred Akers announced Thursday Longhorn backup quarterback Rick McIvor would take the starting spot from Donnie Little in this Saturday's game against Houston, although both quarterbacks will play.

Akers said the Longhorns, who have lost two consecutive games and dropped from the top 10, were being victimized by the pressure they were putting on themselves and he hoped a new quarterback would ease the situation.

"We've worked both quarterbacks with the first unit all week," Akers said. "Rick has worked more than Donnie because he has needed it more. Both will play but McIvor will start against Houston."



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