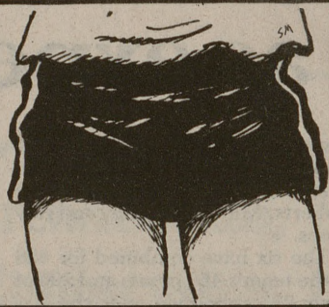


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Men's track

Head Aggie Coach Charlie Thomas, whose Texas A&M track squad won both the Southwest Conference Indoor and Outdoor Championships last season, will be honored Wednesday night in Dallas as the state's college Spring Sports Coach of the Year for the 1980 season.

The awards banquet is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in the grand ballroom of the Loew's Anatole Hotel in Dallas.

Sports Car Club

Seventeen drivers competed Saturday in the "Press on Irregardless" Rallye.

This was a special kind of race in that each of the 17 drivers was accompanied by a navigator and given a list of directions which they were to follow in sequence while going the average speed given.

The "rallye" covered 50 miles, all within Brazos County. The drivers, however, traveled through several surrounding counties, passing through Caldwell, Anderson, Iola, Lyons and Somerville, traveling anywhere from 85 to 210 miles in the three-hour period before giving up and going to a party.

Since only two cars reached one of the five check points given on the directions, it was decided to revise the rallye and run it over. Five cars started once more shortly after dark. Despite the added hazard of rain, the cars muddled their way through the course, with four finishing. The winners were:

Expert — Bill van Ravensway, Mike Love (navigator), 1,296, 1st place; Ken Kolodzie, Mike Chatelle (navigator), 1,338, 2nd.

Novice — Kevin Buch, Eric Esch, 1,506, 1st; Ronnie Harris, Randy Milton, 1,842, 2nd.

More Sports Car Club

Sunday the Club held its second autocross of the spring at Zachry parking lot. Forty-nine drivers participated in the event, with some drivers coming from the Houston Region Sports Car Club Association and Galveston. Top runners in Sunday's autocross were:

B Stock — Kenneth Baker, 1st; Carl Cramm, 2nd; J. Bittle, 3rd; Joey Conte, 4th.
C Stock — Andy Gray, 1st; Richard Watson, 2nd; Kimball Ayer (Houston), 3rd.
D Stock — Kyle Stallones, 1st; Doug Smith, 2nd.
E Stock — Bill Ong (Houston), 1st; Kevin Buch (Galveston), 2nd.
F Stock — Thomas Thrash, 1st; Barry Ballard, 2nd; George Sydnor, 3rd.
G Stock — Paul Dotson, 1st; Mike Love, 2nd; Bill van Ravensway, 3rd.
H Stock — Victor Lutan, 1st; Larry Chan, 2nd; Steve Hoecley, 3rd.
Track — Grant McFall, 1st.
Prepared 1 — Don Lamar, 1st.
Prepared 3 — Eric Esch, 2nd.
Modified — Darrell Huan (Houston), 1st (top time of the day); Bill LaBarge, 2nd.

Men's Tennis

The Texas A&M University men's tennis team takes on Austin Peay University at 1:30 p.m. today at the Omar Smith Tennis Center on campus.

With a record of 6-1, the nationally ranked Aggs will be trying to overcome the effects of the team's first loss.

The starting lineup for the Aggs will be: Brian Joelson, Reid Freeman, Trey Schutz, Max King, Tom Judson and Leonard Smith.

The doubles teams are: Joelson-Freeman, Judson-Ron Kowal and Schutz-Smith.

Baseball

The Aggies open the 1981 season Friday at 1 p.m. with a doubleheader against Northeast Louisiana. Texas A&M will also play the Indians in a twinbill Saturday at Olsen Field at 1 p.m.

Head Coach Tom Chandler, entering his 23rd season at the Aggie helm, has a number of positions to fill before opening day and reports have it that the battle for starting positions may continue all the way up to game time.

Softball

Coach Bill Galloway's Texas A&M women open softball play with a doubleheader against Texas Woman's University at 6 p.m. Friday and then take on UT-Arlington in a twinbill at noon Saturday. All of the action will be at Bee Creek Park in College Station.

Women's swimming

A 17-woman squad will represent Texas A&M in the TAIW State Meet Friday and Saturday at the University of Houston.

The Ags' entrants include Gail Otten, Shelley Carbone, Lilli Cole, Tracy Johnston, Tori Tessen, Kathy Mitten, Elyse Robeck, Michon Breisacher, Philis Burns, Cathy Cargen, Cindy Green, Kristi McMahon, Kim Miller, Marva Mitten, Julie Moffat, Christi Jacobs and Cindy Seelig.

Aggies play Frogs at 7:30 p.m.

TCU, Rice search for hamburger

United Press International
What is a hamburger to some may be steak to somebody else and that gastronomic comparison turns out to be fitting for tonight's Southwest Conference menu.

It is the Arkansas Razorbacks, of course, who will be going after the steak — already owning half the SWC championship and an overwhelming favorite to annex the rest of it tonight when they host the last place SMU Mustangs.

The Rice Owls and TCU Horned Frogs, meanwhile, will be going after the hamburger. But when you have wasted away on the starvation diet the Owls and Frogs have been on for all these years, any morsel looks like a banquet.

A victory by Rice over Houston tonight at Hofheinz Pavilion would clinch a spot for the Owls in the middle third of the SWC final standings and a win by TCU over Texas A&M in Fort Worth would all but wrap up a similar finish for the Frogs.

That, in turn, would bring them a home

court advantage in the opening round of the conference's post-season tournament next Monday night.

This will be the sixth SWC tournament and neither Rice nor TCU has ever hosted a first-round game. Banished to the road, neither Rice or TCU has ever won a first-round game to advance to the glamour portion of the tourney — which this year will be conducted in San Antonio.

So plenty will be on the line in the various gyms around the conference.

The fourth SWC game tonight will find Texas Tech visiting Texas and that game means plenty to the Longhorns, who want to at least partially wipe away the memory of an embarrassing 29-point loss suffered at the hands of Texas A&M on regional television last Saturday.

And Tech has something to battle for as well, since they are still in the race for third place — a finish that enables that particular team to bypass the first round of the tourney altogether and move straight to San

Antonio.

Rice carries a 7-7 record into its game with the mysterious Houston Cougars, who vaulted to the top of the league race with five games left and promptly lost three in a row to fall two games behind the Razorbacks.

If Rice can upset the Cougars, the Owls will not only clinch a home spot in the playoffs but will keep alive a slim hope to finish as high as a tie for third place. Rice has not finished that high in the standings in 11 years.

TCU, meanwhile, is tied for sixth place with Texas A&M at 6-8 going into their meeting. The Aggies, although drilled by the powerful LSU Tigers last Sunday, have won five of their last six conference games and are looking to revenge a league opening loss to TCU.

But if the Horned Frogs can win tonight, the only thing that would keep them out of a homecourt berth for the tournament would be a string of events that includes Texas

winning its last two games and TCU dropping its finale against Baylor.

Meanwhile, Arkansas should roll to its fourth conference title in five years (two of them having been shared with Texas). The Razorbacks beat SMU by 42 points when they met in early January and Arkansas is in the midst of a nine-game winning streak.

"The flu that hit our ball club, particularly the flu that hit (center Scott Hastings) really had a negative influence on the team," said Arkansas coach Eddie Sutton, referring to a three-game losing streak the Hogs went through early in the conference campaign.

"Since we have got healthy we have had a stretch during which we have played outstanding basketball."

"Scott has made a big difference for us this season. I don't think you can win at any level unless you have someone productive in the pivot area. And Scott has been one of the outstanding players in the conference."

Murphy's a hero again

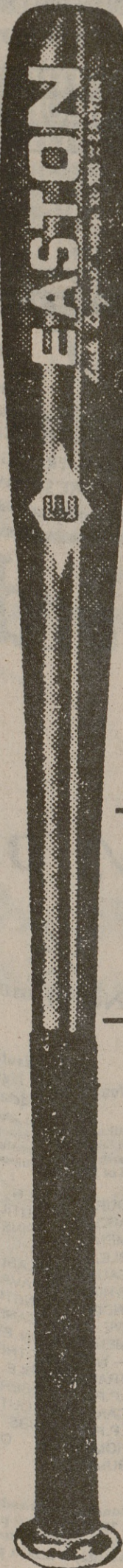
United Press International
SALT LAKE CITY — Calvin Murphy scored a game-high 38 points, including 12 in the final quarter, in leading the Houston Rockets to a 106-102 win over the Utah Jazz Monday night.

Murphy put the Rockets ahead for good, 100-99, with 55 seconds remaining in the game.

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