

Sports

Three games mark start of tournament tonight

Ags can buy tickets at G. Rollie for 7:30 home game

From staff and wire reports
The Southwest Conference tournament opens in Lubbock, Austin and College Station tonight with Texas A&M winding up in the same bracket as the Houston Cougars and the regular season champion Arkansas Razorbacks finding the easiest path to the tournament finals.

Saturday night's final round of regular season games left Texas Tech, Texas and Texas A&M with home-court berths in the opening round of the tourney.

Tech will host last-place SMU, Texas will be entertaining Rice and Texas A&M will be at home against TCU at 7:30 p.m.

The tournament then moves to San Antonio Thursday night with the Baylor Bears playing in the first game of that evening's double header at 7 p.m. against the winner of the TCU-Texas A&M game. The SMU-Texas Tech winner will face the Rice-Texas winner in the second game Thursday night.

On Friday evening Arkansas

will be in action at 7 p.m. against the survivor of the SMU-Tech-Rice-Texas end of the bracket while Houston will enter the competition in the second game against the team that makes it through the Baylor-TCU-A&M end of the bracket.

The championship game is set for 8 p.m. Saturday night, the winner there earning an automatic bid into the NCAA tournament.

Following an almost miraculous turnaround, the Aggies find themselves facing the Horned Frogs for the third time this year, this time in College Station.

The Frogs beat the Aggies 56-51 at Reunion Arena in the first conference game of the year on Jan. 3. The Aggies played the Frogs again on Feb. 24 in Fort Worth, this time winning 59-57.

In that game Claude Riley was high point man with 16 points. Rynn Wright pitched in 14 points, as did TCU's Darrell Browder.

Texas A&M will have the advantage, not only because of the

home court site, but also because the Aggies have been on an upsurge lately.

However the players aren't taking the Frogs too lightly.

"They have a bunch of good players, they all know their roles," reserve guard Bruce Sooter said of the Frogs.

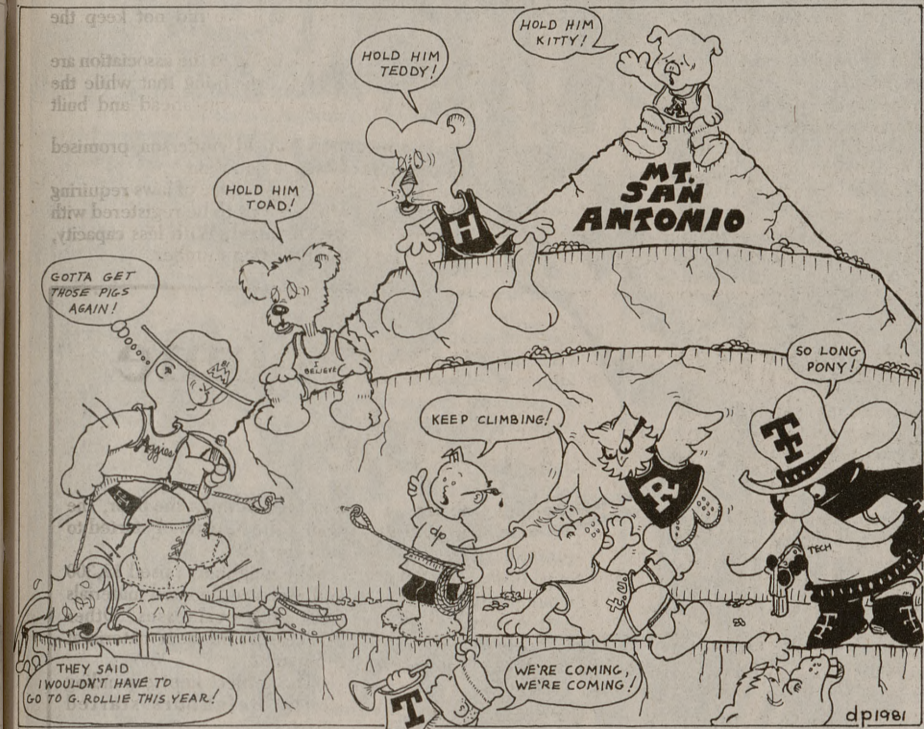
TCU is led by 6-2 Darrell Browder and 6-5 Deckory Johnson but get some needed help from 6-8 freshman Gilbert Collier.

"We have a definite advantage

playing them down here. The crowd is great; we've got great fans."

"There's no way you can play a game down here and not be up for it," Sooter said. "Everytime we come out on the court the fans start yelling and all. It gets your adrenalin flowing instantly."

Forward Roy Jones agreed. "Everybody's talking about beating the hell out of everybody we play," he said in reference to anyone the Aggies might be facing in tournament competition.



Ags are scared by SWTSU

By RICK STOLLE
Battalion Staff
After surviving a scare from Southwest Texas State University Friday, the Texas A&M men's tennis team came back to wallopp the Baylor Bears Saturday.

The Ags were shell-shocked Friday as SWTSU initially went 4-2 in singles. The Ags had to

Schutz-King beat Jackson-McCracken 6-1, 6-1.

The Ags will take on Kent's old team, West Texas State University, Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at the Omar Smith Tennis Center. The match will be a homecoming of sorts. Kent recruited the seniors on the WTSU team.

"They all know me and will be out to get me," Kent said with a chuckle. "But they have a good team and we can't take the match lightly."

Tuesday also is Jeff Carter Day

at the courts. Carter has donated the use of a van to the tennis team. He is a Houston oilman who played tennis and handball for Texas A&M when he attended.

"If I hadn't received a tennis scholarship to Texas A&M, I wouldn't have been able to go to college. I'm very excited about having been an Aggie student and a graduate and I want to pay my dues. That's why I decided to provide the van for the tennis squads to travel in."

Lacrosse team loses again

The Aggie men's lacrosse team took it on the chin for its second loss of the young season Sunday.

Texas A&M played the Houston Lacrosse Club, sponsored by Coors, and was defeated, 16-3. It was the second loss in a row for the Ags, who also lost last weekend against the San Antonio Lacrosse Club, 12-10.

"These club teams are stocked with experienced ballplayers," said team president Duke Whelan. "Some of them play two years in high school plus four years in college. Our players can only play here, but those guys can just play with the club teams (no school affiliation)."

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win all three doubles matches to avoid what would have been a true upset. Fortunately, the Ags did just that to win the match 5-4.

An embarrassed Texas A&M team took the court Saturday and exacted vengeance on Baylor by beating the Bears 9-0 in the first Southwest Conference match of the spring season.

Kent said the team learned a good lesson in the SWTSU match.

Kent added, "The problem with having experience as a teacher is that you get the test first and then the lesson."

He said he has coached only a few teams that could survive the pressure of having to win all three doubles to win the match.

Kent said he is proud of his team, though, for coming back and playing hard when the chips were down. He also said it is obvious where the strength of the team is.

"Our doubles teams are the real strength of this team, they are the reason we are 9-1 right now," he said.

Against Baylor, the Ags came out with a vengeance. The team totally dominated the Bears and lost only one set in the match.


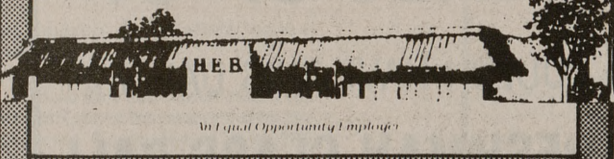
In singles: Joelson defeated David Cheek 3-6, 6-1, 6-1; Reid Freeman beat Dorsey Wilmarth 6-0, 6-0; Trey Schutz defeated Rusty Phenix 6-2, 6-2; Tom Judson beat Dave Gordon 6-1, 6-4; Max King defeated Blake Jackson 6-0, 6-0 and Ron Kowal beat Mike McCracken 6-1, 6-1.

Doubles results: Joelson-Freeman beat Cheek-Wilmarth 6-0, 6-2; Judson-Kowal defeated Phenix-Gordon 6-3, 6-0 and


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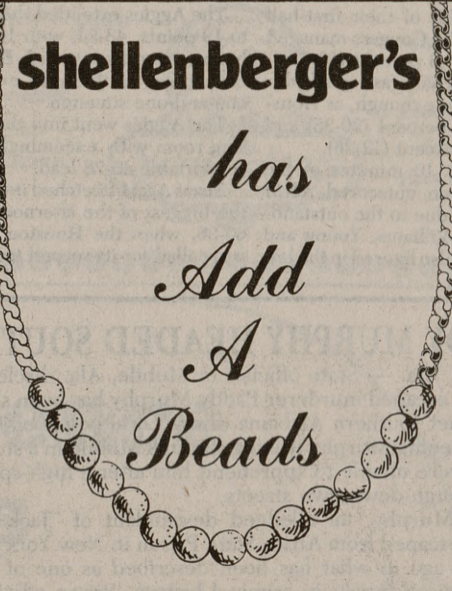
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