

Sports



Too close for comfort

Staff photo by Brain Tate

Texas A&M's Maria Resendez crosses the plate in action last Saturday against UT-Arlington at Bee Creek Park in College Station. Resendez was safe as the second-ranked Aggs swept a doubleheader from UTA to raise their season record to 4-0. Texas A&M plays Friday in Denton against sixth-ranked Texas Women's University in a doubleheader, and then takes

on UT-Arlington at their home field in Arlington for another twinbill. The first national coaches poll of 1981 has the Aggs in second place following Utah State, which beat Texas A&M out for the national title last May.

Ag swimmers improved, strive to catch 'big boys'

By RICK STOLLE

Going against what is possibly the best swimming team in the country, the Texas A&M University men's swim team has its work cut out for it today.

The Southwest Conference finals are being held in Austin through Saturday. Many SWC and possibly, national records will be broken.

Aggie coach Mel Nash said his team is going into the meet pretty well locked into fifth place in the conference but should a team ahead of the Aggs falter, Texas A&M will be ready to jump at the chance.

"We are almost locked in with Texas, SMU, Houston and Arkansas ahead of us," he said. "As a matter of fact, it should be quite a race for second place."

Nash said the team is still a year or two away from really being able to compete with the squads he termed the "big boys."

"Of course, we want a stronger showing at the meet but we are still a ways behind the big boys," he said. "You can't go in and build a powerhouse in two or three years."

Nash said he was pleased this year with several of his swimmers having a chance to go to the nationals individually.

"We need to take a couple of small steps like getting a few individuals in the nationals," he said, "before we can run."

Nash said he has been pleasantly surprised at the team attitude.

When it would be so easy to be depressed, the team spirit was great.

"Everybody is up for the meet and ready to try to take on the big boys," Nash said.

The individuals who have a chance to make the nationals in individual events or relays are: Ed

Cahill, Kevin Londrigan, Crain Buchmann, Rick Ranzau and Mike Hoche.

Cahill, Londrigan, Buchmann and Ranzau are close to the time for qualifying for the national 400 medley relay team finals.

"Ed is the most likely Aggie to go," said Nash.

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Longhorns stop Titans

United Press International AUSTIN — Tony Arnold pitched a threehitter and Texas hitters battered Oral Roberts starter Mike Moore to give the Longhorns an 11-1 victory over the Titans Wednesday in a non-conference baseball game.

In the fifth inning of the nightcap the contest was called off because of darkness. The score was 10-10 when the umpire sent everyone home.

Texas shelled Moore, 1-1, in the second inning of the opener for seven runs, three coming on a Larry Long blast over the fence.

Arnold went the distance and picked up his third victory against no defeats.

The fifth ranked Longhorns are now 8-1-1 on the year and ORU, No. 15 in the nation, is 2-1-1.

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