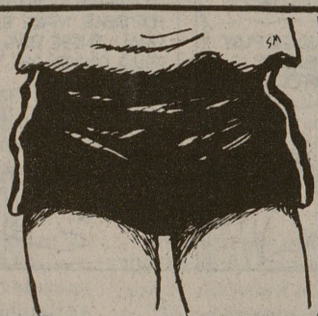


Sports

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Men's polo

The Aggies beat Yale Tuesday, to advance to the semifinals of the national championship in Connecticut against California-Davis.

In other action today, California-Poly defeated the University of Connecticut, 14-13.

Semifinal action begins Thursday.

Football

With the first week of spring training completed, Coach Tom Wilson is pleased with his Texas A&M football squad. The Aggies completed the first week with their first scrimmage Saturday, and Wilson said: "Considering it was our first scrimmage, I thought there were some good things done both on offense and defense. Our running game looked good. I was especially pleased with the running of Johnny Hector. Quarterback Gary Kubiak handled himself well in his first scrimmage. The weather (wet drizzle) affected the passing game but that's to be expected. We've got a long way to go, but if the players keep their good attitude they'll make a lot of improvement."

The Ags are slated to continue work today through Friday this week. They'll be off all of next week for the spring break, then return for three more weeks which concludes with the maroon-white game at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Apr. 11.

Women's tennis

Texas A&M's women will host Yale at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in an inter-sectional dual match at the Omar Smith Tennis Center on campus.

The Ag women won one and lost twice in the Brigham Young Invitational last week in Provo, Utah.

They lost to California-Berkeley, 7-2, in their opening match on Thursday and fell to Colorado, 5-4 on Friday. They bounced back to beat Utah, 6-3, on Saturday and finished seventh in the tournament.

Women's golf

Coach Kitty Holley's 10th-ranked women, who won their own Texas A&M "Future Pros" tournament by one stroke over third-ranked SMU, will be in the University of Texas-Betsy Rawls Invitational beginning Friday.

The 54-hole, three-day tournament will be played at the Great Hills Country Club in Austin. A strong field of 20 teams, including six from the top 10, will enter five players each and count the low four from each round.

Men's golf

Texas A&M's reserve golfers finished eighth in the New Orleans Intercollegiate last weekend, posting a 927 total for 54 holes.

LSU won the title with an 879.

Kirk Jones of Centenary won the individual title with a 211 total.

Bart Cobb was Texas A&M's low man, finishing 10th with rounds of 79-73-73 — 255. Other Aggie scores: Jacky Lee 75-77-78 — 230; Paul Oglesby 75-79-77 — 231; Mark Esler 78-85-86 — 249; and Eric Joseph 79-87-78 — 244.

Women's track

Coach Bill Nix will take a four-girl squad to the AIAW national indoor track meet at Idaho State in Pocatello, Idaho this week.

The four are Sandra Cooper, Ellen Smith, Evelyn Smith and Jana Graves. They will compete in two relay races, the 4-by-220 yards and the 4-by-440 yards.

Women's softball

Coach Bill Galloway's second-ranked team swept a twinbill from sixth-ranked Texas Women's University in Denton last Friday, 8-2 and 2-1, to run its spring record to 6-0. The Ags were rained out of a scheduled doubleheader with UT-Arlington in Arlington Saturday.

The Aggies this week will play Sam Houston in a doubleheader at 3 p.m. Thursday in Huntsville.

Lori Stoll posted her third straight pitching win and 18th consecutive victory with a three-hit, six-strikeout performance in the 8-2 win over TWU Friday. Then, in the nightcap, Patti Holthaus' two-out single drove in Shannon Murray with the winning run in the ninth inning as Shan McDonald also got her third pitching win of the year.

It's onward to SWC action

Aggies split twinbill with Rattlers

By RICHARD OLIVER

Sports Editor

Tuesday was a day of contrast for the Texas A&M University baseball team.

Although the Aggies had riddled opposing pitchers for 69 runs in eight games before Tuesday's doubleheader against St. Mary's, the hitting force met a brick wall named Wally Perez in game one.

The short righthander led St. Mary's to a 3-1 victory in the first game by shutting down the Aggies on two hits and one walk. The lone Aggie run came in the first inning when J.P. Bramhall walked, was advanced to second and scored on Terry Lawrence's double.

In game two, however, Texas A&M erupted and plastered the Rattlers, 14-4.

Perez, 4-0, entered the game with a 2.06 ERA, and settled down after the first and retired everyone but designated hitter Grant Priess, who rapped a single later in the game.

The one-run, two-hit performance was the worst of the young season for Texas A&M, now 7-3.

Perry Swanson, 0-1, who hadn't started for a year and a half due to arm troubles, did well in the rainy, cold conditions, going four innings and allowing two earned runs. The

big blows came in the third for the Rattlers when, with two men on a ball was hit into centerfield.

Lawrence ran up on the ball but had it skip over his glove and roll almost to the wall. Both runners scored. The natural grass outfield at V.J. Keefe field, the home of the San Antonio Dodgers during the summer, is pitted by dirt spots in places, causing terrible bounces.

In game one, Rodney Hodde, now batting .667, had an eight-game hitting streak snapped by Perez.

Lefthander Marvin Keller came in to relieve Swanson to begin the fifth and ended the game, pitching two innings and allowing two walks. He had two strikeouts.

Game two, though, was a complete turnaround, with the Aggies rapping a season-high 18 hits and scoring 14 runs. On the mound, Jack Miska made his first start of the year and was removed after 1 1/2 innings of work. He allowed four walks, two hits and two runs.

Bobby Taylor came in in the second and allowed three hits and two runs, but received his second victory of the year out of the bullpen when the Aggies erupted for eight runs in the two middle innings.

Perry Kilgo and B.B. Schott

made spotless relief appearances in the sixth and seventh.

Leading the Aggie massacre of five Rattlers' pitchers was catcher Joey Szekely, who was three-for-four with five RBIs, including two triples. After just 10 games, Szekely has already tied a school record for most triples in a season with five. The sophomore also has 17 RBIs.

Red-hot Hodde also had three hits, including a double off the right field wall, and had three RBIs.

Second baseman Clint Heard added three hits, scored three runs and had a stolen base.

Perhaps the most pleasant surprise was the emergence of Priess in the doubleheader. Besides the hit in game one, the much-heralded Blinn Junior College transfer had three base hits, scored a run and had an RBI.

Every Aggie batter but Kevin Smith got on base in the ballgame. "Perry Swanson looked real good," said Head Aggie Coach Tom Chandler. "We played well today."

Taylor was thoughtful about his second win, which was accomplished out of the bullpen. Last season, Taylor was a starter but had mild arm problems and lost

his spot. Now he has been relegated to bullpen duty. It doesn't bother him.

"You know, anything to help the team," he said. "I don't mind

coming out of the bullpen."

Friday's nine-inning contest begins at 3 p.m. in Houston. A doubleheader will be played Saturday beginning at 1 p.m.

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Barker comes back to take a 6-3, 6-1 tennis tour win

United Press International DALLAS — England's Sue Barker continued her comeback from a near retirement from tennis Tuesday night, upsetting second-seeded Wendy Turnbull of Australia, 6-3, 6-1, in the first round of the \$200,000 Dallas stop on the women's professional tennis tour.

Third-seeded Pam Shriver of Lutherville, Md., played Iva Budarova of Czechoslovakia in another late-night first round match.

Martina Navratilova, the top seed, had no trouble in defeating Julie Harrington of Spokane, Wash., 6-2, 6-1. Navratilova hit 11 service winners in the 49 minute match.

Turnbull was well below full strength in her loss to Barker, due to the after-effects of a bout with influenza which she suffered last week in Los Angeles. Turnbull double faulted numerous times and was unable to put any pressure on Barker with her service.

Barker was playing a second-consecutive week, after suffering first round defeats in Seattle and Los Angeles to Hana Mandlikova and Andrea Jaeger, respectively.

Last fall, Barker was attacked by a dog in Australia and suffered a 15-stitch gash beside her right eye. When she dislocated a toe shortly after that incident, she said

she almost decided to retire from tennis.

Unseeded Bettina Bunge of

Coral Gables, Fla., defeated Kate Latham of Palo Alto, Calif., 6-1, 6-1.

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L.A. takes Spurs by 14 points

United Press International INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Kareem Abdul-Jabbar scored 35 points and Magic Johnson had 21 points, 16 rebounds and 10 assists Tuesday night to lead the Los Angeles Lakers to a 118-104 rout of the San Antonio Spurs.

After hitting just three-of-nine field goal attempts in the first period, Abdul-Jabbar connected on 13 of his last 14 shots. For Johnson, who also had four steals, it was his best performance since returning two weeks ago following a 101-day hiatus with a knee injury.

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