

by Jeff Millar & Bill Hinds

# Netters prepare for Arkansas

**By RICK STOLLE**  
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 Undeclared in Southwest Conference play, the Arkansas Razorbacks bring a lofty national tennis ranking and powerful team to the Omar Smith Tennis Center Saturday to take on the 20th-ranked Texas A&M men's tennis team.

The Hogs have lost only four individual SWC matches in four dual meets. They are ranked fourth in the nation by the Intercollegiate Tennis Coaches Association.

"They have a very tough team," said Aggie tennis coach David Kent. "But they come here to us in the middle of a very tough road trip."

The Razorbacks play Trinity today, TCU Friday, A&M Saturday and Rice Sunday, all on the road. Trinity is ranked eighth, TCU 13th and A&M 20th. Kent said he also believes Rice has been underrated and should receive some recognition in the national polls.

"If the Razorbacks can do that (such a tough road trip) and keep their edge," Kent said, "they deserve their ranking."

"I can't travel like that with my team because we have to play so emotionally," Kent said.

Kent said Arkansas has a reputation for being a mentally tough team. It is a team, he said, that has

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The Ags have only the Arkansas match left in SWC competition. Arkansas has TCU, A&M, Rice and SMU left in SWC play.

The Ags are 38-24 in SWC match play now. The SWC tournament that will be held April 24-26 in Corpus Christi will base its seedings on the conference records of the teams. So every SWC match is important.

Last season, the Ags finished sixth in the SWC and 18th nationally. Texas A&M was 19-8 overall

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## Spurs defeat Houston

**United Press International**  
 SAN ANTONIO — Bruising Mark Olberding scored a career-high 34 points and at the same time held Houston center Moses Malone in check Wednesday night to propel San Antonio to a 125-113 whipping of the Rockets that evened their Western Conference semifinal series at 1-1.

Olberding and backup guard Ron Brewer led a second quarter rush that gave San Antonio a 62-51 halftime lead. Houston cut its deficit to eight points at the end of three quarters, but the Spurs scored the first 11 points of the final period to put the game out of reach.

The series now moves on to Houston for the third game Friday night and the fourth game Sunday afternoon.

Olberding's total was not only an NBA high for him but far exceeded his season average of 12.3 points per game. In addition to leading his team in scoring, the 6-9 Olberding bumped and battled with Malone all night and won the fight.

Malone, who had scored 27 points in Houston's win Tuesday night mustered a comparatively lackluster 21 points Wednesday night.

The Rockets failed to score during the opening 3:27 of the fourth quarter as San Antonio scored 11 straight points.

Houston's frustration finally boiled over with 10:19 left in the game, when Malone shoved backup center Paul Griffin, who had matched Olberding in effectively guarding the mammoth Houston center.

The two had to be separated by teammates and the game progressed without further incident.

In addition to Olberding's 34 points, George Gervin scored 22 and Brewer had 21. Calvin Murphy paced the Rockets with 34 points, 11 in the final quarter.

It was during the second quarter that the Spurs running game finally began to make a dent in the Rockets' slow-down tempo.

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## Panel discusses NCAA violations

By FRANK L. CHRISTLIEB

**Battalion Staff**  
 Recruiting and eligibility violations in college sports must be more severely punished in order to prevent their recurrence, two NCAA officials and one sportswriter told a 300-member Rudder Auditorium audience Wednesday night.

One possible violation is that of alumni interference with the recruitment of prospective athletes, Gallagher said, and coaches should be responsible for controlling this influence. He said most recent recruiting violations in Texas are a result of alumni interference.

The MSC Great Issues Committee hosted a panel presentation by Steve Morgan, executive assistant of the NCAA Enforcement Department; Jack Gallagher, a Houston Post sportswriter; and Dan Devine, former head coach at the University of Notre Dame.

However, he said, this interference is difficult to control in Texas, and is a "scourge to the Southwest Conference."

The three panelists agreed that the number and severity of NCAA recruiting and procedural violations are increasing all the time. They said the only way to deal with these problems is to enforce current rules more stringently, and if possible, create more rules to punish schools guilty of breaking them.

Devine said alumni are not as responsible for recruiting violations as most people think. He said alumni "take a black eye in this area" and should not be blamed so much for participation in scandalous recruiting.

"Stricter penalties are important," Morgan said, adding that in order to be more meaningful, penalties should limit future recruiting of any school which violates NCAA rules.

Gallagher said the growth of all college sports has added to the number of violations as well.

Gallagher said the NCAA should suspend coaches and penalize athletes involved in rule violations, and university presidents should be made more responsible for the actions of their athletic departments.

In the past few years, Gallagher said, newspapers have been an important source of information for the NCAA in its investigation of scandals.

One of the jobs of the NCAA, Morgan said, is to help member schools understand all rules in order to eliminate the occurrence of violations. He said the NCAA must make sure that schools don't "fall into violation by ignorance."

Increasingly, newspapers have taken over an investigative role in scandals that have arisen," he said.

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"I hope that everyone can overlook some of these faults and consider some of the benefits."

Devine said all NCAA officials and coaches are caught in a "vicious circle" in which they must "win at any cost," and pressures inside the circle sometimes prompt rule-breaking.

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However, he said: "Somebody in this circle's got to take a stance, or it's going to get worse."

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Motioning toward the audience with his hand, Devine said: "I believe in winning, but I wouldn't be proud of this championship ring if I knew we'd cheated."

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He said: "We've got to clean up our act and get the cheaters out of the business."

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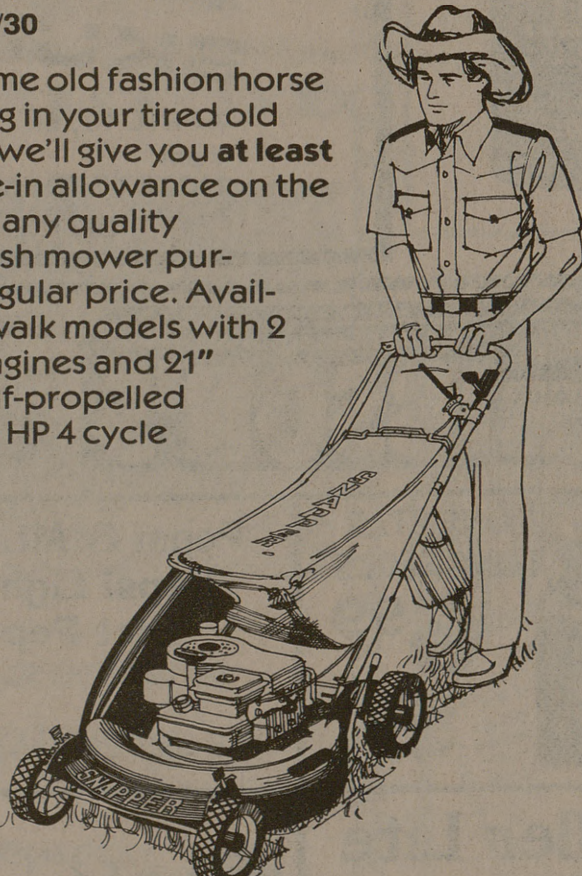
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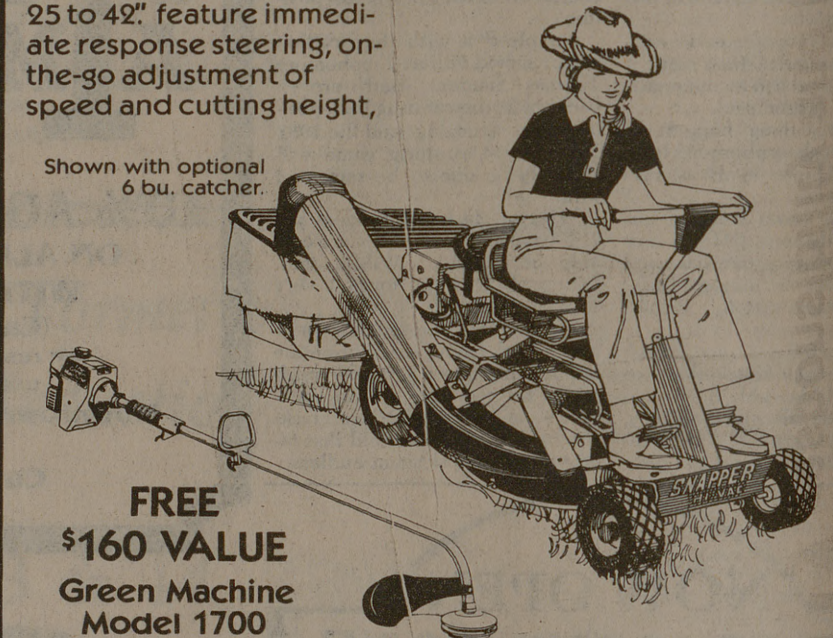
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