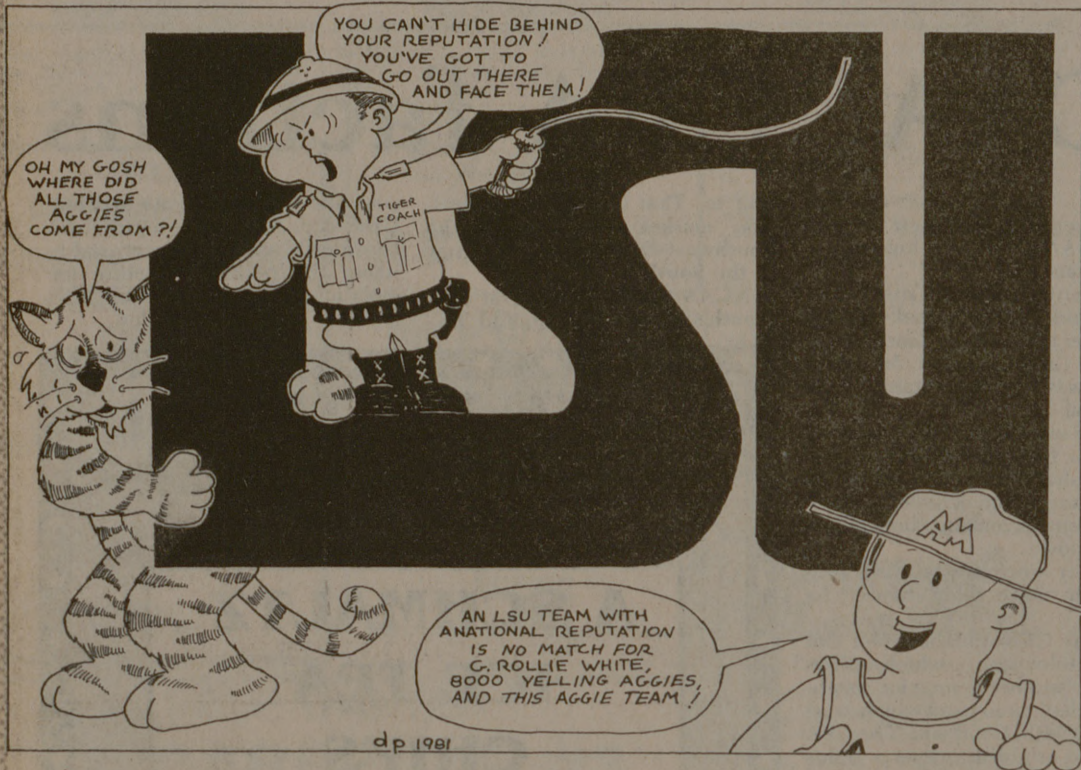


Sports



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Freshmen reach quarterfinals in Fort Worth tennis tourney

Kimmo Alkio and Mike Pazourek, both freshmen on the Texas A&M University tennis team, won their way into the quarterfinal round of the Prince Southwest Intercollegiate Tennis Championship in Fort Worth over the weekend.

Alkio defeated Doug Crawford of University of Texas 6-3, 6-4 in the opening round. In the second round Alkio bested Mark Wilder of TCU 6-4, 6-2 to advance to the quarterfinals.

Alkio met the number two seed, David Pate of TCU, and lost 3-6, 2-6 and was eliminated from play.

Pazourek disposed of Ted Erck of Texas in the first round, 6-3, 6-2, and met Victor Arana of Lamar University in the second. Pazourek beat Arana 6-3, 6-4 to qualify for the quarterfinal round.

Pazourek was eliminated by the number one seed, Tom Warneke, 6-2, 2-6, 6-3.

Coach David Kent said the two played well, despite the fact that

they were two of the younger players.

In the YONEX tournament in Houston, Brian Jeelson won his qualifying round but lost in the second round.

The tournaments were the last of the fall season for the Aggies. Kent said that he was pleased with the results of the fall schedule but added that the team needed some work.

"I feel like we've accomplished everything that we started out to," Kent said.

"Our singles play was outstanding this fall, but we need a little work on our doubles play.

"We really need to work on our doubles play, but we've had an excellent fall," he said. "Now, it's time for them to turn to their studies."

Kent said that most of the players are being competing in various tournaments around the country

over the Christmas holidays to keep their game up. The team will begin spring play in late January.

It's time for an 'Oil' change

The Houston Oilers, or Earlers I should say, continue to amaze me.

I've been here for two years now and still have yet to find a reason for the team's showing.

Being from West Texas and a little naive (I didn't even realize the Oilers were a professional team until I arrived in College Station) I was shocked at the amount of public support and spirit the fans showed.

I remember well that night a couple of years ago when, after the Oilers were eliminated from the playoffs by Pittsburgh, there were thousands of people in the Astrodome waiting for their arrival. The same thing happened last year.

I was impressed to say the least.

However, I still didn't think they were a legitimate team.

Even though Bum Phillips said that next year (1980) the team was 'going to knock the door down' on its way to the Super Bowl I still had my doubts. Now, I really have my doubts.

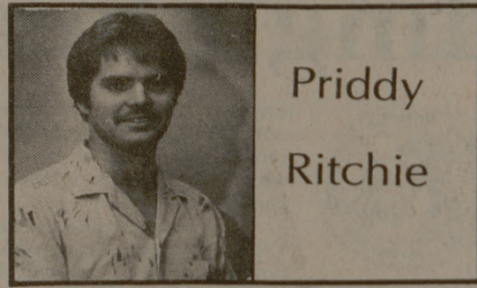
Like I said, I am a West Texan, and as such, grew up on Dallas Cowboy football. I am an avid fan and I will always be, everybody is from that part of the country, that's just the way it is.

The Cowboys have and always will have the class of Texas, as far as football goes anyway. There's no way anyone can tell me different.

I never saw an Oiler game until last year. I always thought they played second-rate football. I still do.

I often compare them to Ivy League teams, like Yale and Harvard. I never had the desire to see that type of ball. I still don't.

This year I have had the opportunity to see them a couple of times on the tube. Thursday night was such a time. I was not impressed with their performance.



Priddy Ritchie

The Browns outplayed them in every way a team can and yet they still lost. I was heartbroken. The Browns were looking for ways to lose the game. I am not so sure someone didn't buy off Brian Sipe.

The Oilers, despite a new coach who says he's going to be more versatile on offense, still don't realize they have great talent.

Earl Campbell is a great back, there's no question about that. But, he is a one-man offense and it appears that he always will be. There's not a man on earth that can take all the punishment the NFL dishes out and survive very long and Campbell is no exception. His days are numbered.

Why then, can't the Oilers realize that and start thinking about the future? I have never seen such a team, except for the Aggies at times, that has had great talent and never use it.

I saw Mike Renfro when he played for TCU a few years ago. He made some of the greatest catches I've ever seen in my life, despite the fact that he's white. Dave Casper's of the same caliber, so's Kenny Burrough. And, who can ignore the talent of Carl Roaches and Willie

Tullis, as well as many other backs and receivers they have.

The Oilers don't have a rushing game, other than Campbell, to speak of. Oh, the backs there, they just never see the ball.

Why, then, with all the offensive weapons they possess they don't open up their offense a little more?

You'd never see Tom Landry rely on a man for his team's success. But, then again you'd never see Landry coaching in Houston.

Like I said earlier, the Cowboys are a team. Hell, they're America's team and anybody can question that. Sunday's game in Moore is the latest example of that.

The game drew over 54,000 people, a largest crowd in three years to see the play. Can anyone name a team that can't like the Cowboys? If there is such a team can bet it isn't the Oilers.

To help the people of America, particularly Texans, I suggest that Houston either pick a top-notch team (such as Dallas), leave or drop the Oilers to the college ranks.

I think we've already suffered enough loss. The time has come for a change.

I realize it requires many things to become a winner. I guess the first ingredient is a front office, something the Oilers seem to lack. You can bet the Texas A&M Board of Regents wouldn't put up with a team like that.

Since it's impossible for Houston to be a Texas (probably just as impossible for a front office) it would be easier if Houston moved to the college ranks. Preferably to NCAA Division II level. The season is about over, thank goodness, and we citizens of Texas, won't have to put up with Oilers for another year. During the off-season perhaps the people of Houston will rise up and demand a change. Somehow, though, it

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MONDAY: Wheelchair Workout will be held in Room 304 East Kyle from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Come prepared to get some exercise. Non-handicapped individuals are welcome.

TUESDAY: Last day to sign up for Intramural Basketball in Room 159 East Kyle. Entries close at 5:00 p.m. for men, women, and super league.

WEDNESDAY: IM Picture Day. All teams and individuals who won Class A or B Championships this fall should report to the IM Office, 159 East Kyle, at 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY: Basketball Team Captain's meeting at 5:15 p.m. in Rudder Theater. All teams must send a representative to pick up a schedule. Basic rules and rule changes will be clarified.

FRIDAY: Archery clinic to be held as part of the Wheelchair Workout at 3:00 p.m. in 304 East Kyle.

SATURDAY: Sports Clubs active this weekend: Fencing and Karate.

Intramural staff member Tina Harrison carefully goes through the payroll records for dozens of Intramural sports officials and supervisors. Tina is our McDonald's® "Be Our Guest" winner this week.



Want To Earn Extra Cash?

If you know that Christmas will zap your budget, and you expect January to be a tight month, plan NOW to make things a little easier on you and your wallet.

The IM Department needs men and women to officiate basketball in the spring. No experience is necessary and the hours are flexible. If interested, contact Dave Kerr in the IM office, 159 East Kyle, as soon as possible.

Earn \$\$\$\$ to support your habits (like eating and drinking!)

Badminton Singles Wrap-Up

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Salute To Supervisors

Throughout the semester one group of students has worked to insure that games run smoothly and on time.

Student supervisors in each sport make sure the necessary equipment is available for teams, check in officials as they report to work, and generally coordinate the activities in the area. When problems arise, the student supervisor is there to quickly adjust the situation so that play can continue.

The IM%-REC Sports Department is proud of its supervisors and would like to thank each of them for keeping things going.

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TAMU Fencing Club Foils The Rest

Just before Thanksgiving, several members of the TAMU Fencing Club competed in a Divisional Open Fencing Tournament held at Texas A&M. Meg Gallatin provided us with the following account of the club's success:

"In Women's Foil, Denise Ehrlich, Meg Gallatin, and Suzie Nettle advanced to the second round finals. Ehrlich finished fourth, Gallatin fifth, and Nettle eighth.

In Men's Foil, Andy Dunks, Larry Tharp, and Kenny Peck were eliminated in the second-round semi-finals. Mark Pearey finished eighth, Michael Scott fifth, August Skopik third, John Varney second and Jim Bare finished first (Aggie Sweep!)

And now, since Jim Bare won a tournament over more than 20 competitors, he has earned a "C" NATIONAL CLASSIFICATION! That put's him in the "Aggie Fencing Hall of Fame" along with epeeist Michael Scott as the only two TAMU students to earn a national classification while still enrolled as students (WHOOP!).

Congratulations to Jim and the rest of the TAMU Fencing Club for an outstanding performance!

the spring will have to wait until January 12 to rent one.

IF CLOTHING SERVICE expires, please return your clothing to the locker room attendants and they will stamp the card which accompanied the check-out of clothes. Return the stamped card to the Intramural Office.

TO RENEW CLOTHING SERVICE, you must go to the Intramural Office.

RECREATIONAL LOCKERS will be cleared on January 12 if they have not been renewed for the spring semester. Individuals who do not have lockers this semester but would like to have one in

Oops!

We made an error in last week's McDonald's Intramural Highlights. "L-2" defeated the "B-2 Boozers" in Corps Divisional Finals, so L-2 (Not B-2) was the Corps B winning team in Flag Football this year.

Our apologies to L-2.

Wheelchair Archery

On Friday, December 11, archery will be included in the regular wheelchair workout session at 3:00 p.m. in Room 304 East Kyle.

Instruction in basic archery skills and the use of cross-bows will be given. Time for assisted practice will be provided. All interested individuals are encouraged to attend, so that you can follow this workshop.

For further information on this and other intramural programs for the handicapped, contact Eric Hunter or Jerry Usiak at 845-7826 or come by Room 159 East Kyle.