

SWC reaps rewards from UH, A&M successes

by John Wagner

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When the Houston Cougars were fighting their way into the Final Four of the NCAA basketball tournament, the other members of the Southwest Conference had more than one reason to cheer them on. Conference pride, certainly, but there is another matter that came into play as the Cougars advanced.

Money. Lots of it. UH stands to make an estimated \$600,000 from ticket sales and television revenues, as will each of the other three finalists. Of that money, UH is expected to keep approximately \$225,000 to cover expenses. That figure also includes some profit.

The rest of the money will be turned over to the SWC and distributed to the nine member schools. Because the tournament isn't over yet and UH's expenses haven't been figured, the exact amount to be given to each SWC school isn't known. It should be close to \$40,000, however, if UH receives \$600,000 and keeps \$225,000.



Wally Groff

Wally Groff, associate athletic director for business affairs, says Texas A&M won't receive a check specifically for the tournament money.

"The SWC sends us two checks, one in May and one in June, that include all types of surplus funds," Groff said. He said the money made from both

the NCAA tournament and the National Invitation Tournament will be added in with the conference's television money and tournament money, so it is almost impossible to determine which money comes from which sources.

Groff said he has asked the conference several times why member schools aren't given a breakdown of the money sources and amounts.

"If I had five dollars for every time I asked the conference why they do it that way, we'd both be rich."

The Aggies' participation in the NIT is worth money also, although the numbers aren't quite as large as those in the NCAA.

The NIT gives each school in the tournament two shares for each game it plays. Since the Aggies played three games, they received six of the 126 total shares. The NIT directors then collect all the ticket money and television money for every game played throughout the tournament. After keeping approximately 25 percent for expenses, they divide the remainder

among the schools in the tournament, with the amount received depending on the number of shares a school has.

Groff said that in 1979, the last year the Aggies were in the NIT, each share was worth about \$5,500. That number should be somewhat higher this year, but, like the NCAA tournament, it will be several months before the NIT determines how much each school will receive.

The issue is further complicated by the fact that the NIT pays for each school's travel expenses and a percentage of the miscellaneous expenses. Groff is in the process now of filling out expense reports that must be sent to the NIT directors in New York.

After receiving the money from the NIT, which Groff said will come "at the earliest, three months from now," Texas A&M

will take a percentage and send the rest to the SWC, which will distribute the money among all nine schools.

The Aggies' only home game in the NIT means extra money for the athletic coffers also. After deducting expenses, the Athletic Department sent the remainder of the money made from the Lamar game to New York. When the check from the NIT arrives, it will include 20

percent of the money made from that game. A sellout, then, would have meant more money for both the NIT and for Texas A&M.

Only 3,217 spectators watched the Aggies defeat the Cardinals. G. Rollie White Coliseum holds 7,500.

Groff said surplus money received from the conference makes up about 15 percent of the Athletic Department's budget.

Tennis victory satisfies Aggies

by Denise S. Sechelski

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The Texas A&M men's tennis defeated the University of Houston 8-1 Tuesday at the Omar Smith Tennis Center and coach David Kent said the victory was especially meaningful for the Aggies.

"There's no love lost between us, that's for sure," Kent said. "They don't really like us and we don't really like them. They've changed coaches and lost a few players since last year, so the situation has changed some."

The Aggies won all the singles matches and Kent said Brian Joelson played ex-

trremely well in the number one match.

"Joelson's been playing exceptional tennis of late," he said. "He's played really well on our trip down to North Carolina during the spring break."

The number one doubles team of Joelson and Tom Judson lost the only Aggie match of the day.

The Aggies have an overall record of 19-4 but stand undefeated in their first three Southwest Conference matches. Texas A&M is ranked No. 19 in the nation, a move up from the No. 20 position it held at the start of the season.

Result's against the University of

Houston:

- Joelson def. Mike Livshitz 7-6, 7-6.
 - Mike Pazourek def. Steve Couch 4-6, 6-4, 6-4
 - Kimmo Alkio def. Erik Eitzech 6-0, 6-0
 - Tom Judson def. Peter Farrel 6-3, 6-2
 - Greg Hill def. Philippe Arnold 6-1, 6-2
 - Ron Kowal def. Ritchie Lanys 6-1, 6-3.
- In doubles action:
- Livshitz-Couch(Houston) def. Joelson-Judson 6-3, 6-4
 - Hill-Kowal def. Arnold-Farrel 6-2, 6-1
 - Pazourek-Alkio def. Lanys-Bob Damoff 6-4, 6-2

Longhorns play host to men's tennis team

by Denise S. Sechelski

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Whenever the Aggies and the Longhorns meet in any sport, the expected atmosphere is filled with tension and intense dislike, right?

Wrong. The Texas A&M tennis team will play to win in Austin Saturday against the University of Texas, but the rivalry is not unfriendly, tennis coach David Kent says.

"The Texas players and our players get along very well," Kent said. "Texas is a lot like we are in that they recruit good student athletes. Some of the schools like Arkansas and Houston have so many foreign players and we mix just like oil and water."

Kent said the Aggies' main concern, however, is winning as many individual matches as possible against the Longhorns.

"Every match we play against conference teams counts because it's those individual matches of the team members that determine your finish at the end of the year," Kent explained.

The Aggies have played three Southwest Conference schools and are undefeated. Kent said his team is progressing as he hoped it would at the beginning of the season.

"I'm still excited about the year," he said. "I'm very pleased with our freshmen. Greg Hill has developed into a very fine player. Mike Pazourek is doing well in the number two matches, and Kimmo Alkio plays well for us every day."

"I'm even getting excited for next year because these guys will be sophomores with some experience."

Kent said he is disappointed with the Aggies' doubles play so far but feels that the team can "turn it around" for the remainder of the year.

The Longhorns' top player is Johnny Levine from Tucson, Ariz., Kent said, but the Longhorns have great depth and a solid team all the way around.

"It will be a hard battle but we are certainly going in to win," he said.

The Longhorns are ranked No. 10 nationally and the Aggies hold the No. 19 position in the country. Four of the top ten and five of the top 20 teams in the country are in the SWC. Southern Methodist University is ranked No. 1, Texas Christian University is ranked No. 8, and Arkansas is ranked No. 9.

"I feel we have one of the toughest conferences in the country," Kent said. "We have some hard matches to play yet, but if we play well we have a good chance to finish in a good position."

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