

# NCAA title on line tonight

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**NEW ORLEANS** — For the fourth time the dapper and distinguished Dean Smith stands on the threshold of college basketball's greatest prize.

And, in one of those curve balls that life will throw now and then, the man blocking the door — all 6-foot-10, 300 pounds of him — is one of Smith's best friends.

"I have a lot of good friends in the (coaching) business," said Smith. "But I don't know if you would say that I have a lot of close, personal friends. When you know their family and go on vacations with them — that is a close, personal friend."

Such a man is John Thompson, the towering coach of the Georgetown Hoyas.

Smith, naturally, would prefer not to consider any meeting between his team and Thompson's as a matchup of men.

"This is not a coaches' game," lectures the man who has guided the University of North Carolina basketball team for 21 years. "A lot of coaches say, 'I won something.' That's ridiculous. They shouldn't even say, 'we.' It should be, 'they.' It's the players, not the coaches, who play the game."

In this instance, the players from North Carolina and Georgetown will decide the

championship of the NCAA — facing each other on the floor of the Louisiana Superdome tonight before another crowd in excess of 61,000 and millions more tuned in on prime-time television, starting at 7 CST.

On that court, which appears to be no bigger than a handkerchief to those sitting in the upper reaches of the enormous building, seven-foot Georgetown freshman Pat Ewing will match muscle inside with the standout North Carolina two-some of Sam Perkins and James Worthy. And the Hoyas' Eric "Sleepy" Floyd will duel on the outside with the Tar Heels' Jimmy Black.

But despite the fact that Smith will remain on the sidelines making suggestions to the officials and lecturing his players, he will be the focus of the game.

"We always read all these stories about how coach Smith gets all this great talent and is such a great coach," Black said. "And then somewhere in there you read about how he always chokes when he gets to the Final Four."

"I know he won't say it. But I know he is tired of reading about that."

"We have gotten to the Final Four before when we probably

didn't deserve it," Smith said on the eve of the championship game. "And we have been beaten in the first round of the tournament when we had good teams."

## Sherrill

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end up having a very good program.

"The bottom line is that you want to be successful in every adventure, and you also want to do it in the right way.

"You try to collect a lot of information, sort it out and go from there," he said. "There are a lot of things I'd like to do. Certainly we need to help our basketball by having an all-purpose student center ... and to help our swimming by having an indoor swimming facility.

"We'd like to put all our Athletic Department personnel in one building. If you do those three things, then you'll have as fine a facility as anyone in the country."

Sherrill described a sports arena as being near the top of his list of priorities.

"(Students) get tired of standing in line to try to get into the basketball games," he said. "If they knew that they could go and there's availability, then

they're going to go. If it's a new place, the analogy of it is that if you (have) a 1928 beat-up station wagon and a Cadillac ... you can find people to get out and drive that Cadillac.

"It wouldn't be a problem (to get people to attend events) if you did build something. You need an all-purpose building on campus for the students so you can bring in more entertainers."

Sherrill said that the academic standards for his athletes will be high, and that motivation will be a key factor in his proposed program stressing academics.

"It's important," he said. "I met with the deans today (Friday) to tell them what I'm trying to get done, and hopefully what we'll get done. It's important, because the athletes are here to be students.

"I'm not a physics teacher, I'm not a chemistry teacher or an engineering teacher. For them to say that it's the football coach's responsibility to get the kids to go to class ... it's the wrong attitude to take. It's kind of like telling a physics student to get out of his lab and go someplace else. He may not want to go someplace else.

"The way we want to set it up is that we want the academic people handling our students, which means that they will motivate them in that way," Sherrill said. "They know how to motivate them academically. I know how to motivate them athletically. I've got to have it. If they don't go to class, they don't play — it's very simple.

"I can't tutor a kid in English, but I can hire somebody who can."

In fact, Sherrill has hired a faculty member at the University of Tennessee who has master's degrees in English and social studies to be academic advisor to Texas A&M athletes. Alan Beals, who also served on the teaching faculties at Iowa State and Pittsburgh, has "a reputation as being the best in the country," Sherrill said.

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### IM Game Plan

**ARCHERY ENTRIES OPEN:** Archers may sign up in the IM office by Tuesday, April 6, for the tournament to be held Wednesday, April 14. Mens and womens divisions will be offered in singles; and mens, womens, and corec divisions will be offered in doubles. Individuals may enter as many as three divisions, but will shoot only once for a score. Each participant must provide his/her own equipment and will shoot one round at 13 yards.

**ENTRIES CLOSE:** Registration for Track and Field, Handball Doubles, and Golf Doubles closes tomorrow, March 30. The entry fee is \$1 per person. Schedules will be ready in the IM office on Thursday.

**SUPERSTARS ENTRIES OPEN:** Today is the first day TAMU students, faculty, staff and spouses can enter the annual superstars competition. Each entrant may participate in seven of the nine following events: 100 meter swim, 100 meter dash, weightlifting, racquetball, bowling, mile run, golf, free throw, and obstacle course. The top male and female winners will receive Intramural T-shirts and awards.

**GOLF MEET:** The 1982 Doubles tournament for mens, womens, and corec teams will begin at 8 a.m. Sunday, April 4.

**TRACK MEET:** All field events for this year's Track and Field Meet will be held Sunday, April 4. Men's Independent and Dorm events begin at 1 p.m., Women's Independent and Dorm events begin at 2:30 p.m., and Corps and Fish events will be held at 3:30 p.m. at Kyle Field.

**Innertube Water Polo** began last week. Here Suzy Smith moves to block Steve McNair's shot. Suzy and Steve are out McDonald's® "Be Our Guest" winners this week. They can stop by the Intramural Office to pick up their free meal coupons.



## Defending Champ Wins Slam Dunk

Last year's slam dunk champion returned to G. Rollie White Coliseum Wednesday night to defend his title. Jim Vorlop scored 133 points for style in the preliminaries and 94 more in the finals for a winning total score of 227.

Second place finisher, Dan Nottebart, led after the preliminaries with 142 points, but fell behind in the finals scoring 216 points overall. Mike Rains finished third with 203 points.

The other two finalists, Karl Jones and Scott Wilson, finished fourth and fifth, respectively.

Each contestant was allowed five dunk attempts using any number of steps. Dribbling was not required. Two points were received for each successful basket and up to ten points were given for style. Three Aggie basketball players, Roy Jones, Kent Tillman, and Bryan Marshall, judged the contest, which was sponsored by the Intramural -

Recreational Sports Department.

### Sports Club Action

**CYCLING:** Travels to Houston this weekend for the April Fools Stage Race.

**HANDBALL:** Texas A&M hosts the 5th Annual Spring Aggeland Classic this weekend in East Kyle.

**MEN'S LACROSSE:** Will play the University of Houston and Rice this weekend in Houston.

**ROADRUNNERS:** Meet Saturday at 9 a.m. by Mount Aggie. This month's discussion topic will be "Training in the Heat".

**RUGBY:** Will be in Dallas this weekend for the Texas Rugby Union Club Championships. Good Luck Ags!

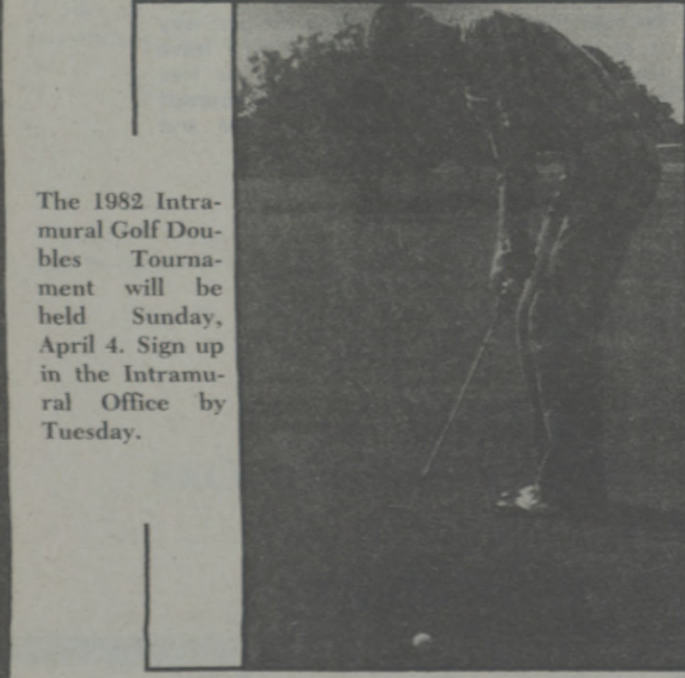
**VOLLEYBALL:** The Men's and Women's A Regionals are being held in Houston Saturday. Good Luck to both TAMU clubs!

## Wrestling Results

The 1981-82 Intramural Wrestling Tournament was held just before Spring Break. After a multitude of exciting bouts in the preliminary rounds of the single elimination tournament, the following were finalists in their respective weight classes:

| Weight Class   | Winner          |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 118            | Chuck Rollins   |
| 126            | Greg Payne      |
| 134            | Paul Anglin     |
| 142            | Fred Balda      |
| 150            | Eric Armstrong  |
| 158            | Tom Lechnicky   |
| 167            | Bart Brorsen    |
| 177            | Keith Dunn      |
| 191            | Scott Patterson |
| Unlimited      | Matt McCray     |
| <b>CLASS B</b> |                 |
| 158            | Joe Schmidt     |
| 167            | John Kemp       |
| 177            | Dan Ogden       |

Although Matt McCray won his heavyweight semifinal in 38 seconds and his final match in 47 seconds, the most exciting match was in the 191 pound class. Defending champion, Scott Patterson, was trailing 8-7 after two periods and then rallied for a 12 - 8 victory. Congratulations, Scott, and to all the other winners!



The 1982 Intramural Golf Doubles Tournament will be held Sunday, April 4. Sign up in the Intramural Office by Tuesday.

## Spring Recreation Hours

Starting March 22, the outdoor pool hours will be as follows:

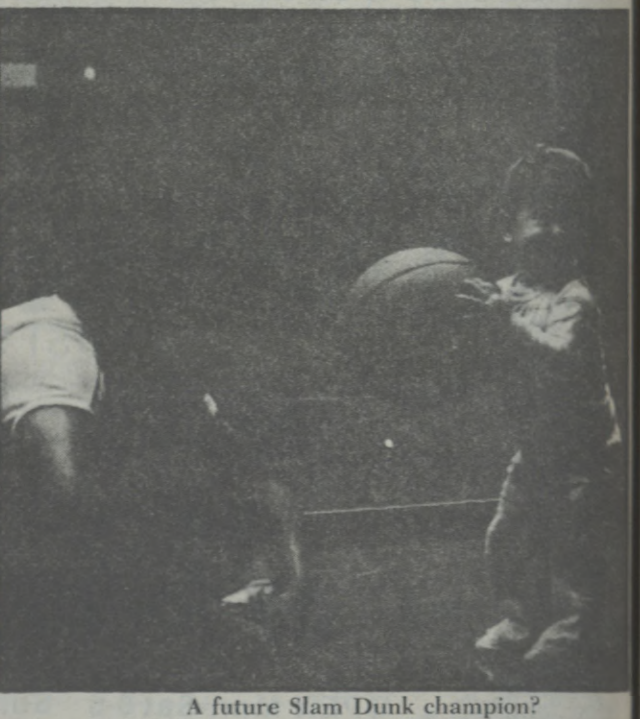
Monday - Friday Noon - 1:30 p.m.  
3:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday The Tennis Courts are open:  
Monday - Friday 5 p.m. - midnight  
Saturday & Sunday All Day

Courts may be reserved for an hour and a half during the week from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. and on Saturdays and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 11 p.m. Call the IM-REC Sports Check-Out (845-2624) one day in advance to reserve a court.

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A future Slam Dunk champion?