

Texas A&M

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photo by C. Michel Chang

Aggie tailback Mike Marshall tries to elude the pursuit of linebacker Jim Jordan (51) and several other defensive players during Saturday's scrimmage in Kyle

Field. Texas A&M, which holds its spring alumni game here May 1, will hold another workout Wednesday afternoon at 3 in the stadium.

Sanders to play two positions for Aggies

The Texas A&M football team held a short non-contact practice Monday night in Kyle Field, after which Coach Jackie Sherrill said that fullback Earnest Jackson's performance has been an eye-catcher during the past few workouts. "Jackson had a real good outing Saturday," Sherrill said. "The offensive line is coming off the ball better, and the defense is tracing better."

Sherrill said the team ran more plays than he had planned during Saturday's scrimmage, so he confined Monday's workout to non-contact drills with the players wearing shorts. Tailback Thomas Sanders, who ran behind starting tailback Johnny Hector during the 1981 season, has been given the added role of second-string fullback as well. Sherrill plans to use him as a backup for both

Hector and Jackson next season. The team will hold a workout Wednesday afternoon at 3 and a practice Thursday night at 7:30. A scrimmage is planned for Saturday at 10 a.m., with the early start due to the fact that the men's track team will host the Texas A&M Relays later in the day. Friday's practice, originally slated for 4 p.m., will not be held.

Rugby champs

A&M club finishes tops in Texas

by Sheila Frazier
Battalion Reporter
The Texas A&M rugby club has finished the season as the Texas Collegiate Champion for the third year in a row, and the past weekend the Aggies came within a point of winning the first round of the national collegiate finals in Las Cruces, N.M.

Texas A&M and two other teams battled for the western U.S. title in a round robin tournament in which every team plays all the other teams. The University of New Mexico came out the winner of that title after the University of Colorado narrowly defeated Texas A&M 16-15.

Former Pupils Rugby Club, in Texas for a two-week tour. The Aberdeen team, founded in 1893, only consisted of former pupils of its grammar school until 1972. But during that year, membership was opened to a general body of players.

Also during the weekend, Texas A&M's "Old Maroon" team, made up of former students, won the third division first-place title in Austin at an annual invitational meet. About 30 Texas teams, including several women's teams, two teams from the United Kingdom and one from Scotland competed in the invitational tournament. The first division winner was the Scotland team, called the Aberdeen Grammar School

In Houston's Astrodome two weeks ago, Texas A&M set a world record as the first team to ever plan indoor rugby game. That first indoor game was the first game of a "seven a side" tournament in which teams consist of only seven players as opposed to the traditional 15.

Denver looking for fairy tale ending

United Press International
Perhaps the only words feared by an NBA coach more than "mini-series" is "pink slip." Last year, the Houston Rockets stunned Los Angeles on their way to the championship series and the defeat probably meant the beginning of the end for Laker Coach Paul Westhead. The Denver Nuggets, whose early-season woes made their playoff hopes all but a fairy tale, hope to fit into this year's Cinderella slipper.

Dan Issel and forwards Alex English and Kiki Vandeweghe each averaged more than 20 points during the season and as a team the Nuggets averaged 126.5 points, the highest since Philadelphia averaged 125.4 points in 1962.

"With the three guards they've got (Kyle Macy, Dennis Johnson and Walter Davis), defense will probably be one of our priorities," Issel said. "It will

come down to how well we do defensively."

Phoenix Coach John MacLeod thinks the series will be intense.

"We're playing a team that hasn't been in the playoffs in three years," he said. "They're going to be hungry. But we've had to come out of the pack to make it ourselves. Here you've got two teams trying to prove

something." The second game of the series will be played Friday night in Phoenix. If a third game is necessary, it is scheduled Sunday in Denver.

In the East, New Jersey entertains Washington tonight in Meadowlands Arena. Atlanta takes on Philadelphia at the Spectrum Wednesday night in the other series.

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