

# SWC race in full gear

Four games on tap this weekend

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Before the weather turned pleasant, four teams were generally mentioned as the best bets to unseat Southern Methodist as the Southwest Conference champion.

Those four teams — Arkansas, Houston, Texas and Texas A&M — all start out on their conference campaigns next weekend with varying hopes for success.

"The first part of our season is over and the second part is about to begin," said Texas A&M coach Jackie Sherrill last Saturday night after his Aggies had finally outlasted Louisiana Tech in a marathon 38-27 battle that featured 104 forward passes.

"Now we get into the conference. And playing Louisiana Tech is not the same thing."

The Aggies, having been the victim of one of college football's larger embarrassments early this month and having to play without their top two running backs, will start out next Saturday night



Rice's Ray Albourn has seen Owls get outscored 103-33

against a team originally considered to be the weakest in the league.

But Texas Tech has whipped Air Force (winners over Brigham Young) and almost downed Baylor last weekend. The Raiders fell, 24-23, when a two-point conversion attempt

with 43 seconds left proved unsuccessful.

So Sherrill's first league game should provide enough of a test. And there will be plenty more to follow.

The Houston Cougars have also had their troubles despite a 48-3 smacking of outmatched Lamar last Saturday.

"You have to win sometime," surmised Houston coach Bill Yeoman. But he added a touch of realism. "Lamar is not a Miami or Arizona State."

Those two teams manhandled the Cougars in their first two games and this week Houston travels to Baylor for what shapes up to be the best matchup on next Saturday's conference schedule.

Then there will be Arkansas vs. TCU in Little Rock, where the Razorbacks will be after some revenge. A year ago the Horned Frogs beat the Hogs for the first time since 1958.

The No. 9 Razorbacks are coming off a 14-12 win over Mississippi — a victory that would

have been a loss if Todd Gatlin's 48-yard field goal on the final play of the game had been barely inside the uprights instead of barely outside them. Meanwhile, TCU suffered one of its patented heartbreakers, falling 16-13 to SMU in a game the Frogs could easily have won.

The other conference opener will send Texas to Rice in what figures to be one of the larger mismatches in the nation. The 15th-ranked Longhorns displayed a particularly impressive defensive effort in their 21-0 blanking of Missouri while the Owls began to look more and more like an 0-11 team.

Rice lost to LSU, 52-13, last Saturday — a defeat that seemed to leave a sour taste in the mouth of coach Ray Albourn.

"I think maybe Jerry (LSU coach Jerry Stovall) is worried about his job," Albourn said in indicating that the Tigers ran up the score. "All I can say is what goes around comes around. I told our underclassmen to remember it and they have long memories."



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## Second-base slide

Texas Tech's Natalie Lee slides safely into second base during a Texas A&M victory in the Aggie Invitational earlier this month. Carrie Austgen, left, and

Patti Holthaus attempt to make a play. The Aggie Ladies host Louisiana Tech Tuesday in a double-header starting 12:30 p.m. in Bryan's Travis Park.

# Levine tops Alkio in finals

by Joe Tindel Jr.

Battalion Staff  
Aggie tennis standout Kimmo Alkio defeated Rice's Tres Cushing before losing to Texas All-American Johnny Levine, 6-2, 6-3, in the semifinals of a three-way tourney in Austin this weekend.

Alkio, a sophomore from Finland, defeated Craig Kardon, 6-4, 7-6, before turning back Cushing, 6-3, 6-2.

In doubles action, Alkio and junior Van Barry advanced to the finals with a victory over Doug Snyder and Edgar Giffin-

ing, 6-2, 5-7, 7-6. They fell to the Texas duo of Levine and Paul Crozier in the finals, 6-2, 6-2.

In other singles action, sophomore Greg Hill knocked off Rodney Tomasco of Rice, 1-6, 6-1, 7-5 in the first round.

Coach David Kent said junior Arnold Kettenacker turned in a good performance in the individual meet at the University of Texas, and said freshman Russ Simmons performed well.

Kent described his feeling about his team at this point as "cautiously optimistic," and said the Aggies need to work on their doubles play, which was a bit more sluggish than singles play in the Austin tourney.

The men have until Oct. 8, when the men and women will host a three-way tourney with Texas Christian and Oklahoma State, to work out the bugs in their doubles play.

# A&M wins two-mile run

The Aggie women's cross country team won the Rice Invitational, finishing with 32 points at the two-mile event held in Houston Saturday.

Texas A&M's Suzanne Sheffield ran the course in 11:26 to place first in the seven-team meet, while the Aggies' Debbie

Noel finished in 11:30 for third place. Esther Dedrick placed sixth at 11:39, Lisa McCortin ran eighth at 11:50 and Paula Odom rounded out the Aggies' top finishers in 14th place at 12:02.

Houston finished second with 47 points and Louisiana State placed third with 74. Other

scores include the University of Texas-San Antonio 99, 131, Pan American 164 and Texas Southern 186.

The Aggie men's cross country team will compete in the 15-mile UTA Invitational, which starts Friday at 4:30 p.m.

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# Soccer clubs keep winning; England wins billiards event

Amazing. Simply amazing. The Aggie women's soccer club has yet to allow a goal in three matches this season. The three opponents — Stephen F. Austin, Southwest Texas State and Trinity — are still trying to figure out what happened when they faced the Aggies.

Trinity, the latest victim of Texas A&M's powerful attack, lost to the Aggies 5-0 in Saturday's match at Trinity. In the three one-sided matchups, Texas A&M has scored a total of 29 goals and has allowed five shots on goal by its opponents.

All-America Carol Smith led the Aggies with two goals and two assists, and Renee deLassus,

Tina Luft and Carol Gittinger added a goal apiece. In other soccer action, the men's club defeated Texas Southern 4-1 to post its third victory of the season against only one loss.

Neto Walsh and Carlos Gutierrez, the Aggies' two leading scorers, again led the team with a combined three goals against a talented and experienced Tiger team.

Walsh gave the Aggies a 2-0 lead at the half after scoring one goal on a rebound shot and perfectly placing a 25-yard indirect free kick in the corner of the Tiger goal.

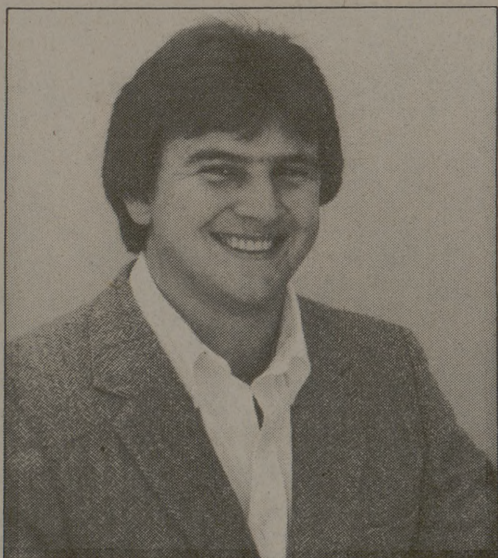
After the intermission, the Aggies increased their lead to 4-

0 when Gutierrez tapped a 7-yard shot after a series of passes and Ramon Marin scored a breakaway after an Aggie shot that was placed at the top of the Aggie goal and was impossible to defend.

The men's club faces its home next Sunday at 2 p.m. what could be its toughest game of conference play while the women face Rice on the drill field Saturday at 1 p.m.

In other Texas A&M sports activities, Charles England, Texas A&M student, won Saturday's MSC Bowling and Golf student 8-ball tournament. The event, which featured double-elimination, best three matches, took place between 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. at the MSC. The top six finishers who received prizes, including Texas A&M students Joe Post, Greg Hutto, Todd Mummert, Cody Whitten and Jeff Fox.

# Meet Don Scott Marable

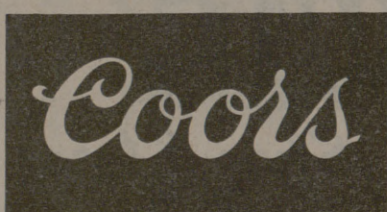


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