

Weekend sports

Fernandez wins; softball team closes at 32-3

Lili Fernandez of the women's tennis team defeated teammate Vanne Akagi 7-5, 6-3 in the finals of the Texarkana Invitational Sunday, completing Aggie athletic teams' most successful weekend of the fall season.

In addition to the football team's 28-23 victory over the Baylor Bears, the Aggie softball, volleyball and women's cross country squads took victories between Friday and Sunday.

Akagi, a freshman, had beaten Margaret Redfearn of the University of Houston 6-1,

4-6, 7-5 in the semifinals, while Fernandez defeated the Cougars' Hee Baek 5-7, 6-2, 6-3 to qualify for the finals. Fernandez, a senior, defeated teammate Teresa Landry 7-6, 6-1 in the quarterfinals.

In other action in the tournament, Amy Closs and Landry defeated Baek and Brenda Burgess of Houston 7-6 (13-11 tiebreaker), 4-6, 6-3 in a quarterfinal doubles match. Closs and Landry then lost to the Cougars' Redfearn and Joy Tacon in the semifinals, 6-3, 6-3.

In addition, Fernandez and

Laura Hanna lost to Redfearn and Joy Tacon of UH in Sunday's doubles final. In Sunday's consolation singles final, Closs defeated Margaret Moreno of Centenary 6-3, 3-6, 6-1.

Bob Brock's softball team closed its fall season by sweeping a double-header from Louisiana Tech in Ruston, La., 3-1 and 2-0. Lori Stoll and Shan McDonald pitched the Aggie Ladies to the victories, giving Texas A&M a 32-3 record for the fall.

Louisiana Tech, coached by former Texas A&M coach Bill Galloway, lost to the Aggie

Ladies five times during the fall season.

Stoll and McDonald accounted for 23 shutouts during the season and finished with a combined 0.34 ERA. The two pitchers averaged eight strikeouts a game and only one walk a game. Stoll completed the season with a 17-1 record and McDonald wound up with a 15-2 record.

Outfielder Josie Carter led the team with a .450 batting average, while Iva Jackson had a .320 average.

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SMU to place streak on line this weekend

United Press International
The SMU Mustangs return to the scene of the crime next weekend and Bobby Collins says people think he's not used to such momentous journeys, they're mistaken.

It was two years ago that SMU went to Austin with freshman quarterback Lance McIlhenny starting his first game against the second-ranked team in the nation. SMU won, 20-6.

Last year, in Texas Stadium, Texas gained a measure of revenge by defeating SMU, 9-7, the quickly on the Aggie loss for the Mustangs in 1981.

And now they will gather again — in what should be a packed Memorial Stadium — for what could be one of the high-three seconds of the year.

"I understand most of those people down there (in Austin) will be against you," said Collins, who in his first year as coach of the Mustangs has his team unbeaten and ranked among the top clubs in the nation.

"But for those who don't know, I've been in a lot of big games. I've been to Ohio State in full stadium. I've been to Notre Dame with a full house. I've been to Birmingham and Tuscaloosa. It's really not a rookie.

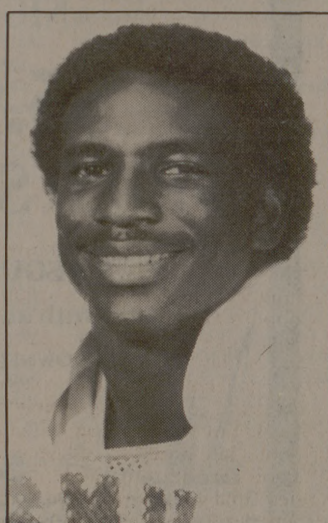
"And I think this of any team I've ever been associated with — the bigger the crowds, the better we have played."

SMU (6-0) ran the longest current unbeaten streak in major college football to 10 games this weekend with a 20-14 victory over Houston — during which quarterback Eric Dickerson gained 241 yards and scored the key touchdown on a tackle-breaking 22-yard run.

"The Mustangs have not lost since the Longhorns (3-1) beat them a year ago and Collins feels his staff will have little motivating to do this week.

"We started talking about Texas in the locker room right after the (Houston) game," Collins said. "But I don't think I'll have to mention to them that Texas was the only team to beat them last year."

"Sometimes I think that 10-1 is the worst record you can have because the only game people want to talk about is the one you lost."



Eric Dickerson's 241-yard effort leads SMU past UH

"If you were 8-3 they talk about the wins."

The SMU-Texas game will be one of two key encounters next weekend as far as the Southwest Conference title chase is concerned.

No. 7 Arkansas (5-0), which like Texas took last week off, will go to Houston's Astrodome to meet the steadily improving Cougars. Houston put forth a typically brutal effort against SMU last Saturday night, sending at least a half dozen Mustangs to the bench for medical attention.

Most teams around the nation have played at least half their schedule and Arkansas is just now making its first road trip of the year. How they deal with their first taste of a hostile environment could well have a bearing on the Razorbacks' hopes for the rest of the year.

In addition to their trip to Houston, Arkansas has to play SMU and Texas on the road.

Other than those two matchups, there will be one interesting sub-plot unfolding next weekend.

Texas Tech (3-3), a team sharply improved from last year but still probably a long way from challenging for a place among the conference hierarchy, will take on the No. 1 Washington Huskies in Seattle.

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