

Weekend sports

Aggie Ladies win opener; volleyball team to host Baylor



staff photo by John Ryan

Senior forward Kelly Krauskopf of the Aggie Ladies shoots over Nancy Seiler of Southwestern University during Texas A&M's 76-59 victory in Friday night's season-opening contest. Krauskopf scored 11 points.

The Texas A&M women's basketball team opened its season by toppling the Southwestern University Pirates 76-59 in front of 300 spectators Friday night in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Led by sophomore forward Jenni Edgar's 12 points and seven rebounds, the Aggie Ladies outscored Southwestern 51-32 in the second half to erase the Pirates' 27-25 halftime lead. Texas A&M shot only 26 percent from the field in the first half, but managed 53 in the second half to wind up shooting 39 percent for the night.

Southwestern, which connected on only 35 percent of its shots for the game, was led by Lela Robertson's 14 points and seven rebounds.

Texas A&M forward Kelly Krauskopf had 11 points and Janet Duckham had 10 points and seven rebounds. The Aggie Ladies outrebounded the Pirates 44-36 on the night.

Freshman forward Lisa Langston from Dallas led Texas A&M in rebounding with nine. The two teams committed a total of 68 turnovers in the game, while the quicker Aggie Ladies came up with 18 steals to the Pirates' nine.

In other weekend action, the Aggie men's and women's swim teams opened their home seasons against TCU Friday and SMU Saturday, with the men defeating TCU and narrowly losing to the Mustangs.

In Friday's meet, the Aggie men's team drowned the Horned Frogs 75-38, as Texas A&M took the top four places in the 400-meter medley relay and won all but two events in the meet. The Aggie women's team lost to TCU 81-68, as Texas A&M swimmers finished first in the 200-meter freestyle, 100-meter butterfly, 100-meter individual medley, 50-meter butterfly and 200-meter free relay.

In Saturday's dual meet, the Aggies faced the Mustangs, who have been selected by many to win this year's national championship. The Aggie men's team relied on two victories by Rick Walker to give SMU all it could handle before the Mustangs finally won 60-51.

Walker, Texas A&M's top individual swimmer, won the

1,000-meter freestyle with a time of 9:27.28, and then won the 500-meter freestyle with a 4:38.64. The Aggies also won the 400-meter medley relay, as Kevin Londrigan, Mark Viminiz, Chris O'Neil and Craig Buchmann combined for a clocking of 3:28.20 to outdistance SMU's "A" team by more than two seconds.

Texas A&M's Scott Reeder won the 200-meter individual medley with a time of 1:56.54.

The Mustangs defeated the Aggie women's team 73-40, as Texas A&M could manage victories in only two events. Jody Tanner won the 100-meter backstroke with a 1:01.73 and the Aggies' "A" 400-meter free relay team won with a time of 3:39.37.

The men's team will host top-ranked Indiana University Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Downs Natatorium. Indiana, the alma mater of Aggie coach Mel Nash, has been a national power for the past 23 years and was NCAA champion for six consecutive seasons between 1968-73.

As a member of Indiana coach Doc Counsilman's teams, Nash won eight Big Ten Conference titles, was a 15-time NCAA all-America, a member of the 1973 NCAA championship team and swam in the 1973 and 1975 world championships.

None of Counsilman's former swimmers have ever beaten an Indiana team.

The Texas A&M women's volleyball team, ranked No. 13 in the latest NCAA poll, lost two matches and won one in the Tennessee Invitational over the weekend. The Aggies, who defeated Texas Tech 16-14, 15-9, 16-14 Wednesday to move to 7-0 in the Southwest Conference race, lost to Eastern Kentucky, 18-16, 3-15, 7-15, 10-15 in Friday's tourney opener.

Texas A&M lost to Tennessee by a score of 10-15, 15-12, 14-16, 6-15 in the next match, but finished the tournament with a 15-12, 15-5, 15-10 victory over Georgia.

Joey Vrazel, the Aggie Ladies' all-America transfer from Utah, sustained a knee injury during the tournament and may be lost for the remainder of the season.

Texas A&M hosts Baylor, 3-37 overall and 0-6 in league play,

tonight at 7:30 in the coliseum. The Aggie Ladies, who have a 30-8 season record, will host the 21-22 Houston Cougars Wednesday night at 7:30 before traveling to Austin for Saturday's showdown with the Texas Longhorns.

The Longhorns, whose only league loss came at the hands of the Aggie Ladies, have a 25-14 overall record and a 6-1 SWC record.

If Texas A&M wins Saturday's contest, it will clinch the SWC title and an automatic berth in the NCAA tourney, to be held Dec. 17-18 in Stockton, Calif. If the Aggie Ladies lose, the two teams will share the championship and a playoff will be held Nov. 23 at 7:30 p.m. in Austin to determine which team will participate in the national tournament.

The men's cross country team placed second in Saturday's District VI, NCAA national qualifying meet, compiling 98 points to finish behind Arkan-

sas. The Razorbacks, with an amazing performance, had the top six finishers in the 10,000-meter race, held on the Southwestern University golf course in Georgetown.

For the Aggies, Andy Elliott led the way with a 13th-place time of 31:05. Other Texas A&M finishes include Jimmy Sterling, 15th, 31:10; Aaron Ramirez, 18th, 31:23; Vince Stark, 28th, 31:43; Jim Bolleter, 35th, 32:00; Jeff Kurtz, 72nd, 35:26, and John Schumaker, 73rd, 35:36.

Texas qualified for the NCAA national meet, to be held Monday in Bloomington, Ind. The Aggies qualified for the meet for the first time since 1970.

"This meet was an outstanding team effort," Texas A&M coach Ted Nelson said. "Our goal at the beginning of the season was to qualify for nationals. Our kids had to compete over their heads and they did. We beat some very fine teams, teams

with outstanding ability. Our runners did more than necessary to win."

The women's cross country team placed fourth in the qualifying meet, but did not finish high enough to compete nationally. Arkansas also placed that division with 46 points. Texas had 53 points, Hawaii had 60 and the Aggies had 68 in the meet's tight final standings.

Suzanne Sheffield was Aggie's highest finisher on the 5,000-meter course, finishing seventh with a time of 17:00.

Only the Razorbacks qualified for the women's district national meet, while Lori Nelson and Tracey Wong of Texas and Cynthia Anzalone of Houston qualified on the basis of individual efforts.

The women's golf team finished fifth in the Tomer's Invitational de Feminil de Monterrey tournament, played through Saturday in Monterrey, Mexico.

Rudd wins grand national race event

Rickey Rudd of Chesapeake, Va., grabbed the lead on the 36th lap and held on to steer his 1982 Pontiac grand national entry to first place Sunday in the Global Stratagraph 150, held at the Texas World Speedway.

H.B. Bailey of Houston was second, followed by Bill Venturini of Chicago.

Rudd, marking his first victory in grand national competition, took over first place when leader Bobby Allison of Hueytown, Ala., was sidelined with engine trouble and was unable to finish the 75-lap event.

Allison had captured the lead on the 15th lap from Perry Labonte of Corpus Christi, who was knocked out of the race with a broken fuel line.

"It would have been tougher if Labonte and Allison had stayed in," said Rudd, who posted a 172-mph average.

Bay Darnell of Deerfield, Ill., finished behind Venturini and Vaughn Brune of Houston was fifth.

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