

Aggie teams finish weekend of sports

The Aggie women's swim team placed fifth with 734 points in the Southwest Conference Invitational, held in the P.L. Downs Natatorium Friday through Sunday.

The University of Texas won the meet with 1,153 points and Arkansas finished second with 982 points. Houston was third with 775 and the SMU Mustangs placed fourth at 771.

Edlyn Bell finished third in the 200-yard backstroke, while Melanie Schmauch placed sixth in the 50-yard freestyle event. The Aggies' "A" 200-meter free relay team finished third Saturday.

Bell and Jody Tanner placed fifth and sixth in the 100 backstroke finals and Vicki Moir was fourth in the 100 breaststroke championships finals.

Bell came back to finish sixth

in the 50 backstroke finals Sunday afternoon and Moir wound up sixth in the 200 breaststroke. In the final event of the meet, the 400 free relay, the Aggies' "A" and "B" teams placed fifth and sixth, respectively.

The Aggie Ladies basketball team lost to the Stephen F. Austin Lady Lumberjacks 86-65 Saturday night in G. Rollie White Coliseum. Texas A&M, 4-3 on the season, was led by Janet Duckham's 18 points and Kelli Harned's 12 points.

SFA, 3-1 and ranked No. 13 in the nation, was led by Tammy Mayo with 32 points and Rosalind Polk with 18. The Lady Lumberjacks took a 43-30 half-time lead after jumping ahead 28-11, and the Aggie Ladies were never able to catch up.

Harned led Texas A&M with 10 rebounds, while freshman

Lisa Langston had nine points and four steals.

Texas A&M will play Lamar Tuesday in Beaumont at 7 p.m., and will return home to play Kansas State Thursday at 7 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

The women's volleyball team lost to the University of Arizona 15-6, 15-8, 15-7 in the first round of the NCAA playoffs, eliminating the Aggies from any further play this season. Texas A&M ended the season with a 32-13 record.

"We didn't play very well at all," Aggie coach Terry Condon said, "and they played a lot better than I thought they would."

The Wildcats, ranked No. 7 in the nation, are the No. 12 seed in the NCAA tournament.

The men's rugby team will be in Austin this Saturday to take on Austin RFC at 12 p.m.

The men's basketball team, after losing 73-58 to the Marquette Warriors in Milwaukee Saturday night, travels to New Orleans on Wednesday to take on the LSU Tigers. Coach Shelby Metcalf's team is now 2-3 on the season. After LSU, the Aggies will be on the road in West Virginia, Montana, and Connecticut for tournaments.

The Aggies have already been to Alaska for a tourney, as well as to Wisconsin for the Marquette game. Texas A&M begins SWC play — also on the road — Jan. 4 against the Houston Cougars.

Boxing needn't die, but boxers shouldn't either

Well, it finally happened. Something was finally obnoxious enough to turn Howard Cosell's stomach.

Will wonders ever cease?

It seems that after Howie covered the Larry Holmes-Randall "Tex" Cobb massacre a week ago for ABC, he was so appalled with the lopsided match and the referee's ineptitude at stopping the fight that he asked ABC to never assign him to cover another boxing match. Cosell also cited "the general deterioration of professional boxing" as a reason for his request.

Now all we need to do is to turn football, baseball and every other sport into bloodbaths in Cosell's mind and we can rid the tube of the utterly irksome, palaverous and nasally verbose statements that we never understand from the outspoken Cosell.

Cosell is a great authority on most sports and is one of the best boxing authorities around, but if he ever sat on the sidelines of a professional football game instead of in the press box, he would see and hear things that would make Holmes and Cobb look like Shields and Yarnell.

Boxing is violent, but then, so is football. The problem with the Holmes-Cobb fight was not that Cobb was out on his feet, nor was the referee ignorant of the fact that he could stop the fight. The problem was that even though Cobb's face looked like a bowl full of Alpo, his senses were entirely with him and he knew exactly what he was doing — and for that reason the referee let the fight go on.

After the fight, Cobb admitted that he was out-boxed and that Holmes hurt him a few times, but he added that he was never



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again make boxing a pleasure to watch. The mandatory use of headgear in the adoption of a standing-eight count for those fighters that are stunned but not fall and the use of a doctor as a referee at ringside.

Most people say that if headgear was the excitement of boxing would disappear, but those people have obviously never seen an amateur fight. The use of headgear would not hurt the chances of the sport, it annoys the boxing fan that can't knockouts.

Another rule pro boxing should have from the amateur ranks is the eight count. This would help boxing by giving them a chance to clear the cobwebs from their heads after being the recipient of a knee-wobbling punch.

The last rule change which I feel is necessary is the use of a doctor in a neutral position. The doctor would have to determine whether a fight continues. If, in his opinion, a fighter is taking a beating that could result in a serious injury, the doctor could stop the fight by literally throwing in the towel.

The bottom line is that boxing is one of the most exciting sports around and necessary precautions are taken. It has to look back to the 1976 Olympics "Sugar" Ray Leonard and Co. made boxing an art form in bringing pounds of gold for the American team. The big wheels in boxing are the road boxing is taking and making changes soon before it's too late — boxing but for boxers.

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SWT wins 16th straight

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SAN MARCOS — In the space of about 15 minutes last Saturday the Southwest Texas State Bobcats stopped the opposition four times at the 1-yard line, drove 99 yards for the score that put them into the national championship game and hired a head coach.

The eventful afternoon on the campus of Southwest Texas brought the Bobcats to within one victory of their second consecutive national title. Southwest Texas will travel to McAllen next weekend for the NCAA Division 2 championship contest against California-Davis, which downed North Dakota

State Saturday, 19-14.

The Bobcats also won a 19-14 score over Jacksonville (Ala.) State. It was their consecutive victory.

During the game, officials were up in the press box offering the Bobcats coaching job to Baylor University offensive coordinator O'Hara. He accepted during the midst of the quarter.

He will replace Jim Wacker said, whose dismissal just as he was fired as State head coach.

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