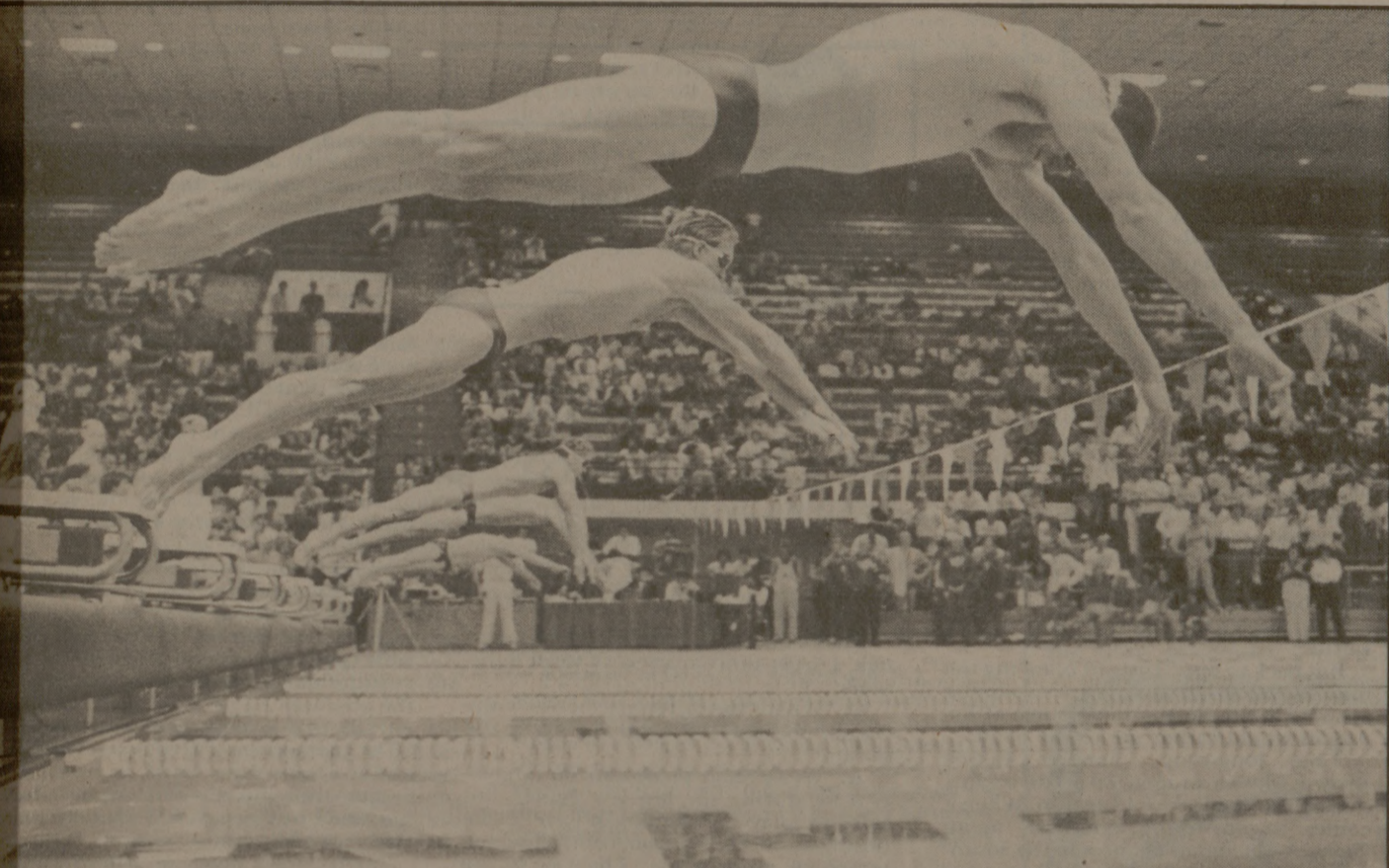


Texas A&M

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Out of the blocks

photo by Donn Friedman

A&M's John Heldenfels takes off to start the 800-yard freestyle relay during the SWC championships in Aus-

tin on Saturday. A&M finished fifth in the meet, behind Texas, SMU, Arkansas and Houston.

## No surprises in SWC first-round matchups

**United Press International**  
The Texas Longhorns were already experiencing their worst season ever, had lost 12 in a row and two nights earlier had been overwhelmed by the SMU Mustangs, 95-67.

But in the opening round of the Southwest Conference post-season tournament Monday night, the Longhorns outscraped, outclassed and outshot the Mustangs in what seemed certain to be the SWC's biggest upset of the season.

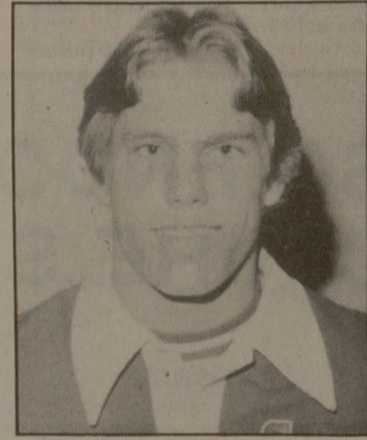
The final, however, was SMU 49, Texas 48.

"It was a miracle win," said SMU coach Dave Bliss, whose team trailed by nine points with 3:30 to play only to stage a stunning comeback and survive a final Texas shot that went through the basket but was ruled to have come after the game-ending buzzer.

Jon Koncak led the 18-10 Mustangs with 10 points in their fifth consecutive victory, pushing them into the second round of the SWC tourney Thursday night against the Texas Tech Red Raiders.

Tech took a 57-55 victory over Baylor Monday night to advance to second-round play. A pair of Quentin Anderson free throws and a slam-dunk provided Tech with a 5-point lead, 57-52, with 12 seconds remaining. A three-point play by Baylor's Daryl Baucham provided the final margin.

The third opening-round game did not produce nearly as much excitement as the other two, since the TCU Horned Frogs ran over the Rice Owls, 74-49.



Jon Koncak's 10 points lead SMU past Longhorns 49-48

TCU will meet Texas A&M Thursday night in the opening game of the evening.

The SMU-Texas Tech winner will play No. 1 ranked Houston in the semifinals Friday night and the TCU-Texas A&M winner will face the Arkansas Razorbacks. The championship game will be played Saturday at 12:10 p.m. before a television audience that will span most of the country.

Texas had not won a game since Jan. 19 and when the Longhorns lost to SMU last Saturday night it was their 21st setback of the season — their most ever.

But during a 6:50 stretch in the first half SMU scored only one point and for the first 6:57 of the second half the Mustangs went scoreless.

Texas outshot SMU, 42 percent to 34, and outrebounded the Mustangs, 45-28. But some-

how the Longhorns lost.

The Longhorns' Bill Wendlandt put Texas in front, 48-39, with 5:01 to go and Texas didn't score another point. For the rest of the game, Texas turned the ball over eight times and SMU scored 10 straight points — the last four coming on two free throws and a driving layup by Carl Wright.

**BAYLOR (55)**  
Glover 1-2 1-4 3, Baucham 4-10 4-7 12, Hall 7-16 5-6 19, Shakir 1-5 6-10 8, Stern 2-6 0-0 4, Mays 1-4 1-2 3, Kaiser 3-4 0-0 6, Heller 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 19-48 17-29 55.

**TEXAS TECH (57)**  
Taylor 0-7 0-0 0, Anderson 9-13 4-4 22, Irvin 2-5 0-0 4, Reynolds 2-4 0-1 4, Jennings 8-12 3-3 19, Benford 3-6 2-5 8, Wojcickoski 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 24-47 9-13 57.

Halftime — Tech 30, Baylor 20. Fouled out — none. Total fouls — Baylor 19, Tech 23. Rebounds — Baylor 34 (Hall 10), Tech 27 (Anderson 7). Assists — Baylor 11, (Shakir 4), Tech 18 (Reynolds 7). Technicals — Irvin, Baucham. A — 2,548.

**TEXAS (48)**  
Cooper 6-15 8-13 20, Wendlandt 3-7 1-5 7, Seitz 3-9 1-3 7, Carlton 3-5 0-1 6, Moe 4-8 0-1 8, Parrish 0-1 0-0 0, Griffin 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 19-45 10-23 48.

**SMU (49)**  
Wright 2-6 2-4 6, Davis 1-7 2-4 4, Koncak 3-6 4-4 10, Piehler 3-7 0-0 6, Moore 2-8 2-3 6, Anderson 1-3 3-4 5, Parks 0-2 0-0 0, Garrett 2-3 1-2 5, Gads 2-4 1-2 3, Pink 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 17-50 15-25 49.

Halftime — SMU 25, Texas 22. Fouled Out — Seitz, Carlton, Koncak. Total Fouls — Texas 20, SMU 24. Rebounds — Texas 45 (Cooper 18), SMU 28 (Koncak 9). Assists — Texas 11 (Carlton 8), SMU (Moore 5). A — 2,856.

**RICE (49)**  
Bennett 2-7 4-4 8, Cashaw 2-6 1-2 5, Shaw 2-6 0-0 4, Pettit 0-3 1-1 0, Steele 2-4 1-2 5, Barnett 1-2 0-1 2, Senske 2-4 2-4 6, O'Neale 3-4 0-0 6, Cunningham 6-9 1-5 13, Witten 0-0 0-0 0, Miller 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 20-46 9-19 49.

**TCU (74)**  
Arnold 9-15 4-4 22, Cucinella 0-3 1-4 1, Christensen 1-3 0-0 2, Nutt 5-9 0-0 10, Browder 7-15 3-3 17, Mortimer 3-7 2-2 8, Kapurkiewicz 5-8 1-2 11, Papa 1-2 0-0 2, Hart 0-1 1-2 1, Pate 0-0 0-1 0, Partridge 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 31-63 12-18 74. Halftime — Rice 20, TCU 34. Fouled Out — Papa. Total fouls — Rice 18, TCU 19. Rebounds — Rice 20 (Shaw 5), TCU 48 (Arnold 12). Assists — Rice 13 (Shaw 5), TCU 23 (Nutt 7). A — 1,205.

## Top-ranked Ags 'ready'

# Polo team in nationals

by Frank L. Christlieb  
Battalion Staff  
In Mike McCleary's opinion, the U.S. Polo Association Intercollegiate Tournament should be a wide-open competition. Who's Mike McCleary, you ask? What, where and when is the U.S. Polo Association Intercollegiate Tournament? Well, McCleary is the coach of the Texas A&M polo team, which entered the competition

as one of the top three teams in the nation. That's amazing when it's considered that most of the other schools in the tournament have varsity teams and the Aggies compete on an extramural club basis. And the national event, which started Friday at the Oakridge Hunt Club in Darien, Conn., features 14 teams engaged in a week's worth of competition. Texas A&M, which placed third

last year after losing 18-17 to the University of Connecticut in the semifinals, played a practice game against Cornell on Saturday and will open its tournament competition tonight against Connecticut. Four members of the Texas A&M team are competing in the tourney: Polo Club president Clint Bogart, team captain Victor Aguilar, Jorge Maldonado and John Ames.

McCleary said the competition will be strong, but one school may have an edge over the rest of the field. "We were one of the favorites in the tournament, but we had two of our guys on scholastic probation," he said. "Right now, I'd say California-Davis (last year's national champion) will be

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## SPRING BREAK TIME IS Miller Time!



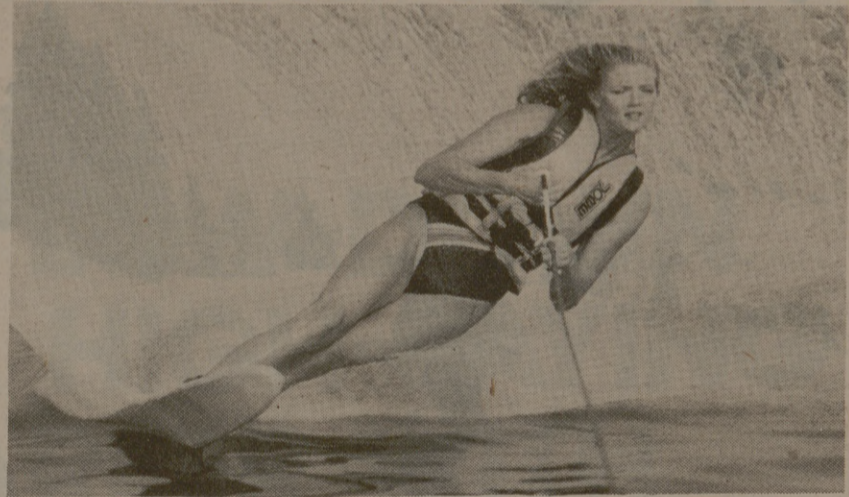
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