

# Ex Steeler to get big bucks in USFL

United Press International BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Although the terms of his contract were not revealed, the newest member of the Birmingham Stallions said he will be getting "substantial" money. The Birmingham Stallions of

the United States Football League Tuesday night announced the signing of former Pittsburgh Steelers' wide receiver Jim Smith. The terms of the three-year contract were not revealed.

# Claude Riley one of 64 players picked to play in all-star contest

**Riley in all-star competition:** Forward Claude Riley, who recently concluded his Aggie playing career when Texas A&M lost to TCU in the Southwest Conference tournament, hasn't hung up his high-top yet. Between today and Saturday, Riley will be in Portsmouth, Va., for the Portsmouth Invitational Basketball Tournament. Each year, tournament officials invite the top 64 senior basketball players in the nation to compete in the three-day event, which is heavily attended by professional scouts. Riley finished his career here as the fourth leading scorer in Texas A&M history at 1,383 points, and the second leading rebounder at 870. Aggie coach

Shelby Metcalf said: "This is a great honor for Claude. He is very deserving. I think he has the size and the shooting ability to make a fine professional ball player." In other Aggie basketball notes, freshman center Jimmie Gilbert has been named to Basketball Weekly's honorable mention freshman all-America team. Gilbert wound up the 1982-83 season with 63 blocked shots, five away from the season record set by former Texas A&M center Rudy Woods in 1979. Gilbert's 36 blocks during the SWC season just missed tying Woods' Aggie record of 37 in 1979.

Finally: After going through most of the spring sea-

son unnoticed by the folks responsible for college tennis polls, the Texas A&M men's tennis squad has broken into the national Top 20. Not by much,

will play the 12th-ranked Texas Longhorns on Saturday at 1:30 in Austin. Texas A&M is led by sophomore Kimmo Alkio, who has a 23-3 singles record this spring.

best teams in the country. This season marked the seventh consecutive year that the Red-Backs played in the NCAA tournament and the seventh year a row Arkansas won at least

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but it's better than not being ranked at all. In Monday's poll of the Intercollegiate Tennis Coaches Association, the Aggies held down the No. 20 spot. Texas A&M, which lost to Houston 7-2 Friday and defeated Rice 8-1 Saturday, has a 21-6 record on the season. The Aggies will host 10th-ranked Arkansas on Friday afternoon at 1:30 and

**Sutton happy about season:** When all is said and done, Arkansas Razorback basketball coach Eddie Sutton says, the 1982-83 season will be remembered as one of the most successful in the school's history. "We never dreamed we would have a record like 26-4," he says. "When you consider that two of our losses were to Houston and one was to Louisville, it makes our record look even better. Houston and Louisville are the

**Tough tournament:** University of Texas women's tennis team, which has a record on the season ranked No. 14 in the country, will host a tournament featuring six of the nation's Top 20 starting Thursday morning. The Longhorns will play ranked Indiana, last year's AIAW national champion, in the first-round match Thursday

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# Aggies to host rugby tourney

The Texas A&M rugby team, which won the Texas Rugby Union championship March 26-27, will host the Western Collegiate Championships on April 23-24. The event will feature eight schools from the western part of the country, with the winner of the collegiate tournament going to Athens, Ga., in May for a shot at the national title. The Aggies, who won the state title by defeating SMU and SFA in Shreveport, La., probably will have to win three games in the two-day tournament in order to qualify

for the national competition. In the Aggies' state games, they defeated SMU and Stephen F. Austin 14-0 in the SMU game, Tim O'Richard, Jahns, Joel Hickey, Tommy Muchard and Meyers scored to lead A&M, and in the SFA game, Muchard, Meyers and led the way in scoring. During both games, under windy conditions and muddy fields, the only scored on the Aggies came penalty kicks.

# Lewis: Coogs will win it all in 1984

United Press International HOUSTON — Though the upset that cost Houston its first national title was still fresh on the minds of many Cougar fans, coach Guy Lewis promised his team would be back next year and "win it all." "This is only a temporary setback and I guarantee we'll be back next year," Lewis told some 3,000 cheering fans who welcomed the Cougars back Tuesday from the NCAA Tournament in Albuquerque, N.M. "With support like this, there's no way we can fail. We'll be back next year and win it all." North Carolina State beat

Houston 54-52 Monday night. Lewis, 61, now has failed visits to the Final Four. Lewis has two No. 1 ranked teams in the NCAA tournament. Drexler, however, the starters he wanted to return complete unfinished business. "Everyone is still pretty excited," he said. "Right now, staying (in school) but I'd like to consider. I have to consider the offers and my love of university. The tournament means the world to me. I thought we would lose like Houston forward Phi Slama Jama and junior Michael Young were operational of Lewis' decision seven minutes to play, to lead. "I felt we should have out of it (the semi-final). Nobody was thinking of the floor at the time," Young said. Houston newspapers critical of Lewis' decision. Houston Post columnist Tommy Bonk editor "That wasn't the rockin' in Phi Slama Jama — a bunch of little old ladies trying to help crossing the trying to keep somebody stealing their shopping

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