

Baseball

Aggies vs. Minnesota
at Olsen Field
2 p.m.

Aggies swim in NCAAs

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CLEVELAND — Numerous Olympic hopefuls will be among the best collegiate swimmers and divers in the world competing Wednesday through Saturday at the Cleveland State University natatorium in the NCAA national championships.

Five Texas A&M swimmers will be participating in the meet, the most the Aggies have ever sent. They are: Chris O'Neill in the 100-fly; Craig Buchmann in the 50-freestyle; Kevin Londrigan in the 100-backstroke, and Mark Ziminitz, Kevin Nagy, Londrigan and O'Neill in the 400-medley relay.

The CSU pool is considered one of the fastest indoor swimming facilities in the world. This will be the fourth time it has hosted the meet. Every one of the NCAA's 16 swimming records was broken at CSU in 1977. In all, 27 NCAA marks have been set in the three previous meets in Cleveland.

"A good many of the top Olympic contenders from the rest of the world will also be here," according to CSU athletic director Robert F. Busbey.

"They are here because the great majority of the top world class swimmers are of college age, and a substantial number of them choose to attend college in the United States to take advantage of the unmatched competition available to them in this country," he said.

Alabama coach Dick Gambriel and Michigan diving coach Dick Kimball, who will be the U.S. Olympic swim and diving coaches respectively, will be scrutinizing the cast of approximately 400.

Perhaps the brightest American star in the field is University of Texas junior Rick Carey, the world record holder in the 100 and 200-meter backstroke.



Collision at first

Photo by PETER ROCHA

Texas A&M third baseman Cindy Foster's path is blocked as UTA's first baseman awaits a pick-off attempt.

Foster was called safe because of base path obstruction as the Aggies went on to sweep the doubleheader.

Diamonds

Softball team sweeps Mavericks

By DAVE SCOTT
Sports Writer

The women's softball team didn't play its best against the University of Texas at Arlington Tuesday, but they didn't need too. A&M took both games of the doubleheader from the Movin' Mavericks, winning 3-2 and 4-1.

In the first game, the Aggies scored all three of their runs in the third inning. With right fielder Deb Rollman on second base and shortstop Judy Trussell on first base, Shawn Andaya — seeing action as designated hitter rather than pitcher — hit a hard shot the UTA shortstop couldn't handle. The play scored Rollman and moved Trussell to third base while Andaya went to second on the throw home.

The UTA pitcher then threw a wild pitch that scored Trussell and moved Andaya to third base. Third baseman Cindy Cooper lined a single to left to score Andaya.

Junior transfer pitcher Yvette Lopez was throwing strong and had a shut out until the fifth inning. She gave up back-to-back singles and then

moved them up one base with a wild pitch. Both runners scored when the first base umpire ruled that Rollman had pulled her foot early on a play at first base.

Lopez settled down for the rest of the game and finished with four strike outs and allowed three hits. She said inconsistent stretches have plagued her all season.

"I have a tendency to lose speed sometimes," Lopez said. "It will happen one inning and the next inning I'll be fine."

In the second game the Aggies came out running and jumped to an early 4-0 lead. Trussell led off with a single and promptly stole second base. Left fielder Cindy Foster laid down a perfect bunt down the third baseline. A hurried UTA third baseman bobbled the ball and Foster beat the throw. On the next pitch Foster stole second base.

Andaya then hit a sharp single over third base to score Trussell and following a cue from her teammates, she stole second. Cooper followed with a nicely placed single behind the runners to score Foster.

With two outs, center fielder

Iva Jackson knocked a grounder through the short stop that scored both Andaya and Cooper. However, the UTA finally picked off an Aggie base runner, nabbing Jackson trying to steal second.

In the fourth inning, Andaya gave up her only hit and also lost her shut out, but the Mav's had to earn it. With runners on first and third base, UTA tried a squeeze play. The bunt went five feet in front of the plate and Andaya dived and flipped the ball to catcher Gaye McNutt to just beat the charging runner. The play left runners still on the corners and Andaya then gave up a single to the next batter that scored a run. McNutt got the Aggies out of the inning by nailing a runner at third with a perfect throw.

Coach Bob Brock said the team didn't play too well.

"I don't think we were looking past UTA, they've beat us before," Brock said. "After the big tournament in Oklahoma (which the Aggies won), I think the team had a lot of classes and tests to catch up on."

Aggie baseball team whips Gophers

By TRAVIS TINGLE
Sports Writer

The Texas A&M baseball team shoveled dirt into the hole that the Minnesota Golden Gophers dug for themselves Tuesday by sweeping both games of a doubleheader.

The Aggies won the first game 5-1, then exploded for ten hits in the second game and shut out the Gophers 7-0.

After a slow start in the first game, Aggie pitcher Tom Arrington went on to record his fifth victory of the year against no losses. In the second game,

Kelly Keahey posted his third victory without a loss.

Coach Tom Chandler praised for his pitching staff after the game.

"When you get good pitching like that, you can look like a good ball club," Chandler said.

Unfortunately for Minnesota, their pitching was not as effective.

Bill Cutshall started his first game on the mound for the Gophers and it showed early in his pitching. In the first inning the Aggie batters picked Cutshall apart for three early runs and never looked back.

Tom Riewer didn't fare any better against the tough Aggie hitting. The Aggies jumped out to an early 4-0 lead in the first inning and made it look easy the rest of the way.

Minnesota, playing in only their fifth game of the year, saw its record slide to 1-5, while the Aggies improved to 18-6 in the year.

Texas A&M will play the Gophers in another doubleheader this afternoon beginning at 2:00 p.m. at Olsen Field.

Home court off-limits for Cats practice

United Press International

LEXINGTON, Ky. — The old adage reads, "What's good for the goose is good for the gander."

Kentucky Coach Joe B. Hall learned this week that what's good for the Terrapin is also good for the Wildcat.

Last week a tournament official told Maryland Coach Lefty Briesell that though his team was arriving in Lexington Monday to prepare for the Midwest Regional semifinal, Rupp Arena was off limits for practice until Wednesday.

And Monday a call to UK from NCAA assistant director Tom Jernstedt informed Hall and his troops that the rule held for the host team as well.

So late Monday, UK switched its Tuesday practice session from Rupp Arena to Memorial Coliseum. Maryland practiced at a gym at nearby Transylvania University.

"It doesn't matter," Hall said. "I sincerely mean that. We're not looking for any advantage." "I just thought if Kentucky could practice there, I'd like to

have our team there too," Driesell said.

The practice-site confusion was a recurrence of a similar happening in Birmingham, Ala., for last weekend's sub-regional.

The Terps arrived early there too, but were not allowed to practice at the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center Coliseum. Host University of Alabama-Birmingham also had to find a practice floor elsewhere.

Louisville's Denny Crum is not too worried about a team being able to practice in its own backyard, but he's not too happy that Kentucky will be playing at home in the NCAA tournament.

"It's certainly not fair in NCAA play for a team to play in its own arena," Crum said. "I'd like to see something done about it."

Exactly what, he's not too sure.

If teams that offered to host regionals were required to be placed in another region, Crum said, no team would ever host a regional.

Crum, however, is too busy worrying about his team's health to fret over home-court advantage.

Junior forward Manuel Forrest did not practice Monday because of an ankle sprain he suffered against Tulsa Sunday.

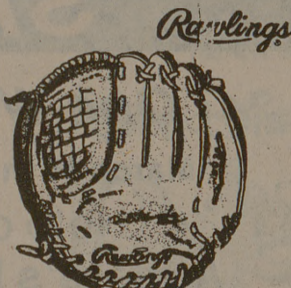
Forrest's running mate at forward, sophomore Billy Thompson, has been at less than full strength for several weeks with an ankle sprain.

Louisville and Kentucky, which went 24 years without playing each other, will be playing for the third time in 53 weeks.

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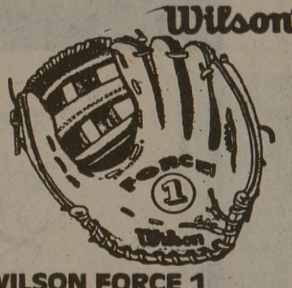
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