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Baseball
 Aggies vs. TCU
 at Olsen Field
 Friday at 3 p.m.
 Sat. at 1 p.m. doubleheader

Aggies to host Frogs

By TRAVIS TINGLE
 Sports Writer

If the TCU Horned Frogs are even half as good as their 14-5 record says they are, then the Texas A&M baseball team can look forward to their first real test against a true Southwest Conference contender.

TCU, considered one of the teams to challenge for the SWC crown, brings a 10 game winning streak into College Station for a three game series with the Aggies this weekend.

The first game of the series is Friday at 3 p.m. in Olsen Field. Sherman Corbett will be on the mound for the Aggies. Corbett, a junior from Schertz, will take a 4-2 record into the game.

Saturday, beginning at 1 p.m., Texas A&M will host the Horned Frogs in a doubleheader. Kelly Keahey, who pitched a one-hitter against North Texas State earlier this year, will start in the first game. Tom Arrington, who hasn't lost in five starts, will be on the mound in the second game. Arrington helped the Aggie cause against Minnesota on Tuesday by throwing a three hitter.

The Horned Frogs swept a three game series from Texas Tech last weekend to put them on top of the SWC standings. TCU had no problems defeating their previous opponent on Wednesday. They blasted Oklahoma City University 10-1.

After the TCU series, the Aggies will try their luck against OCU in three games at Olsen Field.

The Aggies are coming off a four game sweep of Minnesota, carrying an overall record of 20-6. Coach Tom Chandler said the Horned Frogs can't be taken lightly. Chandler believes TCU is for real.

"TCU's got a great pitching staff," he said. "They're going to be tough."



Women's athletics in turmoil at A&M

By DONN FRIEDMAN
 Sports Editor

With the recent resignation of women's basketball coach Cherri Rapp and the rumors circulating about the fate of the position of assistant athletic director for women, one begins to wonder about the fate of women's athletics at Texas A&M University.

Where is the women's program headed? Is it moving back to the pre-Title IX age when women in tight skirts cheering on the sidelines of football games? Or will the entire program reach forward to the level of excellence that the softball program has achieved here?

John David Crow was asked Thursday if the recent Title IX Supreme Court decision — that a school may discriminate in a program that receives no federal funds without losing funding in other areas — had affected the direction of the women's program.

The former Heisman trophy winner and A&M football star laughed.

Analysis

A link between the court ruling and the direction the women's athletic program was heading seemed somewhat absurd to him. What Crow and Athletic Director Jackie Sherrill both say they want for all of Texas A&M athletics is excellence.

"We are in no way," Crow said, "going to de-emphasize women's sports at Texas A&M University."

Sherrill emphatically agreed: "I'm committed to everything in the A&M program. Like I told the track coach, I want to see them at the NCAA's as participants rather than spectators. I want to see every team from A&M make the NCAA's."

This may seem a bit hypocritical coming from a man who has been rarely seen at women's sporting events and who, according to sources in the women's athletic program, has never even met the outgoing basketball coach. But Sherrill is

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SWC baseball packed with talent

The University of Texas fielded its first baseball team in 1895.

Since that time the Longhorns have won almost 2,000 games — capturing the NCAA championship four times and winning 56 of 68 Southwest Conference titles.

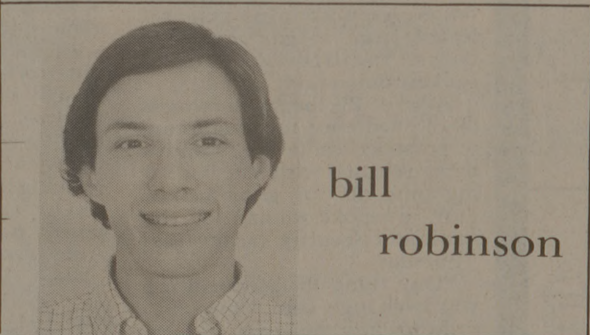
Without a doubt the dynasty the Longhorns have built is one of the greatest in the history of the game.

But as the SWC season gets rolling this weekend, the odds of Texas winning another crown are not nearly as great as they have been in the past.

Four other conference teams are packed with talent this season and any of them are capable of knocking the defending NCAA champions off of their pedestal.

One of the strongest challenges for the crown will surely come from the Rice Owls, who have never won a conference title.

Rice is off to the best start in its history, 22-2 overall and 2-1 in conference. The Owls led the SWC in hitting in 1983 with a .320 team batting average and they led the nation with a .971 fielding percentage.



bill robinson

The Owls lost three games to the Longhorns by a one-run margin in Austin and get to face Texas at home in Houston this season.

Arkansas also looks strong in 1984.

Like the Owls, the Razorbacks have never won a conference title but have played strong almost every season since they added baseball to their SWC program in 1974.

Things are looking bright for the Arkansas

program, with the Hogs off to 20-4, 2-1, start this season. Arkansas is batting .381 as a team this season.

Closer to home, Texas A&M is off to one of its best starts in the past few seasons.

Coach Tom Chandler enters his 25th year at the Aggie helm with five returning starters and six returning pitchers from a squad that went 4-17 in conference last season.

The Aggies are 20-6 as they enter their SWC opener with Texas Christian this afternoon.

TCU is another team that appears to be playing with a mission.

With a 3-0 conference record and a .341 team batting average, the Horned Frogs appear to be gunning for higher than last year's seventh place finish.

But the important factor is desire, and no team has as much desire as Rice. That's why the Owls will fly away with the crown, leaving the Aggies nipping close at their heels. Texas will fall back to third followed by Arkansas, TCU, Houston, Tech and Baylor in that order.

Texas A&M football practicing

It's spring, so that means it's time for football once again. The Aggies had their first full-scale scrimmage of the spring season Thursday at Kyle Field.

The first team offense led by quarterback Kevin Murray started off quick, with running backs Roger Vick and Rod Bernstein running over the second team for a touchdown in seven plays.

Head Coach Jackie Sherrill said he wanted to give the running game a test.

"We weren't going to throw the ball until we scored running," Sherrill said.

Sherrill said he was impressed with the play of Anthony Toney who had 50- and 62-yard pass receptions.

Lewis: Akeem is Midwest key

United Press International

ST. LOUIS — Houston Coach Guy Lewis says he has told 7-foot center Akeem Olajuwon not to let a recent fouling problem haunt him in tonight's NCAA Midwest regional semifinals match with Memphis State.

"I told him, 'Don't turn into a passive ballplayer by worrying about the officials,'" Lewis said. "Because if he turns into a passive player, we've lost anyway."

Olajuwon of Lagos, Nigeria, is the nation's leading rebounder and shot blocker. He set a team record by turning back 189 shots, and averaged 16.3 points and 13.7 rebounds.

The Cougars take on Memphis State in the first round of the NCAA Midwest Regional tonight. DePaul plays Wake Forest in the second game. Memphis State's answer to

Olajuwon is 6-foot-10 forward Keith Lee. Coach Dana Kirk says the injuries that have hit the Tigers' three seniors have brought out Lee's leadership abilities.

"He's actually talking more than he did before," Kirk said of his soft-spoken star.

Injuries have waylaid forward Bobby Parks and senior Derrick Phillips. Guard Phillip Haynes, who sprained an ankle Saturday, is "60 to 65 percent right now," Kirk said.

"I asked him if we played right now could he play," Kirk said. "Doom Haynes is an awful worked-up player and he said he didn't think so."

Kirk said recent criticism about Lee — who has been tagged as a hot-and-cold player — is the result of the junior's reputation as a prolific scorer

and leaping rebounder. Lee leads the team with an average of 18.5 points and 10.8 rebounds a game.

"Now every place he goes there's a crowd," Kirk said. "It's like the gunfighter image. When you walk on the street, people try to get you."

Kirk said Memphis State can't afford to concentrate too much on Olajuwon, although he said there is no one "better in the country."

Lewis had similar ideas about Houston and Lee. "I don't think we will check Keith Lee," he said. "I think they're too balanced just to concentrate on Keith Lee. We'd probably play a zone against him."

Lewis said Houston has an "excellent" chance of losing if Lee scores more than 20 points,

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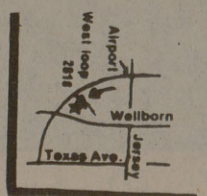
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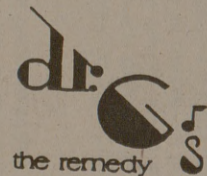
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