

NCAA finale tonight

At halftime of Saturday's NCAA semifinal game between Georgetown and Kentucky, the Houston team left for its headquarters having earlier beaten Virginia 49-47 in overtime. Kentucky was in control 29-22 before Georgetown's savage offense went to work. The Wildcats shot 9 percent in the second half, scoring only 11 points as the Hoyas surged to a 64-40 victory.

"I was completely in awe of them in the second half," Houston coach Guy Lewis said.

Lewis gets to examine the Hoyas first hand Monday night at 8:15 as Houston meets Georgetown for the NCAA championship. And many think the meeting for the Cougars is nothing more than a date with the executioner.

Georgetown and Houston are bidding for their first national title. For the Cougars, in their third consecutive trip to the Final Four, it's a chance to quiet those who say Houston can't win the big game.

Lewis said his No. 5 Cougars must shoot well from the free throw line if they're to win. The Cougars are notoriously bad at the line and Lewis can't figure it out.

"It's hurt us in every close game," he said. "I've tried everything humanly possible. But nothing seems to work."

"We had Calvin Murphy — one of the best foul shooters — give a clinic. He showed them the proper techniques, all the right moves. Then we promptly went out and shot worse."

SWC BASEBALL STANDINGS ★

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AGGIES	6	0
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ARK.	5	4
BAYLOR	5	4
RICE	4	4
TECH	3	5
TCU	3	6
UH	1	8

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Take first in SWC

Ags sweep Couogs

By TRAVIS TINGLE
Sports Writer

The Texas A&M baseball team extended their winning streak to 15 games and captured first place in the Southwest Conference with a three-game sweep of Houston over the weekend.

While the Aggies took care of Houston at Olsen Field, Arkansas made waves in Austin. Arkansas handed Texas its first SWC loss, a 13-4 decision Saturday.

It took the Ags 13 innings Friday night to defeat Houston 8-7.

A&M led 7-2 going into the ninth inning, but then the trouble began.

The Aggies' Sherman Corbett gave up a home run to Mark Grimes then walked Guy Gariby before being relieved by Beje Mahoe. Mahoe struck out

two, but also loaded the bases with two walks. John Altobelli, a teammate of Mahoe's from junior college, stepped up for Houston and hit a grand-slam home run to right field to tie the score.

Mahoe left in the 12th, but not before striking out nine Cougars and retiring the side in the 10th and 11th. Rock King picked up his first win of the year after replacing Mahoe.

Pat James led off for the Aggies in the 13th with a walk. Rusty Roberts came in to pinch run and stole second. Mike Scanlin singled to advance Roberts to third.

Todd Edwards scored Roberts with a looping single to right field out of the reach of Altobelli.

In Saturday's doubleheader, the Aggies had a much easier time with the Cougars.

A&M outslugged Houston in the first game, winning 15-3. The Ags jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the first inning. Rob Swain, the SWC's leading hitter, went 4-4 during the game with three singles and a double. Buddy Haney hit back to back homers in the second and third innings to drive in four runs.

Pitcher Tom Arrington improved to 7-0, 2-0 in the SWC.

The second game was well-pitched by both teams, but the Aggies prevailed 4-2.

Tony Metoyer homered in the fourth and sixth to pace the Aggies.

Kelly Keahey struck out nine and walked seven in route to his fifth victory of the year. King came in during the ninth and got his third save.

The Aggies will play an exhibition series against the Honduran National Team on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 3 p.m. at Olsen Field.

Rugby women combat inexperience

By ED CASSAVOY
Reporter

The Texas A&M Women's Rugby Club clinched a second place finish in the rugby tournament held Saturday in College Station, throwing everything but the kitchen sink at their opponents. The inexperienced Aggies found bone-jarring tackles and aggressive ball control one alternative to experience.

The Aggies, ranked 2nd in the league by the Texas Rugby Union, played their first game in the elimination tournament against the Houston Hearts.

A&M scored an 8-0 victory, relying on the play of its strong back line.

Aggie coach Neilette Thomas felt her team played well, and singled out the play of the Aggies in scrums and line-ups as the key to their victory.

"The Aggies played like a pack of possessed demons," Thomas says, "I was surprised at how aggressively we played."

One factor in A&M's favor, was that the Aggies were playing their first game of the tournament, while Houston played San Antonio only four hours before the Aggie game.

"When you play your second game of the day, you just feel let down," says Iris Polley, a player for Texas A&M, "And when you

play against a team that played earlier in the day, you can see the exhaustion in their faces."

The Aggies play a gruelling schedule each year, Polley says. The team plays ten tournaments a year, plus an additional five games. This means the team plays every other weekend, more often than not on-the-road.

The Aggies travel primarily in Texas. The rugby league is composed of six other teams: Louisiana State University, New Orleans, Houston, San Antonio, University of Oklahoma, and Dallas.

In a league where many of the city teams have played for years together, inexperience is the most telling weakness the Aggie's have, says Thomas.

"It is incredible how high the skill level on the team is, considering that most of my players have only two semesters of experience at Texas A&M," says Thomas, "There are only three or four girls who have played more than a year."

The Aggies played dearly for this rookie mantle, losing to a tough New Orleans team in the final, Sunday, 26-10.

"New Orleans used the kick very well today, they were able to kick it where we weren't," says Thomas, "We seemed to kick it right to them, and lose possession of the ball."

Thomas said the Aggies were beaten in scrums by New Orleans but played the lineups fairly well.

"Basically New Orleans put us on the defensive," Thomas says, "And in rugby, you can't play defensively and win."

Thomas said she was pleased with the second place finish, adding that there will be some changes before the Western Territorial Tournament in Oklahoma next month. Thomas says the outside line is weak, and needs more "umph."

"I still think we can win in Oklahoma because the team never lost heart, even playing such an experienced team as New Orleans," Thomas says, "Usually when you get goals scored on you, you can see the team just falling, falling, falling."

The women's rugby team was created in 1976, and has consistently produced winning teams. In 1978, Texas A&M was ranked third in the nation. The Aggies worst finish was last year, placing 16th in the nation.

Thomas, the Aggie coach for the past two years, says she knows that the Aggies can even go to Chicago for the national tournament and win. The two top teams in each geographical area of the nation go the national tournament.

If craziness is the criteria used for rating the teams, Texas A&M should be number one. It seems that Iris Polley did what is called a Zulu dance. After the New Orleans game, the Aggie players circle Polley while she removes pieces of her apparel. Rugby players know how to lose with style.

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