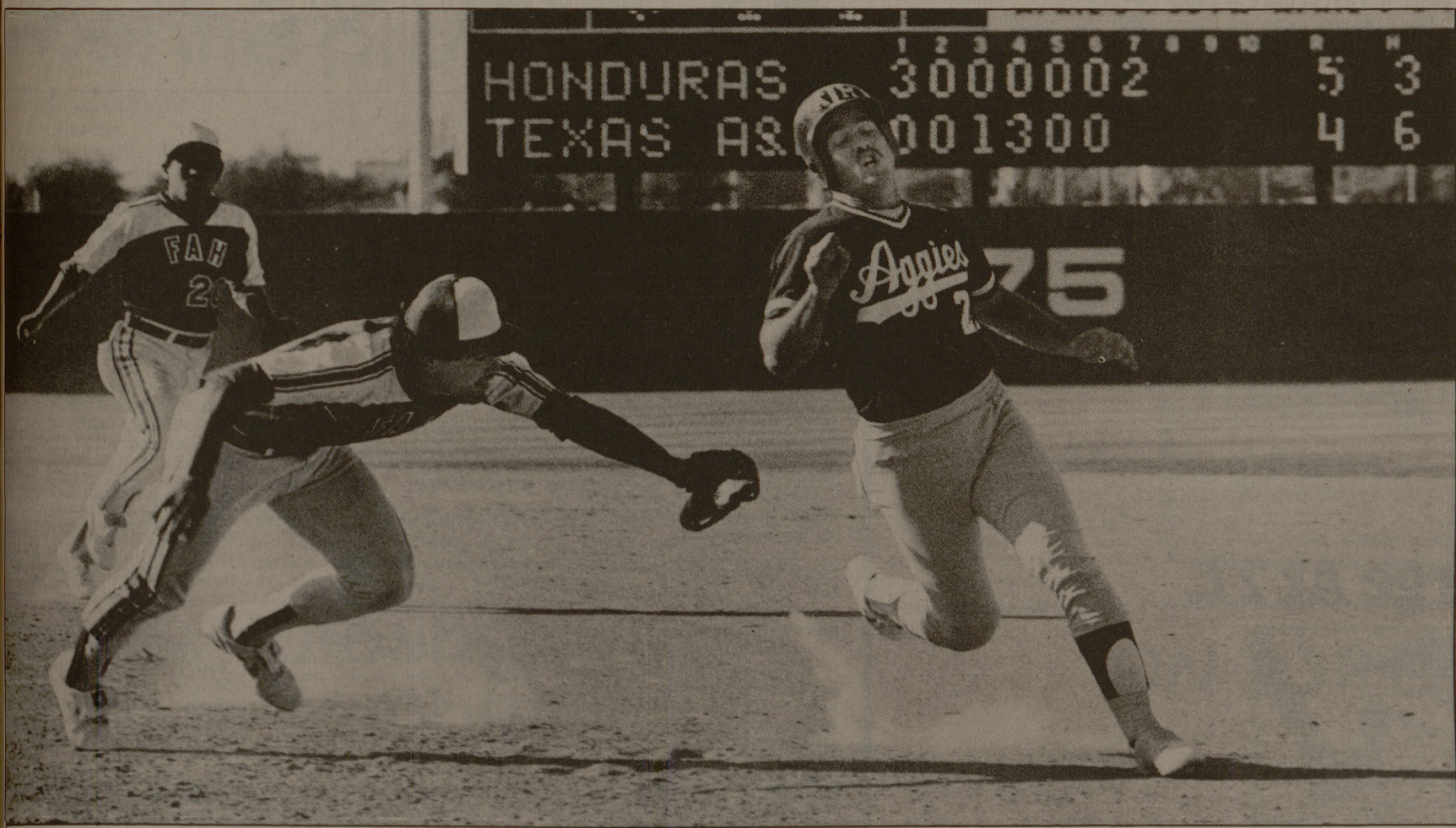


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Out at first

Photo by DEAN SAITO

Texas A&M's Pat James gets by the tag of first baseman Juan Ramon Girion in

Wednesday's game at Olsen Field. James was caught in a run down and then tagged

out as the Aggies lost to the Honduran National team 5-4.

Astros sink Expos, 8-2; get first win

United Press International

HOUSTON — Nolan Ryan pitched seven innings and scored what proved to be the winning run Wednesday night as the Houston Astros defeated the Montreal Expos, 8-2.

Ryan was delighted to pick up his team's first win of the season.

"After last year's 0-9 start, we were determined to start this season well," said the veteran pitcher.

Ryan allowed only five hits, struck out six and walked no one to lead Houston to victory.

He scored the winning run after reaching first on an error and was chased home by outfielder Terry Phul's triple in the sixth inning.

Houston manager Bob Lillis agreed with Ryan on the importance of winning early if the Astros are to be contenders in the National League West.

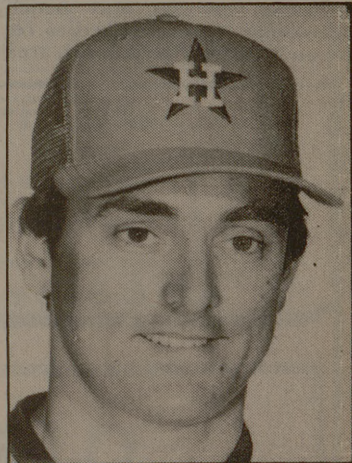
"Everybody has been focusing on us to see how long it would take us to win a game this year," he said. "We have a good hitting club, and we're going to win our share of games."

The Astros clubbed out 10 hits, five of which went for extra bases, and left only three runners on base in the game.

Astros first baseman Ray Knight, who doubled and singled and drove in two Houston runs, said the club never let down its guard.

"Even when we had a 5-2 lead late in the game, we were still nervous. Last year was still on our minds."

Trailing 2-1 entering the last of the sixth, the Astros began their comeback when Alan Ashby led off with a single and



Pitcher Nolan Ryan

Ryan reached first safely on Gullickson's error on an attempted sacrifice bunt. After Bill Doran popped up for the first out, Puhl tripled to right-center, chasing home Ashby and Ryan.

Thon immediately followed with his triple, scoring Puhl, and Jose Cruz lined to center for a sacrifice fly.

Houston added three more runs in the eighth off reliever Bob James. With one out, Thon beat out an infield single for his third hit. Cruz walked and Jerry Mumphrey doubled both runners. Ray Knight followed with a single to score Mumphrey and chase James.

Montreal grabbed a 1-0 lead in the second on Tim Wallach's RBI double, but the Astros tied it with an unearned run in their half of the inning as Pete Rose dropped Cruz's fly in left field.

Polo team set for national tourney

By JAN PERRY
Reporter

The Texas A&M women's polo team defeated the Retama polo club in San Antonio this weekend in preparation for the National Women's Indoor Intercollegiate Polo Tournament. It was their first match on a regulation size field.

The tournament, which will be held in Los Angeles April 9-13, will include every women's collegiate polo team in the nation. Approximately 15 colleges field women's polo teams.

Although the team has little competitive experience, team captain Alayna Snell says she has high hopes for the tournament because of practice techniques.

Practice for the Aggie women's team is conducted along with both male and female members of the polo club, Snell says. The South Africa native says team members have been putting in long hours of practice on the indoor polo fields at the animal pavillion.

"The girls in Texas practice with the guys," Snell said. "It toughens them up."

And polo players need to be aggressive, she says, because it is a dangerous sport.

She says the most common player injury is sore funny bones. Mallets occasionally hit players on the elbow — an injury that usually puts them out of the game.

Because injuries are so common, Snell will be taking two alternates along with the team of three players to Los Angeles.

Team member Susan Easterling says playing indoors is more dangerous than playing outdoors. Indoors, the ball is moving much faster than outdoors. Outside, only the horses are travelling fast.

The rules for indoor games are also different than for outdoor games.

In indoor games, Easterling said, the field is only large enough to use three players on each team at a time. Four players are used in outdoor games.

Another difference is in the type of ball used.

An inflated ball during indoor games because the hard outside ball would bounce all over the small enclosed playing field.

The game is divided into four quarters, or chucks, as they are called in polo, of 7.5 minutes each are provided for in the rules of both indoor and outdoor polo. Players exchange tired horses for fresh ones during the recess between each chucker.

During the Intercollegiate games, the host school will provide the horses.

"Ideally, each player will get four horses each because they work real hard and get sweaty," Easterling said.

But, she says, it is up to the host school to decide and she

doesn't know how many horses the team will receive.

The number of horses they will be given to use depends on how many horses the other team has, she said, adding that it is a real disadvantage not knowing anything about the horses the team will be using.

"The other team also decides

which horses to give," Easterling said. "They can keep all of the good ones for themselves if they want to. I'm sure they will be fair, though."

The Texas A&M polo team has 13 horses in their barn. Eight of them they can ride and the remainder are mares that just foaled. The club is trying to

sell the foals. She said there are also three horses that belong to the players.

Most of the horses are donated to the team, Snell said. The club members do not have to have their own horse to play. The team provides the horses and tack. All they need is their own equipment.

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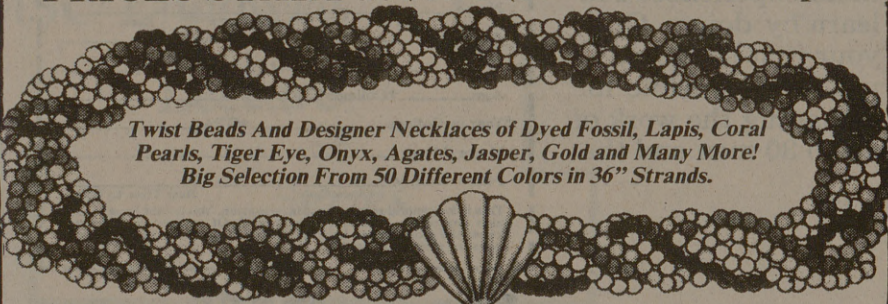
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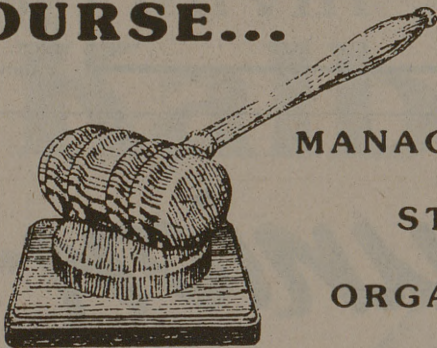
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INSTRUCTORS

The course will be taught primarily by the professional staff of the Student Activities Office. The instructors will utilize various guest speakers in addition to a team teaching approach in order to provide the most effective presentation of course material.

REGISTRATION

Due to demand, this course will be offered twice in the fall. Students interested in taking the course should register/add "Seminar in Management" 481 C, Section 505 (meeting on Tuesday) or Section 506 (meeting on Thursday) to their fall 1984 schedule. Each class will meet at 2:00 p.m. in Room 205, Agriculture Bldg. The course is worth one credit hour. Questions? Call 845-1133.

COURSE CONTENT

The content and organization of the seminar will emphasize practical application rather than theoretical concepts. Instruction will cover such topics as:

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- Motivating student members/volunteers
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