

BASEBALL

Aggies vs. Stephen F. Austin
at 7:30 p.m.
Olsen Field



Photo by DEAN SAITO

The Texas A&M Rugby team plays tough, but in Colorado this weekend they showed that they

play just as tough off the field. Here, the team competes against San Antonio.

Ags 3rd in Colorado

Rugby raids Rockies

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Although the Texas A&M Rugby team's third place finish in the Western National Championships was slightly disappointing, they were lucky the tournament was held at all. They were even more fortunate they made it to Colorado to compete.

Listening to club president Stewart Nolan recount the story, it sounds as if the team's adventure would have made "Raiders of the Lost Ark" look like a fairy tale.

Heavy snowstorms blanketed most of Colorado last week and Boulder, Colo., the site of the tournament, was hit, postponing play. However, the team members didn't hear about the news until they had already flown from Houston to Dallas, where they were to catch a connecting flight to Boulder.

The delay was made easier by the airline treating the team to cocktails during the layover in Dallas. After the tournament was moved to snow-free Pueblo, Colo., the team caught their Denver-bound flight and the alcohol continued to flow. So much so, that they drank the plane dry, Nolan said.

Although the tournament officials had found

a clear, dry field, the two day tournament was going to be squeezed into just Sunday. This left the 23 A&M rugby players stranded with nothing to do. Undaunted, the team members jumped into five rental cars and navigated the treacherously iced mountain passes to go skiing in Winterpark, Colo.

The players managed to pull themselves off the ski slopes and leave some new found female acquaintances so they could play Rugby.

The team won two of three, losing to New Mexico State University, 0-3, in its opening match, and then rebounding to beat the University of Missouri-Rolla, 7-4 and Nebraska, 21-3. Eight teams competed in the tournament.

The Aggies qualified for the Western Nationals by winning the Texas Collegiate Championships last month. The Aggies third place finish in Colorado was not good enough to advance to the national tourney. Only the winner advances to the national tournament, something an A&M team has never done.

The Aggies, who finished their season 20-3-1, did place five members on the Western National Championship Select Side. They were: Joel Hickerson, Bill "Hoover" Baker, Curtis "Buster" Deussen, Mike Livergood and Nolan.

Mavs ground Sonics; even series

United Press International

SEATTLE — Mark Aguirre scored 29 points and Jay Vincent led the Dallas Mavericks to a 107-96 win over the Seattle SuperSonics Tuesday as forcing a fifth and final game in Dallas in the best-of-five playoff series.

iseum on the campus of Southern Methodist University.

Aguirre scored nine points in the first quarter when the Mavericks went on top, 27-20, a lead they never relinquished. Seattle pulled to within 45-43, with one minute left in the first half, but Dallas steadily pulled away in the second half.

in Seattle since Oct. 22, 1980, added 16. the date of their first road victory as a franchise.

Aguirre scored 12 points in the third period when the Mavericks exploded for a 79-65 lead. Vincent sealed the victory by scoring 11 of his points in the final period.

Jack Sikma's 27 points paced the Sonics, while Al Wood

Rolando Blackman scored 21 points and Pat Cummings 16 for Dallas.

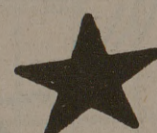
In other playoff action: Boston over Washington, 99-96; Philadelphia beat New Jersey, 110-102; Atlanta downed Milwaukee, 100-97; and Utah over Denver, 129-124. Phoenix and Portland played late.

The fifth game will be played Thursday at the Moody Col-

The Mavericks had not won

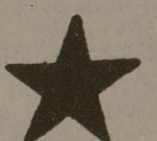
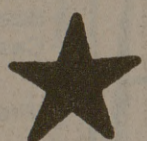
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