

SMU must shake off loss before A&M showdown

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The Southern Methodist Mustangs will have to shake off their nationally televised overtime loss to North Carolina State quickly. The Mustangs, who lead the Southwest Conference basketball standings by a game over Texas A&M, must travel to Waco for a Monday night meeting with the Baylor Bears. The Bears have won only one SWC game but are always dangerous in Heart O' Texas Coliseum. Should SMU push aside Baylor, then it will have to fight off A&M Wednesday night at Moody Coliseum in Dallas. SMU has two SWC losses and

A&M is the only other league team with as few as three. A&M will be rested, after not having played in a week. TCU set up the A&M-SMU showdown with a 72-66 overtime victory over Arkansas, who defeated SMU last week. SMU lost 82-78 to North Carolina State on the road Saturday and Mustang Coach Dave Bliss was less than pleased with the way the game was called. Bliss said the officials, all of them from the Atlantic Coast Conference, refused to call fouls every time seven-foot center Jon Koncak touched the ball. "They just wouldn't make any foul calls on the inside stuff," Bliss

said. "It happened three times down there late in the game. They hit Jon and there was no call. "There's one thing I can't give the team — competent refereeing." TCU's win over Arkansas was its first regular season triumph over the Razorbacks since 1972. "We showed a lot of heart," said TCU Coach Jim Killingsworth. It was TCU's fourth SWC victory in its last five games. "What an unbelievable year this has been," Killingsworth said. "The conference is close enough this year that it seems like the No. 9 team can beat the No. 1 team on any given day."

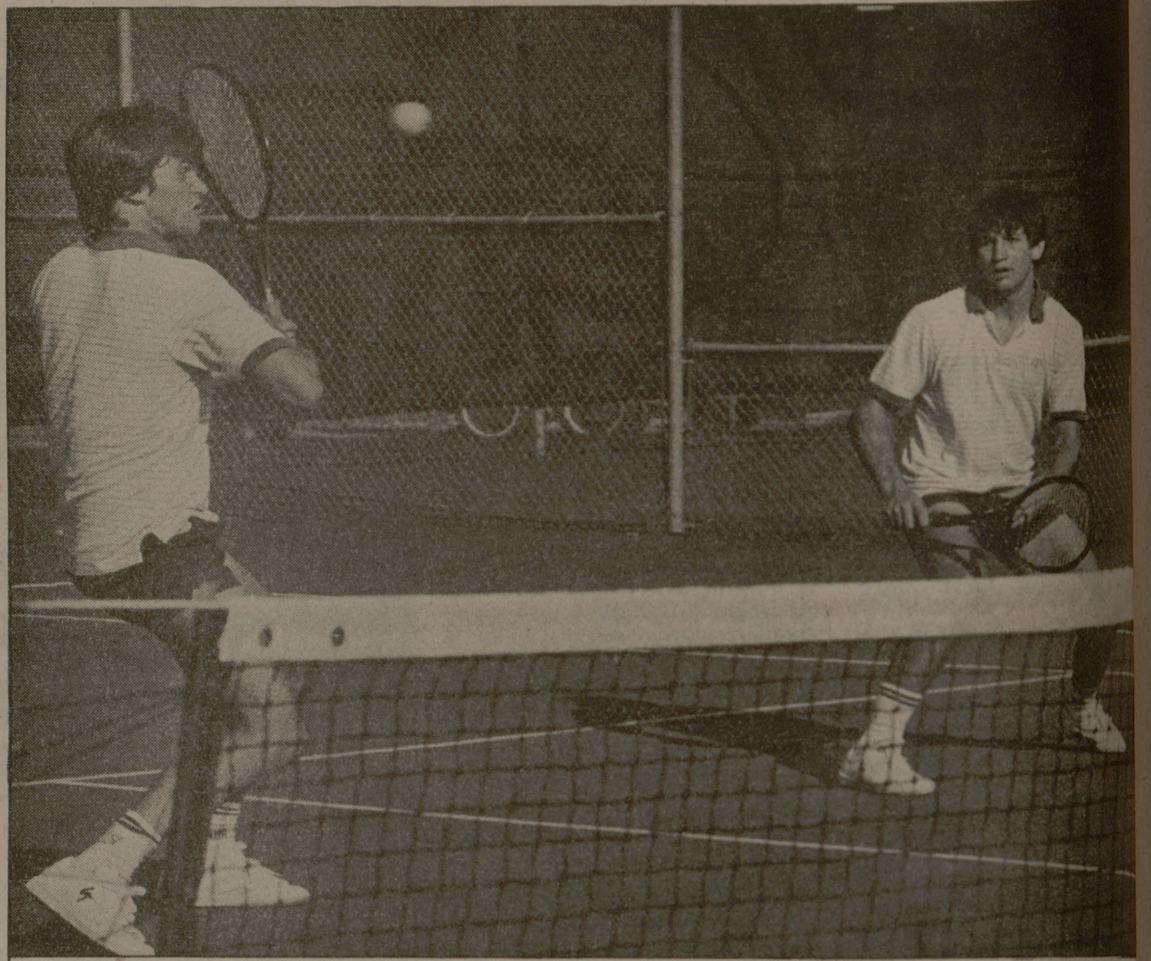


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Doubles Troubles

Texas A&M's Grant Connell (left) tries to make a backhand volley as doubles' partner Dean Goldfine (right) looks on. The Aggie

men's tennis team chalked up its seventh dual-match win of the year against Southwestern Louisiana over the weekend, 7-2.



Lesha Beakley serves the ball during a match against the Q-Zoo Saturday. A&M took first in the USVBA tournament.

A&M volleyball team begins where it left off

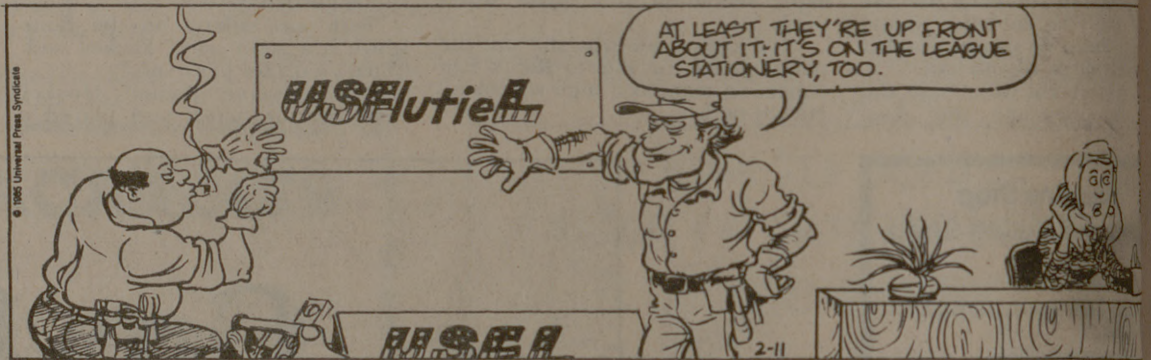
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The Texas A&M women's volleyball team ended the regular season ranked No. 15 in the nation. Starting the spring season, the Ags are ranked No. 1 — at least in the Lone Star Region. The Aggies competed in a United States Volleyball Association tournament in the East Kyle gyms Saturday. A&M defeated Texas Majic 4-15, 15-12 and 15-12 to take the championship. Texas Majic, a team composed of Gulf Coast area collegiate coaches and former college players, is the defending champion of the Lone Star Region. Add to that the fact that the Aggies practiced only three days prior to the tournament, and one gets the feeling that this team will be tough — real tough. A&M Coach Terry Condon was pleased with the results. "They played real well," Condon said. "They did a lot better than I expected. I sure didn't expect them to win. Their were a lot of good teams in

this tournament. This is the first time in about six or seven years that an A&M team has won an open tournament. If they're this good now, I hope they're this good at the end." The Aggies' first team was comprised of four returning starters, including All-American Sherri Brinkman, from last year's 33-4 team. The new starters are Stacey Smith and Stacey Gildner. Smith replaces Chemine Doty in the middle and Gildner replaces Angi Smith on the outside. "Everybody played pretty well at one time or another during the day," Condon said. "Stacey Smith played well in the middle and Stacey Gildner and Margaret (Spence) hit well from outside. Setter Lesha Beakley said the Aggies really played as a team. "I felt like there were no individuals out there," Beakley said. "We played as a team. Two years ago Majic smeared us. This is the first time we've matched people that used to beat us." The other A&M teams didn't fare as well in the 32 team tournament. The A&M women's second team won two matches, but lost four.

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SLAM DUNK - Aspiring Dr. J's, here's your chance to shine. Entries close at the preliminaries on Thursday, Feb. 14. Prelims will be held on the main floor of G. Rollie White starting at 7 p.m. Finals will be held at halftime of the A&M — Texas basketball game on Wednesday, Feb. 20.



TENNIS DOUBLES - Tennis everyone? Entries close Tuesday Feb. 12. Play begins the following week. Matches consist of the best two out of three sets. Participants must furnish their own racquets and supply an unopened can of balls or suffer a forfeit. Winning teams keep the unopened cans.



RAINOUT PROCEDURES

Every effort is made by the Intramural staff to reschedule rained-out games. Unfortunately, games often cannot be rescheduled, resulting in cancellation. No refunds are given when games are canceled. Rain-out decisions are available one hour prior to the first games scheduled for that day. Rescheduled games are posted after 2 p.m. the following work day on their respective league sheets. Team captains should check their schedule following rained out days to see if the rescheduling affects their games. Participants can call the Intramural Rain-Out Information line at 845-2625 for rain-out postponement information.

BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS WILL BE POSTED WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13 AFTER 2 P.M. PLAY WILL BEGIN SUNDAY, FEB. 17.

FORFEITS

Would you just burn a \$10 bill for the heck of it? Each time a team forfeits, they must pay a \$10 fee before they can play again. The Intramural-Recreational Sports Department has developed alternatives to forfeiting: defaulting and rescheduling. Defaulting teams must notify the IM office, in person, 24 hours before the scheduled contest. The defaulting team will lose that contest but will not be dropped from league play, be charged a forfeit fee or be given minus points in the dorm-point system. Rescheduling games gives your team a chance at victory. Teams wishing to reschedule a game should check with the IM staff member in charge of that event to find an alternate date and time. An approved schedule change request form must be completed 24 hours in advance of both the originally scheduled time and the rescheduled date.


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IM Checkout and reservations.....845-2624
IM-Rec Sports Office.....845-7826


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HORSESHOE DOUBLES - Look Mr. Ed. We just want to borrow them for a little while. Entries open Monday, Feb. 11 and close Tuesday, Feb. 19. Play begins Monday, Feb. 25. Each match consists of the best two out of three games to 15 points. Horseshoes are provided for the competition. No entry fee.



WRESTLING - Granted, it's not a Saturday night event, but hey, who said wrestling had to be only on Saturdays? Entries open Monday, Feb. 11 and close at weigh-in on Monday, Feb. 25 at 4:30 p.m. in the Men's locker room, 173 East Kyle. Matches begin Tuesday, Feb. 26 at 8 p.m. NCAA rules will be applied. Anyone who has wrestled for TAMU within the past two years is not eligible for this contest. No entry fee.

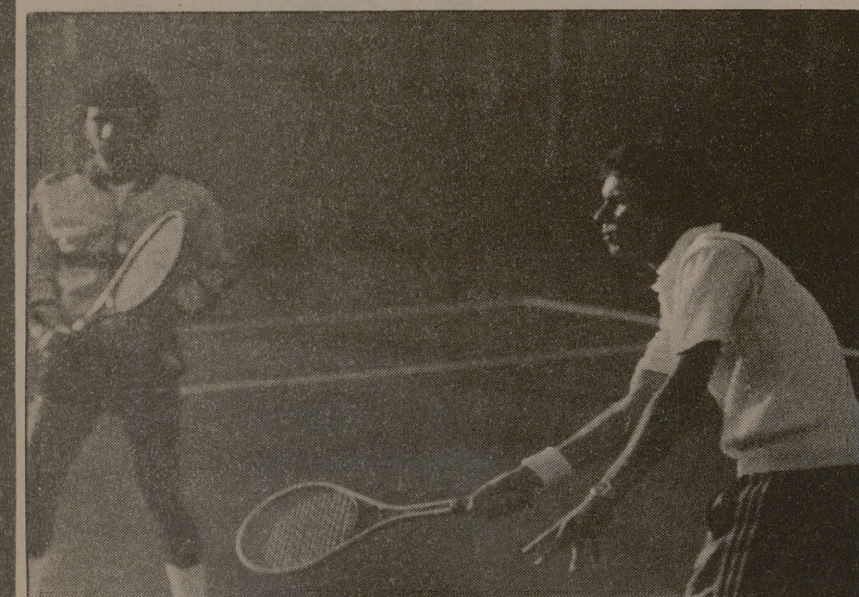


GYMNASTICS MEET

The TAMU Gymnastics Club is holding a meet this Saturday, Feb. 16, starting at 2 p.m. at Aerofit. Teams from Texas, Texas Tech and U.T.-Arlington as well as individuals from surrounding areas will compete. Competition will be in men's divisions only. Come out and watch the men compete on the high bar, parallel bars, vault, floor exercise, pommel horse and rings. Aerofit is located west of FM 2818 on Villa Maria.

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Tennis doubles entries close tomorrow at 6 p.m. Sign up your team. It's the only way you can win.