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# A&M rugby gunning for 16th title

## Ags to open spring season this weekend

By **DOUG HALL**  
Sports Writer

The Texas A&M Rugby Club will kickoff its spring season this Saturday against the Alamo City Rugby Club in pursuit of its 16th consecutive Texas Collegiate Championship.

Although Alamo City is a club team (not restricted to college students) and not one of the Aggies' collegiate opponents, A&M player Mark Flinn said the Ags have a lot to prove in Saturday's game.

"Alamo City beat us in San Antonio last fall," Flinn said. "We felt it was a very shabbily organized and refereed game. In fact, that referee is now under investigation."

But Flinn went on to say that Alamo City, who currently leads the club B-division of which the Aggies are a member, is not a team to be taken lightly.

"They're a very good team," Flinn said. "It should be a helluva game."

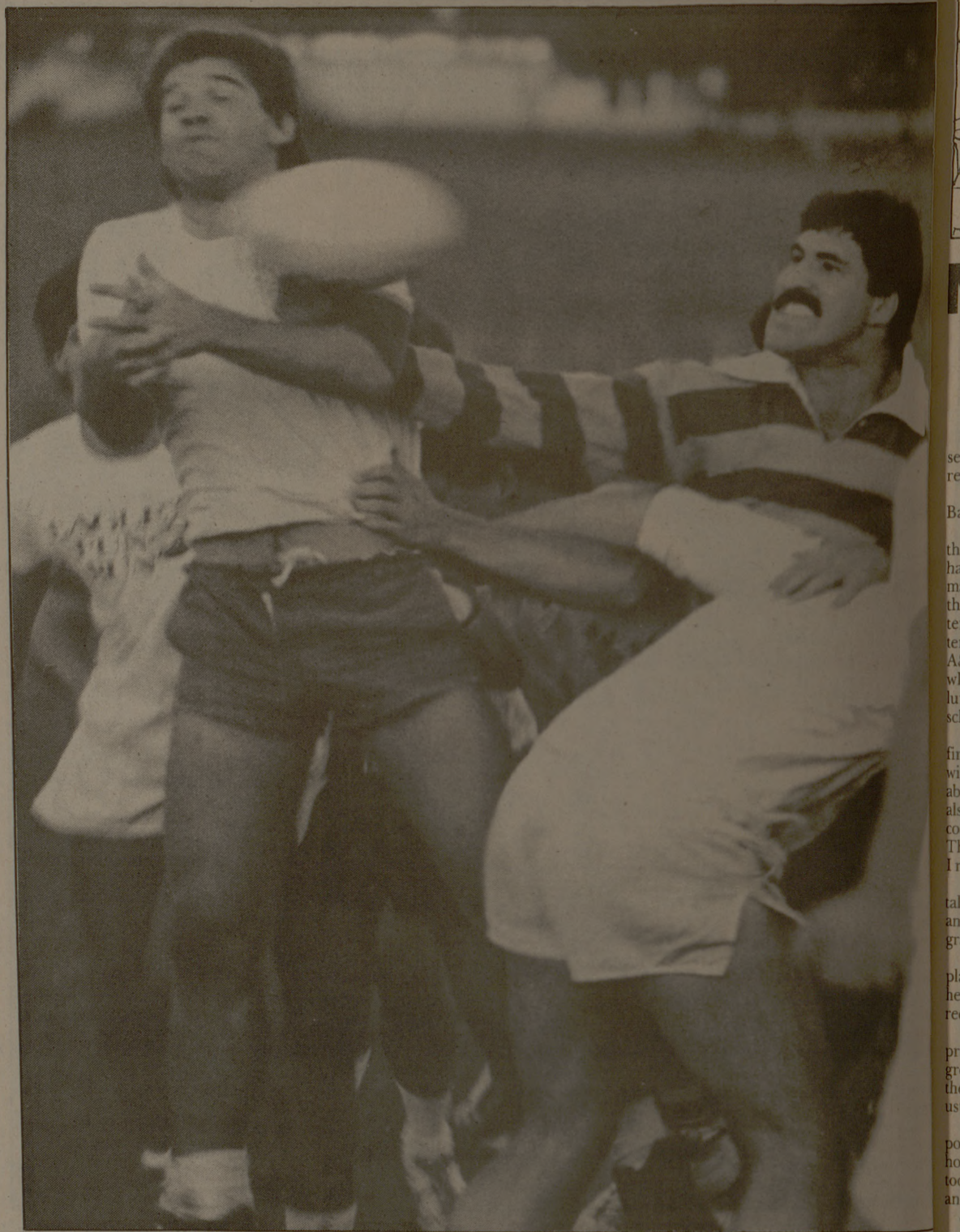
The Aggies are hoping to rebound from a rather disappointing fall schedule to win both their club division and the collegiate division. Graduation of key players, the loss of their player-coach and inexperience in their front line were the main problems the Ags battled.

"We have come along beautifully (this semester)," Flinn said. "Mark Rhoades, our player-coach, returned after laying out a semester, and we're really fit. We've really made a phenomenal turnaround."

Flinn said barring any injuries to key players, the Ags should be well on their way to regaining the B-division championship. They finished in second place last year behind the Shreveport club.

Flinn said the rugby team trains on Monday evenings and holds regular practices Tuesday through Thursday at 5 p.m. No experience is necessary for anyone interested in playing.

Saturday's game starts at 1:30 p.m. and will be played on the rugby field behind the Zachry Engineering Building parking lot.



A&M Rugby Club members fight for a ball during a practice last fall. The Aggies begin their spring season Saturday in pursuit of their 16th consecutive Texas Collegiate Championship.

# Tech sinks Houston with 2 OTs, 92-91

Associated Press

**HOUSTON** — Texas Tech's Sean Gay hit two free throws with 21 seconds to go in the second overtime and Tobin Doda hit 19 second-half points to lead the Red Raiders to a 92-91 victory over Houston Wednesday night.

It was Tech's second one-point overtime victory over Houston this season, including a 69-68 victory in Lubbock.

The victory snapped Tech's four-game Southwest Conference losing streak and gave Coach Gerald Myers his 300th career victory.

Alvin Franklin led Houston with 24 points as the Cougars dropped to a 10-10 overall, 4-6 in the SWC.

Houston held a 91-90 lead with 27 seconds left on a basket by Gerry McGee but Gay connected on both free throws after he was fouled by Houston's Renaldo Thomas to ice the game.

Tech now is 10-10 on the season and 5-4 in conference play.

The Cougars held a 73-70 lead with 55 seconds left in regulation, but Doda connected on a free throw and Tony Benford hit a basket with 33 seconds to play for a 73-73 deadlock at the buzzer.

Houston's Stacey Belcher missed a layup with 10 seconds to play forcing the first overtime.

With the score knotted at 81-81, Belcher again took the final shot and missed, the game went to the second overtime.

Tech trailed through much of the first half but rallied from a 27-24 deficit with a basket and two free throws by Gay and two baskets by Benford for a 32-30 halftime lead.

Benford, whose last-second shots have provided Tech with three victories this season, hit the go-ahead

bucket with five seconds left in the half.

**TCU 73, Arkansas 71 (2OT)**

**FAYETTEVILLE, Ark.** — Bryan Stinchcomb, who had not scored in nine previous Southwest Conference games, hit a 12-foot jumper with six seconds left to give TCU a 73-71 basketball victory over Arkansas in double overtime Wednesday night.

Stinchcomb, who earlier in the second overtime hit a key follow shot, was in the contest only because starters Larry Richard and Norman

Anderson had fouled out.

The victory allowed TCU to remain tied for second place in the SWC at 8-2. The Horned Frogs are 16-5 overall.

Arkansas fell to 10-11 and 2-8 in the league.

The Horned Frogs played without their leading scorer, Carl Lott of Marianna, Ark., who was sidelined for violating curfew. Lott has averaged 13.8 points a game this season.

Stinchcomb's shot gave TCU its first victory in Barnhill Arena since 1972, a span during which the Ra-

zorbacks defeated the Horned Frogs 15 times in a row.

Jamie Dixon led the Horned Frogs with 24 points and Carven Holcombe added 21, including two on an 8-foot jumper with one second left in the first overtime to tie the game again.

William Mills led the Razorbacks with 19 points and Mike Ratliff added 17. Andrew Lang had 13 points, a game-high 12 rebounds and three blocked shots.

Arkansas did not score a field goal in the last 7:23 minutes of regulation time as TCU overcame a 52-45 deficit to tie the game at 52-52 at the end of regulation.

Early in the first overtime period, the Razorbacks built a three-point lead on a long jumper by Ratliff and a free throw by Kevin Rehl. A free throw by Lang with 17 seconds left made it 65-61 but Ratliff was called for a lane violation, which prevented Lang from shooting the second end of the one-and-one.

Dixon hit a long jumper with 12 seconds left and Arkansas' Allie Freeman was fouled with seven seconds left. Freeman missed the free throw and Holcombe hit a jumper to force the second overtime.

**SMU 61, Baylor 57**

**DALLAS** — Kevin Lewis scored 22 points and Scott Johnson's accurate free throw shooting brought the Southern Methodist Mustangs from an eight-point deficit Wednesday night to a 61-57 win over the Baylor Bears.

SMU improved its SWC record to 7-3 and 15-6 overall, while the Bears dropped to 1-9 and 9-12.

The Bears, stung by an SWC ruling this week that they can't qualify for the post-season tournament because of NCAA probation, almost

stunned the Mustangs at Moody Coliseum.

Baylor led 33-30 at halftime, built up a 43-35 lead early in the second half.

SMU tied the game at 51-all bucket by Lewis, who immediately made a steal and dealt the ball to Terry Williams for the go-ahead score with two minutes to play.

Johnson hit four free throws the final two minutes, including a pair with 13 seconds to play, connected on two more with two seconds to go.

Michael Williams led Baylor with 18 points and Darryl Mills scored 16 points.

Terry Williams scored 16 points for the Mustangs in the slowest game.

Baylor shot 56 per cent from the field to 52 per cent for the Mustangs and outrebounded them 26-25.

**Texas 62, Rice 56**

**AUSTIN** — Karl Willock hit key baskets and two free throws to stymie a Rice comeback and secure a 62-56 Texas victory Wednesday night.

The victory keeps Texas 10-2 overall, in a second-place tie with TCU in the conference standings at 8-2. Rice dropped to 8-13 and 1-10 in the SWC.

The Longhorns frittered away a 34-25 halftime lead midway through the second period. Greg Hays scored 11 of the Owls' first 16 points and Andy Gilchrist hit two free throws with 8:12 left to pull the game within two, 47-45.

Willock, who finished with 10 points, hit the next two baskets in the time clock running down to the Longhorns breathing down the neck. Then he added three free throws down the stretch.

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