

# Sports

## Horns clip Aggies behind Heggs' 17

AUSTIN (AP) — Super-sub Alvin Heggs came off the Texas bench to score 17 points and lead the Longhorns past the Texas A&M Aggies 58 in the Southwest Conference Wednesday night.

Heggs, a junior transfer who is the second-leading scorer, hit 11 in his game-high total in the second half and was 7-of-10 from the field. He played despite a badly sprained ankle that has kept him out of practice all week.

Sophomore guard Travis Mays followed Heggs with 14 points, 10 in the first half.

Texas, which has won eight of its last nine, improves to 16-11 on the season and 10-5 in front of the biggest SWC crowd of the year of 9,933. Texas A&M drops to 15-14 and 7-8.

Thomas Gipson's dunk with almost three minutes gone in the game gave the Longhorns a 7-0 advantage.

Texas led 30-25 at the half. With Texas leading in the second half, 45-38, the Aggies outscored the Longhorns 7-0 in the next 2:22 to tie the game 45-45. After a George Mueller hook shot in the lane, Freddie Ricks tied it for the final time on a layup, 47-47.

In the next five minutes, the Longhorns outscored the Aggies 11-2 for its biggest lead of the night, 58-49.

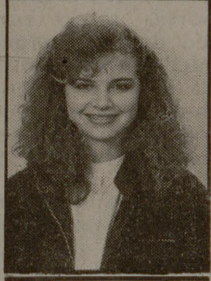
Donald Thompson and former Longhorn Doug Dennis paced the Aggies with 16 points each. Texas' leading scorer Darryl McNeal was held to 12.

## Summer sports burn bumbler

By Cray Pixley  
Sports Writer

The first rays of sun have started to break through these winter days and casual athletes are popping up all over the place.

When the weather is warm everyone gets out and becomes "athletic". I'm not talking about baseball or soccer. I'm talking about those sporting activities where the object is not just to win — but to



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catch as many rays as possible.

Sun and sports are a great combination.

Exercise and a tan — what more can you ask for?

Two of the most popular tanning sports are volleyball and frisbee throwing.

Volleyball is a fun team sport that gets the energy flowing.

It may be difficult to find a court and a team, but once these problems are solved you're ready to go. Volleyball is an honors game so to speak.

You must be somewhat of a decent player in order to gain a place on the team. Your serves should make it over the net and not into it or Austin.

I'm a lousy volleyball player but my friends don't know that quite yet.

I like to play, but if some improvement isn't made I may find

myself invited to enjoy the game from the sidelines. An inept player is not an asset but may be fun to watch.

I won't be able to mask my ineptitude for long but perhaps by that time I'll become a great player like Sinjin Smith.

I do have A&M volleyball star Yvonne Van Brandt in a class so maybe I'll ask her for some pointers.

Tossing the frisbee around doesn't need a court or a team.

It is a do-it-yourself sport.

The only problem with tossing a frisbee is that it looks so easy but is so difficult.

There is definitely a technique and art to the frisbee toss. Not everyone has mastered this technique and need I say that I'm one of those who haven't.

A frisbee is supposed to make a graceful arc through the air not topple end over end.

When I throw a frisbee it goes ripping through the air like a lethal boomerang causing the intended receiver to cringe and duck for cover.

It hardly ever makes its target and ends up in a shrub or on top of the house.

No one in his right mind would ask me to toss around a frisbee.

Unfortunately, I don't have a star frisbee tosser in my literature class to sponge off of for advice.

I think I'll keep a low profile on the frisbee circuit unless someone offers to coach a bumbling sports writer.

Maybe I'll take up the boomerang so no one but myself has to suffer from my lack of technique.

## A&M netters slay top-ranked team

By Anthony Wilson  
Sports Writer

CORPUS CHRISTI — For the second time in a week the A&M men's tennis team played the role of giant killer, slaying No. 23 University of San Diego 5-3 in the first round of the HEB College Tennis Team Championship Wednesday.

Unranked A&M defeated No. 23 Trinity Friday.

A&M's No. 1 singles player, Sean Johnson, lost to David Stewart 6-3, 6-4.

But the Aggies won three of the remaining five singles matches, then swept the doubles win.

No. 3 seed Steve Kennedy beat Mark Farren 6-1, 1-6, 6-3, and No. 5 seed Mike Chambers beat Dan Matterna 6-2, 2-6, 6-1.

Shaun O'Donovan, A&M's No. 2 seed, defeated Scott Patridge 0-6, 6-3, 6-3 in the last singles match to tie the contest 3-3 going into doubles competition.

A&M's No. 2 doubles team consisting of Dean Johnson and Craig Whitteker defeated Farren and J.R. Edwards 6-3, 6-3.

O'Donovan and Kennedy, the Aggies' No. 1 team, beat Patridge and Stewart 6-2, 6-2.

"That No. 1 doubles team was phenomenal," A&M Head Coach David Kent said. "They've really developed into a great team. I'm especially pleased because we've knocked off two of the top 25 teams."

The win boosted A&M's record to 7-2. The Aggies advance to the second round of the tournament against No. 20 Northeastern Louisiana today.

## Sports agent given maximum sentence

OPELIKA, Ala. (AP) — Former Atlanta sports agent Jim Abernethy, who has had dealings with several college athletes including two Texas A&M football players, was found guilty of a misdemeanor tampering charge Tuesday night and sentenced to a year in jail.

Afterwards, Abernethy and his attorney said they were confident the conviction would be overturned on appeal.

The jury of seven women and five men deliberated nearly 2½ hours before convicting Abernethy of tampering with a sports event.

They found him innocent of two other misdemeanor charges, commercial bribery and violation of deceptive trade law.

The charges stemmed from Abernethy's dealings with former Auburn University football star Kevin Porter.

Abernethy also had dealings with A&M's Tony Bartley and Melvin

Collins during the 1987 football season.

Abernethy, who remained free on \$1,000 bond, said he would appeal the verdict to the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals.

Assistant attorney general William Wadsden said the jury's decision would send a message to unscrupulous sports agents.

"The message is that sports agents cannot continue to ignore the rules and regulations of the NCAA," Wadsden said.

"If sports agents consciously interfere with the obligation that athletes have toward a university, then they are tampering with the outcome of sports events."

Defense attorney Bill Baxley asked Lee County Circuit Judge Robert M. Harper to show leniency because Abernethy cooperated with authorities by waiving extradition from Georgia to face the charges.

But Harper imposed the maxi-

mum sentence: one year in jail and a \$2,000 fine.

The case went to the jury earlier Tuesday after the judge, outside the jurors' presence, told state prosecutors they were stretching Alabama law "to the breaking point" in their case against Abernethy.

Harper, however, rejected defense motions to find Abernethy innocent before sending the case to the jury.

In closing arguments, Assistant Attorney General Don Valeska acknowledged that such a sports agent case had never been prosecuted before in Alabama.

Baxley told the Lee County jury that an innocent verdict would not "send a bad message" to the sports world.

He said the laws simply did not apply to Abernethy's actions and that Attorney General Don Siegelman ought to be drafting new legis-

lation to curb sports agent abuses.

After the prosecution rested its case Tuesday, the judge said the tampering count was the only one that seemed to relate to the evidence offered.

Porter, who resumed his testimony Tuesday, told the Lee County jury Monday that he got \$2,000 from Abernethy in his Atlanta office on Aug. 3, 1987, and later \$900 in cash was delivered by a go-between twice at a Wal-Mart store.

Porter testified the contract he signed with Abernethy did not alter his performance during Auburn's 1987 football season, when he earned first-team All-Southeastern Conference honors.

Disclosure of his contract with Abernethy disqualified Porter from playing his final game with Auburn in the Sugar Bowl on New Year's Day.

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