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Ag racquetball team dominates Mets la Meta la regional tourney championship

By Lyneen Johnson Reporter

Texas A&M, dominant over other Southwest Conference schools in football and baseball, captured yet another title last weekend at the South central Region Intercollegiate Racquetball Championship in Den-

Ten members of the A&M extra-mural racquetball team competed in the tournament, bringing home 10 first place awards including the

overall regional championship. Vicki Oliver and Diana Galindo, competing in a four-person team division, used their expertise and skills to capture 2nd place overall in the women's division, racquetball club president Ed Schipul said. Oliver and Galindo took 1st place in Division I doubles while Oliver

placed 1st in Division I singles.

Backed by a strong No. 2 team, A&M's No. 1 men's team took 1st place overall in the men's division.

The No.1 team from the Univer-

Texas State and the University of Acheson and Duffy took lst in Houston taking 3rd and 4th place, sion II doubles.

respectively. A&M's No. 2 team followed, plac-

ing 5th in the men's division.
"Each school sends their top four men and women as its number one teams; however, they have the option to send a second team in each

"The second team does not get tournament points for the school . . . it is its own entity.

division," Schipul said.

"The second team, when they are as good as ours, is able to knock out other people . . . preventing other schools' number one teams from receiving places and team points," he

A&M's No. 1 team of Bruce Bicknell, Phil Theimer, Curtis Acheson and Danny Duffy took 2nd in Division I, 1st in Division II, 1st in Divi-

The second team compete Mark Mills, Schipul, Patt Sadd, Duane Barone also received awa

the club president said. Mills won Division I Console

and Schipul won Division II (a) Sadd and Barone placed & Division II doubles.

Winning the regional title will A&M a better seeding at the tional Intercollegiate Champion in California, April 7-10.

"Last year we were seeded twe which resulted in an early eliztion by the number one teams,"S pul said.

"This year we will have a di to participate more and should out ahead of our 16th place ra

The No.1 team from the University of Texas placed 2nd, with North The No.1 team from the University of Texas placed 2nd, with North Spectively. Bicknell and Theimer also placed that we brought home last that we be provided that the brought home last that we be brought had below that we be brought home last that we be brought home last that we be brought had below that we be brought had below that the brought had below Stanley gets to relive childhood memories as Rangers put him behind plate for now

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) had some great ideas but they were Mike Stanley is happy that the Texas Rangers finally did what always happened to him when he was growing up in South Florida.

They assigned him a catcher's

'I was always the kid they stuck behind the plate," said Stanley, who has gone from a jack-of-all-trades utility man to the Rangers' starting

'I've always had these strong legs and that's where being a catcher starts," Stanley said. "If your legs go, so does your offense and defense. Stanley spent the off-season try-

ing to increase the velocity in his arm after throwing out only five of 79 baserunners in 61 games with the Rangers last season.

Former Ranger Joe Ferguson, a strong-armed catcher in his playing career, tried to teach Stanley his catching methods.

"When I was working with Fergy, we weren't really working with my abilities," Stanley said. "Fergy really geared to a player of his nature and Ferguson blew away baserunners

with his bazooka-arm. Stanley's power must come from his legs. "He (Ferguson) had a powerful arm and I have an average arm,"

Stanley said. "I have to do different Despite Stanley's throwing prob-lems and 18 passed balls, Manager Bobby Valentine saw enough prom-ise to trade Don Slaught, the only

Rangers catcher with major league

experience, and gamble on Stanley. "It's a gamble from the standpoint that he doesn't have much major league experience," Rangers General Manager Tom Grieve said. "But he's worked hard at improving his throwing and I think it will pay off

Stanley believes off-season work on mechanics will help improve his average this season.

"My big thing is getting my foot-

work to work to my benefit," St said. "I'm happy that right now able to become Mike Stanley. aid he'

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"It's just like every hitter has a ferent style. You can't make so body have one kind of a hittings What worked for Fergy d

Valentine made a project of s ley and personally took charged development.

"I stayed on in Dallas for 20 one month after the season and

necessarily work for me."

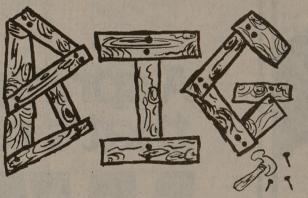
worked two solid weeks on the ing," Stanley said. "We filmed viewed it and looked at other are and studied them.

"I took all those new habitsheed them."

with me (to Fort Lauderdale, I he said. "I'm trying to do the things now."

Stanley was called up to the Reers from Class AAA June 2 and lidified his position by hitting for the month. He finished with the control of the month of the standard with the control of the month. 273 average with 37 runs bat







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