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e Aggies tumble to Texas in tourney

By Doug Walker Reporter

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Despite being edged in the team tandings, the Texas A&M gymnasis team had its best team performance of the year at the Texas Gymnastics Conference (TGC) hampionships this weekend at

Champions were crowned in the open and collegiate divisions for the men and in the open division for the

In the men's collegiate team competition, Texas bested A&M by a sore of 181.55 to 171.25 by winning we pommel horse and the vault by big margins. The Aggies had higher combined scores on the high bar, parallel bars and the floor exercise. UT squeaked by us," Ricky Farias, eam president said. "We did really ell, but they scored an unforseeae total.

David Clubb, a collegiate All-merican and NCAA Division II hampion in the horizontal bars went, said the Aggies put together heir best team performance of the

"I really wish we could have eaten Texas, but this was our best am score of the year, he said. "We ally came together for this meet." Teams representing Rice, Stehen F. Austin State and Southwest Texas State joined the Aggies and the Longhorns in the collegiate divi-

The Sokol team won the open am title as they nipped the Bryan-callege Station team 185.30 to

The Juergens team was third and team representing Southwestern mnastics was fourth

In the women's individual colleate competition, A&M's Alisa Sash took the all-around title ahead Amy Jensen of Southwest Texas

Sacash also won titles in the vault, e floor exercise and the balance m to lead a strong showing by the the vault and third on the balance &M women.

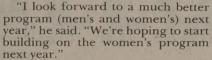
Birgit Irgolic, an independent, on the uneven bars ahead of second on the balance beam and



Photo by Kathy Haveman

A&M's Alisa Sacash performs her beam routine during the Texas Gymnastics Conference Championships held in the Read Building.

> fifth in the vault while A&M's Jennifer Hampton placed sixth on the uneven bars and sixth in the vault.



Clubb was the top individual Ag-gie performer in the men's individual events taking second in the allaround competition to Mark Shaffer of Texas

A&M's Hector Longoria was sixth and Floyd Osborne was ninth for the Aggies. Shaffer also won the rings and the pommel horse titles.

The floor title ended in a tie be-tween A&M's David Bunk and Texas' James Spry. Other Aggie floor exercise com-

petitors were Clubb and Denny Fulks (tied for fifth) and Esteban Longoria (tied for eighth). Bunk won the vault ahead of Spry

and Fulks. Clubb was fifth and Longoria tied.

for fourth for A&M.

The top Aggie performers in the pommel horse were Don Cardinal in fourth place and Steve Rowland in fifth. Farias finished fifth for A&M in

the rings event and Longoria was sixth followed by Terry Villareal in seventh. Clubb took first in the parallel bars while Longoria placed fifth

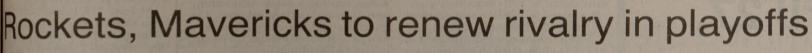
Clubb also won the high bar competition with Fulks taking fifth.

J.T. Fletcher, head gymnastics coach at Bryan High and represent-ing the Bryan-College Station team, won the men's open all-around title ahead of Johnathan Conrad of the Sokol team. Javad Khorsandi of the Sokol team was third.

Conrad won the pommel horse, floor exercise, rings and high bar ti-tles in the open individual competition.

Paul Hunter of the Bryan-College Station team won the parallel bars and was second in the vault behind Ross Vines, an independent. Meet Director Cid Galindo said

the event was a success because of the work of the members of the A&M gymnastics club.



The Summit.

said.

HOUSTON (AP) und NBA playoff series between e Houston Rockets and Dallas avericks already has been tagged "Interstate 45" series Now Rockets guard Robert Reid

ays it can be termed "heated. "It's going to be heated because

wyou're playing for (Texas) brag-mg rights," Reid said. "Plus, the team that wins this sees will automatically going to be ex-ected to face Los Angeles (Lakers)

the Western Conference finals. at's automatic

— The first meeting in the playoffs for the first series between time, will start their best of five games first-round series at Dallas' Reunion Arena Thursday

beam

The second game also will be in Dallas on Saturday and games are scheduled Tuesday and May 5 in Houston. A fifth game would return to Dallas May 7

The Rockets closed out the regu-lar season Sunday with a 127-119 victory over Phoenix, which missed the NBA playoffs for the third straight year. The Rockets had an 8-13 record

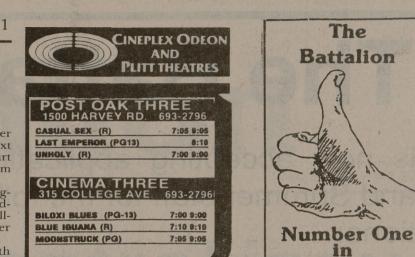
The Rockets and Mavericks, over the final 21 games of the sea-

sons and they lost their regular sea-Coach Bill Fitch says the Mavericks deserved to win this season. Houston also will take a three-

The Mavericks beat the Rockets in The Summit 108-106 on February 25 and 104-96 on April 19.

"Both times they played down here they deserved to win because they played better than we did,' Fitch said. "But we got a pretty good victory in Dallas so we know we can win there too.'

The Rockets beat the Mavericks 108-92 in Dallas and 117-107 in The Summit this season.



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Rangers relief pitcher

The A&M women's team is young and A&M Head Coach Ernie Kirk-Cheree Chatelain of A&M was ham said he expects improvement in the future

son series with the Mavericks 4-2.

game losing streak against the Mavericks into the series, including Dal-las victories in their last two visits to

All that now is meaningless, Reid

"We've got a lot to prove in the

The Mavericks hadn't won a sea-

son series against the Rockets since the 1983-84 season but Houston

playoffs but at least we won the last

game and that will get us going,'

Reid said. "It's a new season now.

A&M's Jacqueline Catala and Barbara Loudon of SWTSU. Sharilon Hall took second for A&M in the floor exercise, fourth in

drug use penalties

IOC will strengthen

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) -Armed with new penalties against substance-using athletes nd unethical laboratories, the International Olympic Committee is honing its attack on doping in sports to make sure this summer's Games are as drug-free as

"Last year, IOC-accredited labs around the world tested more than 37,000 samples, and 854 came back positive," Prince Alex-andre de Merode, chairman of he IOC's medical commission,

Anabolic steroids were the nost abused drug, showing posi-ive in 521 cases. Steroids add to nuscle bulk, but have been own to carry serious side effects uch as liver damage. Ampheta-nines and other stimulants were ext, with 301 cases.

The labs also found 24 cases here athletes used probenecid, a nasking agent," to try to hide

the presence of other illegal drugs

On Sunday, Merode urged the federations that govern the summer Olympic sports to adopt uniform drug penalties, suggesting a multi-tier plan similar to one the IOC is using for the first time this year

Under it, athletes who take drugs only to enhance perfor-mance are dealt with differently than those who might take then accidentally as part of a legitimate medication. There also are stiffer penalties awaiting repeat offenders, ranging up to a life ban in both cases

In addition, Merode said, the IOC is considering long-term suspensions from the Games for athletes found using drugs during Olympic competition. Presently, an athlete who tests positive is thrown out of those Games but can be reinstated for the next.

suspended for fighting

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Relief pitcher Mitch Williams was suspended for two games by the American League Monday for his part in triggering a brawl between Texas and the Boston Red Sox earlier this month and the Rangers said they plan to appeal the ruling.

Manager Bobby Valentine, in Tulsa for an exhibition between the Rangers and their Class AA affilliate the Tulsa Drillers, said an appeal hearing is scheduled for Friday in New York.

'It was a boys will be boys situation," Valentine said. "Suspensions are usually when it's something out of the ordinary. This was basically an ordinary, emotional situation where a little pushing occurred.

"The appeal will be mainly to find out if this is a precedent that will remain intact the entire year," he said. 'It's one of those things, if the suspension holds up, that we'll have to live with it and go from there.

Williams, a 23-year-old lefthander, exchanged punches with Boston's Marty Barrett after Barrett scored in the ninth inning of a game on April 8.

"I figured it'd be a fine. I didn't figure on a two-game suspension,' Williams said. "It's something I hadn't counted on, but it's something we'll have to deal with."

Williams said he wants to appeal the ruling "because I don't feel I should be the only one punished."

'I realize I was the one who threw the first punch . . . and I know I was wrong for that," he said. "But the Boston players were wrong for doing what they did. I just feel that if action was taken against both clubs, then it would be resolved.

Williams clashed with the Red Sox last season after hitting Jim Rice with a pitch and had another run-in with Boston this spring during exhibition

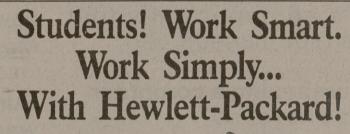


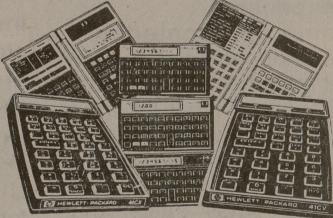
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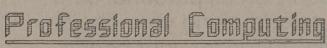
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