

# A&M swim teams fall to SMU without divers

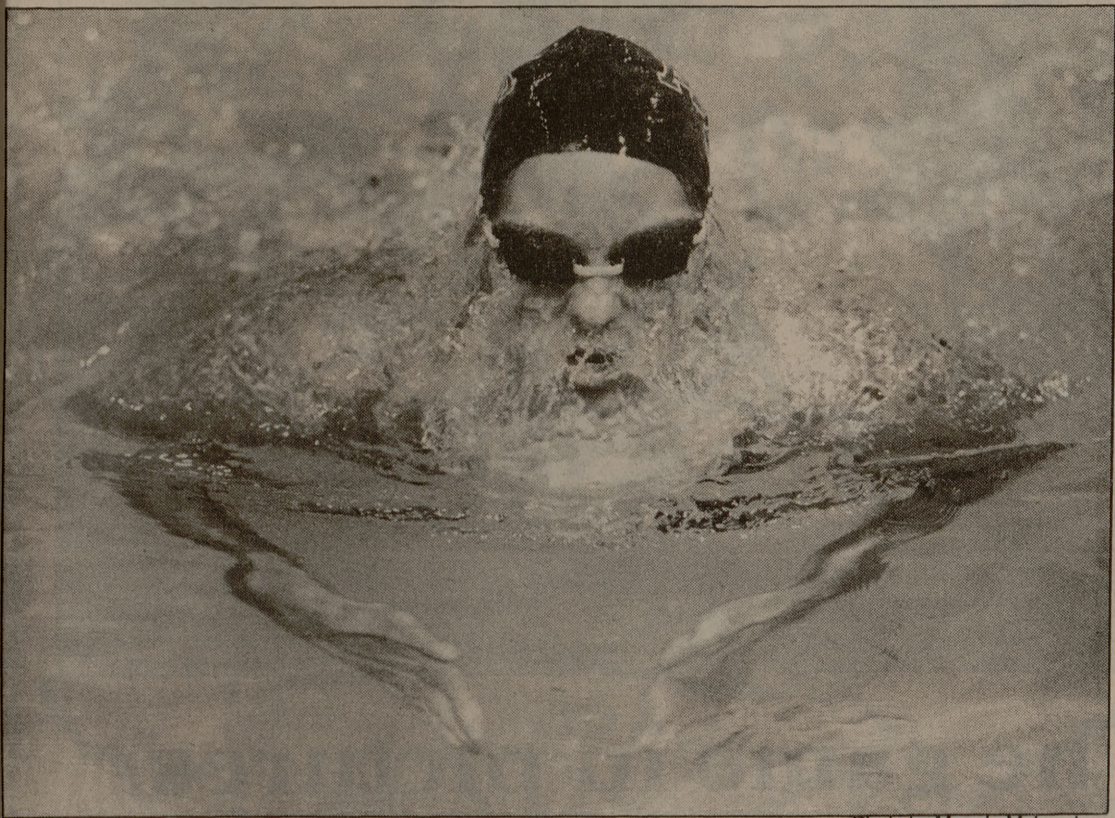


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A&M's Courtney Searcy competes in the breaststroke leg of the 200-yard individual medley. The A&M men and women's swim team lost to Southern Methodist in a meet this weekend at P.L. Downs Natatorium.

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Life isn't fair. Texas A&M Swimming Coach Mel Nash knows the truth in those words. In both of A&M's Southwest Conference dual meets the Aggies have lost to a team only because A&M does not have a diving team and must give the opposition all the possible points for the diving competition. It cost the Aggies dearly Saturday night at P.L. Downs Natatorium. The Aggies lost a dual meet to Southern Methodist Saturday, in spite of outscoring the Mustangs in swimming events in both the men's and women's competition. The lack of an adequate diving facility cost A&M both ends of the meet as the men fell by a score of 121 to 116 and the women lost to SMU 123-114. "If you just count the swimming events, we were dusting 'em," Nash said following the Aggies' second straight dual meet loss in SWC play.

The men outscored SMU in swimming events 116-86 while the women whipped the Lady Mustangs 114-91. The A&M men's team, led by impressive performances by Mike Varozza, Ernie Vela and Peter Staruch, came very close to erasing the 32-point deficit they faced with the loss of diving points. Varozza, a junior, picked up victories in the 100 and 200-meter freestyle and added a strong third leg to key a victory by the Aggies in the 400-meter medley relay. Varozza's performance on the butterfly leg of the

medley relay reminded Nash of former Aggie All-American Chris O'Neill. "On the medley relay, he went against Craig Jackson, one of the best, and left him behind," Nash said. "His split was within seven-tenths of a second of Chris O'Neill's pool record. He's becoming comparable to O'Neill." Varozza teamed with Ernie Vela, Don Boyd and Ed Altman for the victory in a time of three minutes, 25.81 seconds. Nash was pleased with the swimming of Vela. He led off the 400-meter medley relay win and won the 200-meter backstroke and was third in the 200-meter individual medley behind SMU's Greg Sargent and A&M's Todd Bartee.

Staruch added a second-place finish in the 200-meter backstroke to his part in the victory of the A&M 400-meter freestyle relay team. He joined Matt Cerizo, Scott Shippey and Altman in the relay effort which ended in a time of 3:12.15. Nash was especially with the times swimmers on both teams are posting. "The big thing is our times are so far ahead of last year," Nash said. "We're recording times in November that we're usually having in February." The A&M women's team, led by junior Susan Habermas, benefited from good performances from several sophomores and juniors. "Susan Habermas was just incredible," Nash said. "I

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# Hogs not satisfied with title; hope to go unbeaten in SWC

Associated Press

The question before the Southwest Conference now that Cotton Bowl-bound Arkansas has clinched its first outright title since 1965 is: Can the Razorbacks go unbeaten? Baylor Coach Grant Teaff, whose Bears were flattened by Arkansas 33-3 on Saturday, believes they can. "I think Arkansas has a legitimate chance to go unbeaten," Teaff said. "They do the things that allow you to be successful. There's no doubt in my mind they are the best team we've played this season. They deserve the SWC title." Arkansas hosts defending SWC champion Texas A&M on Saturday. The Aggies also are unbeaten in SWC play but can't claim the title or go to the Cotton Bowl because of NCAA probation. The Hogs (9-0) also have a Nov. 26 non-conference game against Miami, which humiliated them 51-7 a year ago. "This is definitely the best team Ken (Hatfield) has had," Teaff said. "They are mistake-proof. They lead the nation in turnover ratio and you can see why." "Arkansas also has a very sound, fundamental defense that can play very physical. They also have more depth than they've had. When they get beat up they have some other folks who can step in." In other games on Saturday, Houston kept its bowl hopes alive with a 66-15 slaughter of the Texas Longhorns. Notre Dame whipped Rice 54-11, Texas A&M downed Louisiana Tech 56-17, and Texas Tech gave Texas Christian its first home loss of the year 23-10.

Hatfield said, "We're one step closer to where we want to be. We play Texas A&M, the preseason favorite this week. We look forward to playing our best." Hatfield said the team's defeat of Baylor in Waco was important because the Razorbacks had lost three of the last four times they played there. "The history we have had with Baylor got our team's attention this week," Hatfield said. "We were ready to play." The last seven Baylor-Arkansas games had gone to the fourth period before they were settled. Arkansas quarterback Quinn Grovey scored on a 7-yard run and Barry Foster scored on runs of 8 and 18 yards. Kendall Trainor's field goals of 50 and 20 yards gave him a SWC record of 17 in a row. This is the fourth time Arkansas has been 9-0 (1964, 1965, 1969). In games this week besides A&M-Arkansas (Fayetteville) 1 p.m., Texas is at Texas Christian, noon, Texas Tech hosts Lamar at 2 p.m., and unbeaten Wyoming is at Houston in what should be a wild offensive show. Houston gave Texas its worst home loss ever as Andre Ware threw five touchdown passes and Chuck Weatherspoon ran for 218 yards. "Not in my wildest dreams would I have believed that I'd throw five touchdown passes and beat Texas like this," Ware said. "We knew we could beat them. We wanted them to know we are capable of destroying any defense." The Aloha Bowl in Honolulu has shown interest in the Cougars (6-2), but Houston must beat Wyoming.

# Oilers, Browns riding defenses into tonight's critical matchup

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Oilers and Cleveland Browns are on defensive highs going into their Monday night game in the Astrodome. The Browns played their best defensive game of the season last week in a 23-16 victory over Cincinnati. The Oilers, trying to make the playoffs for the second straight year, also had their best performance in beating the defending Super Bowl champion Washington Redskins 41-17. Game time Monday is 9 p.m. EST. "Our defense has played well all season and especially against Cincinnati," Browns Coach Marty Schottenheimer said.

"As we worked our way through problems with our kicking game and offense, the defense has been a strong point." Four times this season, the Browns

defense has held the opposition without a touchdown. The Browns stopped four Cincinnati drives inside its 14-yard line and sacked quarterback Boomer Eason four times. Oilers quarterback Warren Moon knows the feeling. He's 0-7 against the Browns since joining the Oilers in 1984. The Browns rank second in the NFL in total defense and they are first in the league in pass defense. The Browns are led by cornerbacks Hanford Dixon and Frank Minnifield, but they're also had improved in rushing the passer. Linebacker Clay Matthews leads the team with five sacks, and free agent signee Charles Buchanan has 4½ sacks in three games. "I know the cornerbacks are very good and I like their free safety, and everybody knows who Bernie Kosar is," Oilers Coach Jerry Glanville said.

"But I think the key to the whole thing is Clay Matthews. When the cornerback does get beat, Clay doesn't give the quarterback any time." "When somebody is about to make a big run, he makes a big play." Matthews is third on the team with 51 total tackles. The Browns have had good success against the Oilers in recent years, winning the last seven non-strike games. Moon has completed five of 23 passes in each of his past two games against the Browns and thrown seven interceptions. But the Oiler defense has played well against the Browns and Kosar. "The difference is they've won the games," Glanville said. The Browns beat the Oilers 40-7 in the Astrodome last year. Glanville hopes the difference this year will be the Oilers' improve special teams.

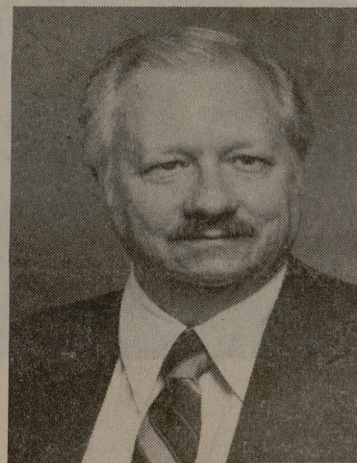
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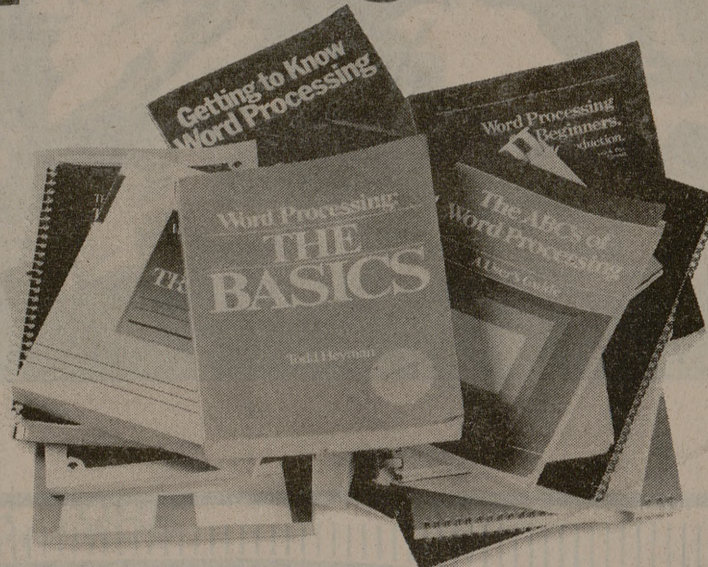
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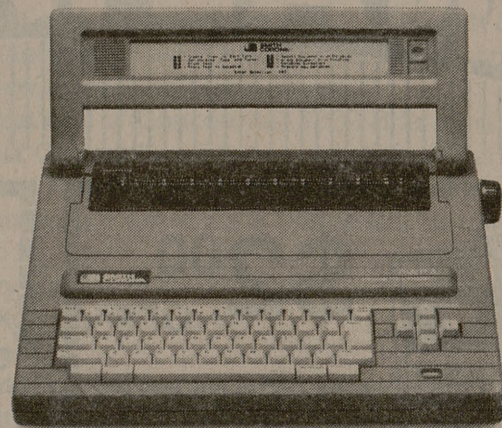
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