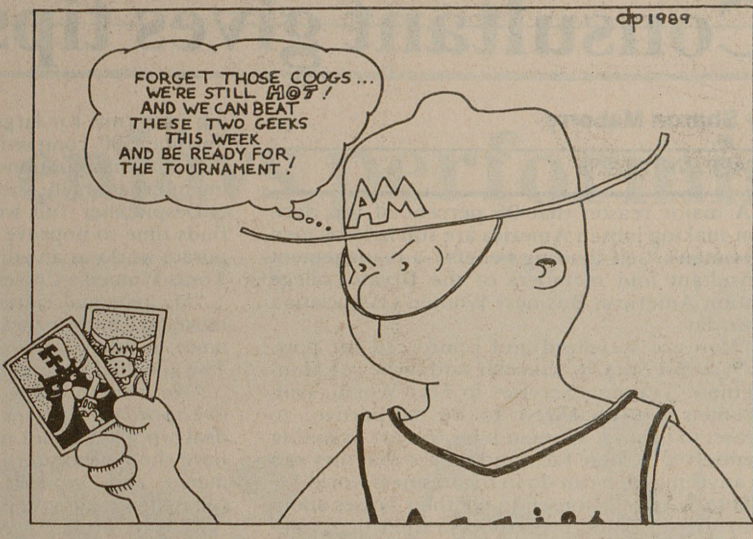


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Aggie swimmers 4th in SWC meet

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The Texas A&M women's swimming team stroked to fourth place in the Southwest Conference Swimming and Diving Championships in Austin over the weekend.

The Aggies scored 520 points in the three-day meet to place behind Texas with 995.5 points, SMU with 593.5 points and Arkansas' 550.5 points.

Coach Mel Nash said he was pleased with the number of points his swimmers scored and that he didn't expect to be in the running with Arkansas and SMU.

"Two thirds, maybe even more (Aggies) swam so far above their heads," Nash said. "It was a pretty neat weekend."

The Aggies were led again by Susan Habermas. The junior who was a double gold medalist in the last Pan American Games, posted two wins and a third-place finish. Habermas' winning time of 2:02.39 in the 200-yard individual medley broke a five-year-old conference record held by former Texas swimmer Joan Pennington. Habermas also won the 400-yard individual medley in 4:18.26 and nabbed third place in the 200-yard backstroke in 2:03.61.

Nash said her prospects at the NCAA meet are bright.

"She'll be one of the top if she can get there healthy," Nash said. Health problems bothered Habermas at last year's NCAA's.

Also qualifying for the NCAA meet was junior Jennifer Newcomb. She posted a time of 2:01.7 in the morning preliminaries to trim two full seconds off her previous best time in the event. Her 200-fly was a surprise to Nash.

"That was the shocker (for the meet)," he said.

However, she couldn't match her morning accomplishment in the finals as she swam to fourth place with a time of 2:03.56. She also captured second place that evening in the 1,650-yard freestyle in 16:44.86.

Freshman Laura Grimes doubled with victories in the 100 and 200-yard breaststrokes. Grimes made the NCAA cut in the 100-yard event with a time of 1:04.3. Nash said she was the surprise winner in the longer event.

"We thought (teammate) Ginger Hurley was going to win the 200 but Laura shocked everybody. We knew she'd win the 100."

Although A&M couldn't post any NCAA qualifying times in the relays, there were strong performances in those events. The 400-yard medley relay missed the standard by eight one-hundredths of a second but Nash said they will attempt to make the cut next weekend at the Texas Invitational. He also said that individual medley swimmer Courtney Searcy would try to make her cut again in the 200-IM after missing in Austin by three-tenths of a second.

Ousted Landry says he will never coach again

IRVING (AP)—Tom Landry will leave the Dallas Cowboys organization and never coach again, he said Sunday, a day after he was replaced as the only coach the team had in 29 years.

"It wouldn't be fair to keep me around hanging over everybody's shoulder," Landry said in an exclusive interview with The Associated Press.

"I wouldn't think I would coach again, because it would just be hard, not being in the Cowboys' blue," he said. "People will forget me pretty quick."

Landry, 64, was removed Saturday when Arkansas oilman Jerry Jones bought the team. University of Miami coach Jimmy Johnson, a friend and former college teammate of Jones, will be the Cowboy's new coach.

Johnson, who led the Hurricanes to the 1987 college championship, has never coached in the NFL. Johnson said Sunday he will not comment until a news conference Tuesday.

Jones and team president Tex Schramm flew from Dallas to Austin, Texas, on Saturday to meet with Landry and tell him of the change.

"No one had to tell me. I would have had to be pretty stupid not to know when they got on the airplane to come see me," Landry said. "They could have saved the trip because all they did was tell me I was fired."

Landry took over the Cowboys when they were a ragged expansion team in 1960 and led them to the Super Bowl five times, winning two of them.

Under Landry, the Cowboys had an NFL-record 20 consecutive winning seasons. The team sputtered the last three seasons, sinking to a 3-13 record in 1988, its second worst.

"I probably should have gotten out, but I really enjoyed the challenge of bringing a team to that game," Landry said.

Cougars

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77-76 Houston with 3:16 remaining. But the Cougars put a cap on the run and ran off a seven-point string of their own to make it 84-76 Houston.

Milton said he thought the Aggies could put the Cougars away after he hit the four-point play.

"We thought we had them on the ropes," he said. "But they came back and hit some key shots."

Upchurch got three of the seven points in the run that put the game away for the Cougars.

A&M got three-pointers from Lynn Suber, who had 15 points, and Milton to make the game closer. But Milton's shot to end the scoring came with only six seconds to go, and the Aggies could score no more.

Ricks said the home court was a big advantage for Houston, but the loss was mostly due to A&M mistakes. He gave the Cougars credit for the win.

"I congratulate Chaney on going out on such a good note," Ricks said. "They played us like we were the first-place team."

Houston jumped out to a quick 6-0 lead on three-point shots by Daniels and Chaney to start the game. A&M tied the game at 9-9 and took their first lead at 13-11 on a layup by Milton.

But A&M went dry and the Cougars were able to hit four free throws to make it 40-35 A&M.

Milton hit a free throw and Houston charged down to close the gap 41-38 on a three-point goal by Hollis at the halftime buzzer.

Hollis' shot turned the momentum toward the Cougars, who opened the second half in control of the game.

They quickly took the lead from A&M, 48-47, on a Chaney shot with just over three minutes gone in the second half. Houston never gave up the lead.

The Aggies next play Texas Tech Wednesday in Lubbock. Milton said A&M doesn't plan to change anything because of the loss to Houston.

"We're going to practice hard," he said. "We're going to do the same thing that got us the five-game streak."

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