Hand injury just the breaks with switch in sports

Thanks to the Texas A & M Physical Plant, I now think have a broken bone in my left hand. I don't think they did it on purpose, but nonetheless have an injured

Since first of last se-WINDER Sports Writer mester, some friends and I

have played football in the large yard next to Hotard dormitory. At the beginning of the year it was a nice green field, but after we came back from the Christmas holidays we discoved that someone had made large tire tracks near the south endzone and filled them back in with some kind of dirt substance. (I suspect the A&M Physical Plant did this, also). We continued to play anyway, and after about a month of bone-crushing tackles, the grass began to disappear. So to fix this problem, the A&M Physical Plant was sent out to put dirt on the lawn so the grass could grow back.

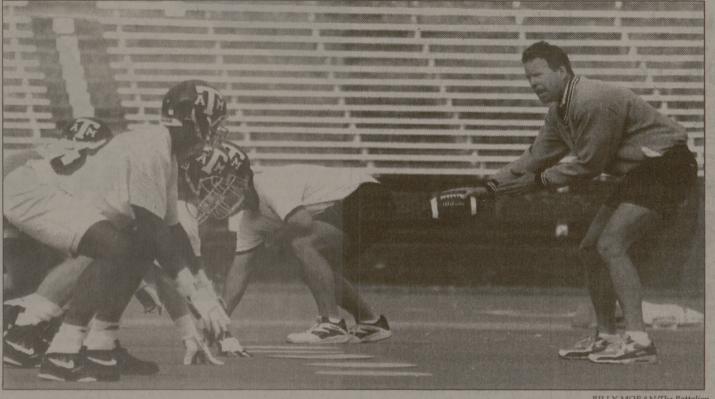
But instead of dirt they put little scraps of metal, shards of glass, rocks, pieces of bricks, and one huge chunk of cement. I guess they were putting the nuclear waste and hypodermic needles somewhere else.

So after months of being able to vent out the frustrations of school

every weekend by knocking one of your best friends senseless, we were forced to find a new recreation. Basketball, baseball and frisbee golf were all mentioned as replacements, but none fit the guidelines we had

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Barking out the signals



Bob Davie, Texas A&M's assistant head coach/defensive coordinator, leads the A&M defense through drills last week.

The Aggies begin their second week of spring practice, which is closed to the public, today at Kyle Field.

Perdomo earns All-American honors at NCAA meet

By LAURA GRIMES

Sophomore Diego Perdomo earned Texas A&M 15 points on its way to a three-way tie for 28th place at the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships in Indianapolis, Ind., last weekend.

Perdomo, a transfer from Oral Roberts University, took fourth place in the 100yard butterfly March 26 to earn All-American honors. Perdomo was second going into the finals with a time of 47.74 in the preliminaries, but finished in fourth with a time of 47.82. "Diego got All-American honors – not honorable mention, but the real thing," A&M assistant head coach Jay Holmes said. "That's how it should be done. He went in there and had fun with it. We had a lot of fun watching him on the awards stand.'

Perdomo was the only Aggie to score points at the meet. The Aggies swam all five relays, but came up short in each one. The 200 freestyle and 400 medley relays both placed 17th, while the 400 and 800 freestyle relays both finished 18th. The top 16 places swim in the finals for points.

To continue the run of bad luck, the
200 medley relay squad was one of five teams disqualified for illegal relay ex-

changes.

"We wanted more out of the relays,"

Holmes said. "Scoring in them would

have helped us out a lot as far as breaking the top 20. It just wasn't in the cards."

Junior Steve Lutz was the next fastest qualifier after Perdomo with an 18thplace finish in the 400 individual medley Stanford won the meet with 520.5

points, followed by Michigan in second with 396 points. The University of Texas was the top Southwest Conference team, finishing third with 326 points. Fellow SWC team Southern Methodist finished 10th with 148.5 points.

A&M sweeps Coogs, ties Tech atop conference

By WILLIAM HARRISON

The Battalion

The Texas A&M baseball team's double-header against the Houston Cougars at Cougar Field Saturday was just too big

for one day.

This year's decreased load of 18 interconference games to determine the Southwest Conference Championship pitted A&M, vying for first place in the SWC, against Houston, struggling against virtual elimination from the race.

After the dust settled from the 11-inning come-from-behind marathon series finale that started Saturday and was completed Sunday, A&M had swept Houston for the three-game series to claim a share of the Southwest Conference lead with Texas Tech at 5-1, and dreped the Coogs to the bottom of the barrel at 1-8.

The two teams combined in the dou-

ble-header for 63 runs, 64 hits, 37 runners left on base, 35 walks and 13 errors after seven hours and 35 minutes of play.

After the second game of the twinbill was called for darkness, an additional 40minute debate dragged on as the two schools' sports information staffs and the umpires scrambled to interpret a vague conference rule that was not specific regarding suspended play for darkness. A&M co-captain Billy Harlan was at a

loss to recall anything like the suspension at Cougar Field, the only field in the conference without lights.

'We weren't sure about the ruling, but we went and stayed in the hotel last night and everybody was real positive," Harlan

"It took two days to do, we spotted them seven runs, but those guys on the team never doubted that we could come back because we've got the firepower to

In the first game on Friday, A&M won 6-3 on the strength of Aggie pitcher Jeff Granger's third complete game and right-fielder Stephen Claybrook's four runs batted in. A&M never trailed, and Houston pitcher Jeff Wright got the loss for the

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