

Men's swimming and diving team faces Texas Friday, join women to take on TCU Saturday

By **ROBERT HOLLIER**
Staff writer

The No. 20 Texas A&M Men's Swimming and Diving Team (3-4, 1-1) return to their dual meet competitions when they host conference rival Texas, Friday at 4 p.m. After a tough meet last week against Minnesota and Nebraska, it does not get any easier for the Aggies as they face the No. 3 team in the country.

"Texas has some of the best swimmers in the world to compete against," Men's Swimming Coach Mel Nash said. "They will give us a definite measure of where we are and where we will need to be in the next three weeks."

Despite the tough competition the Longhorns will present, Nash said his team is ready and will be equally competitive.

"We have faced some of the top talent in the country," Nash said. "All four of our losses have come against top-15 ranked teams."

Kyle Marden, co-captain and lone senior on the team, said although the meet will be tough, it will provide a good experience for the team.

"(The meet) will give some of our less experienced

swimmers a chance to see some great competition from some great swimmers," Marden said.

On Saturday, the men's team will join the No. 25 Texas A&M Women's Swimming and Diving Team (4-

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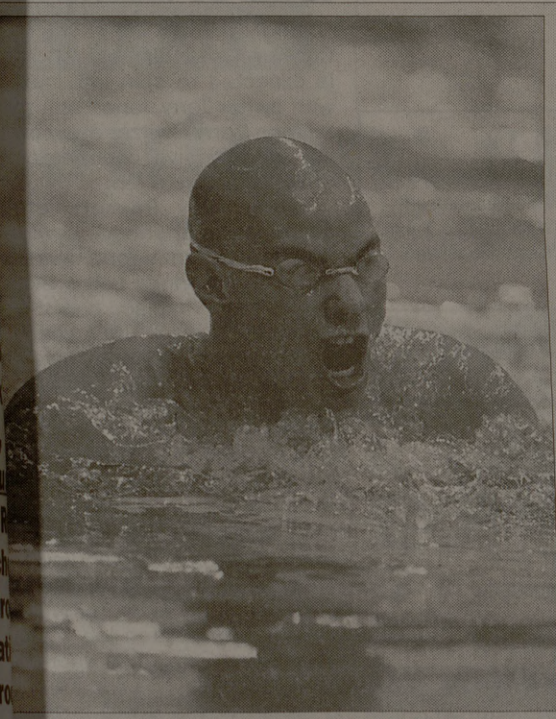
Stacie Karnes, senior co-captain, said the team feels good about the meet.

"We will be competing in events we do not normally compete in, but the team is confident and I like our chances," Karnes said.

In the diving competitions, the men's and women's teams defeated Minnesota 29-9 and Nebraska 22-16. Also, junior Mark Naftanel set an A&M record in the 1-meter high dive event with 320 points against Minnesota and finished second to Nebraska. The women, led by senior Jodie Janssen and sophomore Danielle Guarneri, placed first, second and fourth in the 1-meter against Minnesota and first and third in the 1-meter against the Huskers.

Diving Coach Kevin Wright said although the diving team is not prepared for the NCAAs yet, he likes the teams' overall effort and positive attitude.

Next week the men's team will travel to Dallas to face the SMU Mustangs on Feb. 6, while the women's team will host the Rice Owls on Feb. 7.



RYAN ROGERS/THE BATTALION

son Miles and the men's swimming team will battle Texas on Friday and join the women to take on TCU Saturday

Women to battle Missouri Track and field off to Houston

Aggies looking for second conference victory against Tigers

By **MICHAEL TAGLIANTI**
Staff writer

The Texas A&M Women's Basketball Team will play the Missouri Tigers (10-8, 2-6) at 2 p.m. Saturday at G. Rollie White Coliseum. The Aggies (5-12, 1-6) are coming off a tough 63-58 loss to the Kansas Jayhawks in Lawrence, Missouri is recovering from a 69-home loss to Baylor.

The keys to the game will be M's ability to control Missouri's offense and shut down Missouri's inside-outside combo of Sha Bond and Julie Helm. Missouri leads the Big 12 in steals with 10 per game. Senior point guard Barbara Williams leads the Tigers defense with 41 steals on the season, averaging 2.6 per game.

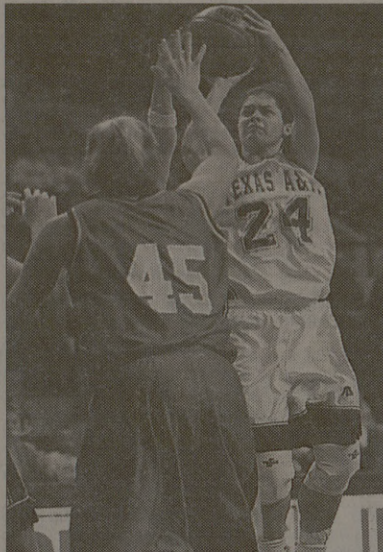
The Aggies are coming off a game in which they committed 28 turnovers, their most in any con-

ference game this year.

Helm leads the Tigers in scoring, averaging 20.6 points per game. Bond is second in scoring at 14.9 points per game, and leads her team and the Big 12 in rebounding with 11.5 rebounds per game. The Missouri offense is run by Williams, who ranks in the top ten in the conference in assists and assist-to-turnover ratio.

In the loss to KU, the Aggies were led by sophomore forward Prissy Sharpe who scored 14 points to go along with 14 rebounds. This was Sharpe's 13th double-double of the season, which leads the Big 12. Against KU, junior point guard Kim Tarkington came up just three assists short of a triple-double—with 10 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists.

The game against Missouri marks the beginning of a two-game homestand for the Aggies.



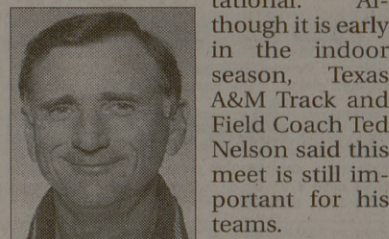
AMY YATES/THE BATTALION
Amy Yates and the Aggies will be shooting for their second Big 12 win.

By **MICHAEL FERGUSON**
Staff writer

On Saturday, the Texas A&M Track and Field Teams will travel to Houston to compete in the Houston Invitational. They will face the University of Houston, the University of Texas, Rice, Texas Christian, Texas-Arlington and Texas Southern in what promises to be a competitive meet.

The Aggies will be following up an impressive showing at the in-

door season-opening Sooner Invitational. Although it is early in the indoor season, Texas A&M Track and Field Coach Ted Nelson said this meet is still important for his teams.



Nelson
of these early meets is getting our

freshmen's feet wet and getting them some competition indoors," Nelson said. "At the same time, we have some experienced people that have chances to qualify for the National Championships."

Senior Adrien Sawyer has already done that, and hopefully after this weekend, that list will be longer.

The meet will take place at the indoor track on the campus of the University of Houston. Field events will begin at 9 a.m. with the track events following at around noon.

TCU in town to play Texas A&M

By **AL LAZARUS**
Staff writer

The Texas A&M Men's Tennis Team plays its first match of the season this Saturday when the Abilene Christian University Wildcats come to town. The match will take place at the Omar Smith Tennis Center and will begin at noon.

While Abilene Christian may not be thought of as a strong tennis school, to mind, its men's tennis team is consistently one of the best in its conference. Coach Tim Cass says he is aware of this fact.

"They've got a bunch of good athletes, and they're disciplined players, so it's going to be a good match for us," Cass said.

Carlos Tori said when small schools get a chance

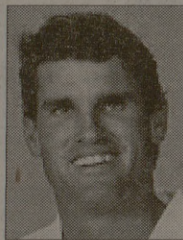
to play a large university like Texas A&M, they are often intent on coming out and playing their hardest.

Tori, the lone senior on the men's team, says he is certainly going to remember this during Saturday's match.

"Anytime you're playing a small school, they're so fired up, and they want to win so badly," Tori said.

Tori said last season was disappointing, and he is ready to get this season off to a good start.

"Coming out of a year like last year, we want to come out and make a statement," Tori said. "We have to play hard our first match."



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