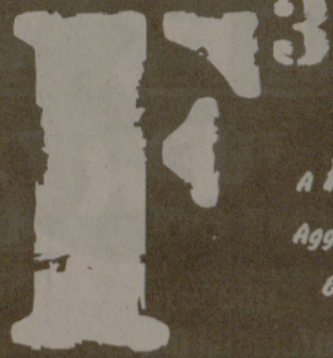


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Swimming and Diving teams ready for action in Pittsburgh

By Jeff Allen
THE BATTALION

The A&M swimming and diving teams will be donning their maroon parkas and hitting the road this weekend for a meet in the climate-controlled wonderland of the frozen North. More accurately, they will be going to Pittsburgh for a five team invitational.

"Well, you just want to see different competition," said men's head coach Mel Nash. "Last year we went to Indiana, the year before that, or so, we went to North Carolina. We try to go ahead and get exposure to other schools and see different people you'll see at the national championships; it also helps your recruiting base to go out and be seen in other places."

Both teams will be facing their first real tests in three weeks after easily defeating the University of Louisiana-Monroe last week. The men (2-2) are looking for their first big win of the season after falling to national powers USC and UT earlier in the year.

"Pittsburgh is a real good, solid team ranked 22nd or 23rd. They usually shave down a number (of swimmers) for this meet," Nash said. "Michigan State is a Big 10 team and they

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— Mel Nash
men's swimming coach

have lots of good swimming there which brings another aspect in.

"U Conn always has some good individuals and they'll come in shaved down too, when those teams shave some people and it ends up being a pretty good head to head match, it gives us someone to race in every event."

The men will be hoping to solidify the No. 16 national ranking with a strong showing in the meet. The team is trying to hold on to a streak of Top 25 finishes dating back to the 1995 season.

For the women (4-2), this meet will serve as a guide post

of things to come. So far this year the No. 24 team has proved itself a force to be reckoned with in a convincing victory over Arkansas team it fell to in the previous. In the same meet though, the ladies succumbed to the then No. 6 SMU Mustang team.

"I feel pleased that they're going in the right direction," said women's head coach Bultman. "They've gotten better as the season has gone on. We're looking for them to have some season best times."

Both teams are looking to come up against some top competition this weekend amidst the docile climate of an indoor natatorium. The men's women will be facing the University of Pittsburgh, Michigan University of Buffalo and the University of Connecticut.

The competition will be today and span the weekend concluding on Sunday, at the time the Aggies will be home. The meet will be the meet of the semester for the men.

The women have one more challenge before the end of the semester against the University of Kansas in Lawrence Dec. 1 in their first Big 12 competition of the year.

Sweet 16

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athletes all around the field. They are very disciplined in the way that they play. The game doesn't get out of control for them very much. They're definitely worthy of their No. 3 national ranking."

The winner of the Texas A&M/UCLA match will play the winner of the Tennessee/North Carolina match in the national quarterfinals.

UCLA holds a 1-0 edge over A&M, winning its only match in 2000, 4-0.

Kickoff is set for 9 p.m. central time on Saturday.

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out a 3-2 win at home against the Aggies.

The road has been a place the Aggies have struggled this season, winning just three times in conference.

With just three regular season matches remaining, a road win in Lubbock could go a long way to making an impression on the NCAA selection committee.

"We know we've got to go into these next two games with a mindset that we will win and come out on top," Munsch said. "We need these three games. It would be nice to win these to show the NCAA committee that we can win on the road."

First serve Saturday is at 7 p.m. in the Spirit Arena.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Aggies open season Sunday versus TSU

The Texas A&M men's basketball season will begin Sunday when Texas Southern University visits Reed Arena for a 7 p.m. tipoff.

The Aggies finished the exhibition season 1-1 after falling to

the EA Sports Southwest All-Stars on Tuesday at Reed Arena, 98-94.

Leading the Aggies during the game was Leandro Garcia-Morales who notched 27 points, 10 rebounds, and six assists.

Bernard King added 26 points and shot 12 of 14 from the free-throw line.

The Aggies are looking to rebound after a 9-22 start last year in which they finished last in the Big 12 Conference.

TSU is coming off of an 11-17 season in 2001 but will be returning 12 of their 14 seniors from last season.

A&M is 7-0 all-time against TSU and the teams have not met since the 1993 season.

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