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***** Sports *****

Duncan ranch victors in tough series

In one of the most exciting finishes in the five years of the Rice Area Men's Softball League, Duncan Ranch captured the league championship in the third and deciding game of the league's best of three playoff, beating the Yard Dogs of Columbus on Wednesday night of last week at the city ballpark in Eagle Lake.

Ranch, sponsored by L. V. Duncan Ranch and coached by Vance Duncan, reached the playoff series by winning the first round of action in the 10-team league, finishing with an unbeaten record. The Yard Dogs, sponsored by City Cafe in Columbus, took the league's post-season tournament title to gain its playoff spot.

Altogether, the two teams met seven times this season: once in the first round, three times in the tournament, and three more times in the league playoff. Duncan Ranch holds a four to three edge in those games.

The playoff was set up Tuesday night of last week with the Yard Dogs winning the league tournament. Duncan Ranch, after losing in the finals of the winners bracket, worked its way back into the finals against the Yard Dogs and won the first game in the double-elimination event forcing the final game.

But the Yard Dogs, led by Bobby Estrada with three home runs and a double, edged Duncan 16-10 to win.

In the league championship series on Wednesday, the Yard Dogs held on to the momentum gained the night before and took the first game of the best of three playoff in a low-scoring 5-4 game. Duncan Ranch bounced back to win game two by the score of 13-6 with Jim Mathis, George Matthis and Wayne Zimmerman each collecting three hits in the win. Ben Perez and Mike Leopold had three hits each to lead the Yard Dog offense.

In the third and final game, Duncan Ranch pounded out 23 hits and won 22-9. Brock Ashby's bases-loaded triple in the fourth inning and Jim Mathis' grand slam inside-the-park home run in the sixth, were the big blows that led Duncan to the win. Mathis, who played despite a slight shoulder separation suffered in Tuesday's action, along with Ashby, Mike Grigar, Zimmerhanel and Matthis, all had three hits in the game.

The championship was the first for Duncan Ranch in Rice Area Men's Softball League, having finished second in 1980 and 1981, then third in 1982. For the Yard Dogs, it was the team's second straight year to win second place.

Other places awarded in the league include third to the Federals; fourth to the Brewers; fifth to the Clod Busters; a three-way tie for sixth to Bumper Crop, Cowboys and A's, followed by Devastation, Inc., and M-G Tire Service.

A special thanks is extended by the players and teams to the umpiring crew of Bill Appelt, Bill Carpenter and Jack Grammer for handling those duties during the league tournament and the playoffs. Thanks also was extended to Jeff Franks for reporting the scores each week to the local newspaper.

Duncan Ranch batting averages

Player	AB	Hits	Avg.
Jim Mathis	67	39	.582
George Matthis	58	33	.569
Steve Almanza	59	32	.542
Brock Ashby	65	32	.492
Mike Morales	63	30	.476
Mike Rucka	65	28	.431
Vance Duncan	63	27	.429
Pinto Broesche	72	30	.417
Wayne Zimmerhanel	77	32	.416
Mike Grigar	71	29	.408
Stevie Almanza	15	4	.267
Rico Cortez	4	2	.500
Paul Johnson	2	1	.500
Team	681	319	.468

Additional boat ramp to be built at Fayette

A boat ramp will be built at the Fayette Power Project cooling pond near the park community, according to the Lower Colorado River Authority. It will open within the next 90 days.

Approved by the LCRA board of directors at its recent meeting, the ramp will be open continuously from noon Fridays until 8 p.m. Sundays, and give an additional 100 boats access to the Fayette Power project cooling pond, according to Terry Colgan, LCRA parks and lands supervisor.

"The cooling pond has been recognized primarily as a fishing lake," Colgan said. "Due to the size of the existing boat ramp and the parking area, which is limited to 120 vehicles, we have had to turn away potential users because the parking lot was full. The addition of this second boat ramp will help to accommodate the popularity the cooling pond has enjoyed."

Construction will include fencing, barrier posts, a small entrance station, security lighting and a parking area, Colgan said.

The Park Prairie ramp will be ready for use by October 1st, or sooner if construction goes as planned," Colgan said.

Boaters will be able to reach the ramp from old Highway 159, on the west side of the cooling pond, which Colgan said would help alleviate traffic congestion on new Highway 159 at the entrance to the existing ramp.

LCRA will charge a \$2 entry fee per day for each vehicle, the same fee charged at the existing ramp. Camping at the new site also will be available for an additional charge of \$2 per car per night, the same as at the existing ramp, Colgan said.

LCRA and the City of Austin, which own the power project site, built three boat ramps at the cooling pond before it was filled in 1978. Because of limited funding, only one ramp was opened in August 1979.

A's win their own tournament

The A's softball team of Eagle Lake held its third annual men's softball tournament during the first weekend and the host team came away with the championship of eight team event.

The A's, coached by Archie Noska, went undefeated in the two days of play, defeating the Rollers of Columbus in the finals on Sunday afternoon. The Rollers, coached by David Hernandez, received the second place trophy while the Silver Bullets of Eagle Lake, coached by James Moore, placed third and the Bucks of Eagle Lake, coached by Alvin Sosa, won fourth place. Other teams competing were the Rebels of Sealy, MTM, Apaches and the Yard Dogs which dropped out before its first game.

Tournament director Noska, presented trophies to the winning teams at the conclusion of play on Sunday at Eagle Lake's City Ball Park, including many individual awards. They went to: Jimmy Carter of the Rollers, most valuable player; Victor Davis of the A's infield golden glove and Brian Ellis of the A's outfield golden glove.

Members of the A's also received individual trophies and team members receiving these awards included: Brian Woods, Victor Davis, David Cardenas, Brian Ellis, Troy Grounds, Mateo Navarro, Billy Teague, Calvin Tillman, Archie Noska, Dexter Black, Darrell Spears, Billy Thompson, Richard Cortez, Clarence Spears, Gilbert Sosa and bat boy Jason Noska.

Fishing report

Editor's note: This is a feature we will include as often as possible. Not being avid fishermen ourselves, we need you to let us know which lakes are your favorite fishing spots so we may include them in future listing. The information is provided by the Texas department of wildlife.

Corpus Christi: Water murky, seven feet low; black bass slow; striped fair to four pounds; crappie very slow and small; white bass good at night under lights; catfish excellent to 23 pounds in good numbers on rod and reel; gaspergou good to five pounds on liver, shrimp and worms.

Bayou Vista: Water clear, normal level; black bass slow; catfish fairly slow; black bass fair to good to six pounds on spinners and grubs; black worms; white bass good to 75 fish per stringer; striped a few below dam, slow in lake; crappie slow; channel catfish good to three pounds; blue catfish good to 18 pounds; yellow catfish good to 70 pounds.

Rayburn: Water clear, 18 inches above pool level; black bass good to four pounds in 5-8 feet of water; striped slow; bream fishing excellent on crickets; catfish good on rod and reel to three pounds, trotline slow.

Somerville: Water clear, 78 degrees, normal level; black bass slow; hybrid striped good to seven pounds; white bass schooling; catfish excellent to five pounds on minnows; crappie excellent to three pounds on minnows and jigs.

Salwater: Fishing generally slow; trout good to four pounds in West Bay on live bait; redfish to seven pounds in same area, some over-sized.

Port Aransas: Offshore normal level; black bass good to 10-35 pounds; snapper good but small; trout good to three pounds at wells in Corpus Christi Bay, some to two pounds at Cummings Cut; sandtrout good around ferry landing; boulder fair around wells and in channels; redfish good to eight pounds on live bait and pink Mirrolures in the flats and drifting in Estes Flats.

Corpus Christi: Redfish good to 30 inches mainly along channels and around causeway and around Humble Channel; specks good to six pounds in same area, some on west bank on Intracoastal from JFK Causeway to Baffin Bay.

Port Isabel: Snook to three pounds near causeway, to 15 pounds in South Bay; trout to nine pounds in ship channel; redfish no report; good numbers of kingfish just off jetty; slow offshore due to weather.

Ladies softball tournament opens

The Ladies Softball on Burns St. League here will conduct its tournament Monday night at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. through Thursday of next week. Games are scheduled at the Little League Field Thursday night.

The finals will be played Thursday night.

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Fire ant product banned

The Texas Department of Agriculture is warning consumers about the marketing of a product which may be misleading as to its effectiveness in killing fire ants.

TDA has placed a stop sale order on Fire Ant Special Ant Liqueur, manufactured by Hide International of Longwood, Florida. Ron White, TDA's assistant deputy commissioner for regulatory programs, said the order was placed on Fire Ant Special Ant Liqueur because of the company's failure to provide any information about its effect on fire ants and to otherwise register the product under the Texas pesticide law.

"The product label makes no specific claim to control fire ants," said White, "and the label does not disclose its ingredients so it is impossible to evaluate its usefulness."

One Texas distributor of the product has voluntarily agreed to remove the product from sale, but the department does not know how many other outlets may be selling the Fire Ant Special Ant Liqueur, and White said "we want consumers to be aware of this problem — they may be wasting their money."

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