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# UT Favored In SWC Track

Texas should have no trouble repeating as track and field champions in the Southwest Conference meet May 19 in Austin. Rice should take second fending off threats from A&M, Baylor and SMU.

Eight SWC records have been equalled or bettered this year while four others have been threatened.

Nine performers have run faster than the conference three-mile

mark. Texas has the two best marks this year with Tim Patton's 13:45.6 and Ricky Yarborough's 13:45.8 but Arkansas' Desmond O'Connor (13:50.4), Baylor's Pete Morales (13:54.2) and Rice's Jeff Wells (13:56.0) could take it.

SMU's Sam Walker looks like a sure bet to become the SWC's first four-time shot put champion. His best toss of 65-5 is out of the range of Texas' Bishop Dolegiewicz (62-5½) and Rice's Ken Stadel (60-11).

Texas has the top six times in the SWC in the mile but can enter only four in the conference meet. This year's top time is Tim Patton's 4:05.6 but two-time mile champ Ricky Yarborough (4:06.5) will not be eager to relinquish the title. A&M's Pat Bradley and Rice's Steve Schroeder and Bob Nellums could also figure in the race.

In the 120-yard hurdles, A&M's Scottie Jones (13.5) has the edge on Texas' Randy Lightfoot (13.7) and Rice's Mike Fulghum (13.9). Jones' time tied the A&M and Drake Relays records and is two-tenths of a second faster than the conference mark.

Texas' freshman sensation Sigi Busba's throw of 264-10 is 15 feet better than the conference record and he should spoil three-time SWC champion Jim Pearce (243-5) hopes of a fourth crown. A&M's Bill Newton (219-6) and SMU's Phil Morgan (222-3) and Glen Derwin (219-2) will battle it out for third.

Rice's Dave Roberts mark of 17-6 in the pole vault is 10 inches better than Texas' defending SWC champion Bill Smalley's best effort. Other contenders will be A&M's Harold McMahan (16-0) and David Peterek (15-6) and TCU's Mark Thompson (16-0).

Texas has the two best times in the 440-yard dash this year with Don Sturgal's 46.7 and John Lee's 46.9. Defending champion Denny Dicke of Rice has posted a 47.0 while TCU's Lee Williams (47.5) and A&M's Doug Brodhead (47.6) are dark horses.

Two-time 220-yard dash champ Joe Pouncy of SMU may have trouble repeating as seven sprinters have equalled or bettered his season's best of 21.3, including his brother, Gene, (21.2); Texas' Don Sturgal (20.9), John Lee

(21.2) and David McKee (21.3); Houston's Wayne Johnson (20.9) and Mike Williams (21.2); and A&M's Sammy Dierschke (21.3).

Texas' William Oates should repeat as high jump champ with a season's best of 7-0. Grouped behind him at 6-9 are A&M's Ben Greathouse, Baylor's Gary Kafer, Houston's Dave McMenamin and Texas' Silverio Bosch.

The top 11 runners in the 880-yard run have times within a second of each other. The top 880 men are Baylor's Sonny Rollo (1:50.9) and Mark Lawless (1:51.1); Texas' Paul Craig (1:51.0), Rudolf Griffith (1:51.2), Reed Fischer (1:51.3) and Bill Goldapp (1:51.4); Rice's John Powell (1:51.2) and A&M's Horace Grant (1:51.8).

The 100-yard dash will be between SMU's Gene Pouncy (9.4), Joe Pouncy (9.5) and Rufus Shaw (9.6); A&M's Sammy Dierschke (9.5), Billy Porter (9.5) and Gerald D'Ambrosio (9.6); and Texas' John Lee (9.5), David McKee (9.6) and Don Sturgal (9.6).

Rice's Mike Cronholm has never lost to Texas' Robert Primeaux in the 440-yard hurdles though both have posted a 50.3. Baylor's Paul Stevens (51.4) and Jimmy Gailey (51.7) should be in the running.

Two-time discus champion Ken Stadel's top throw of 209-2 is 10 feet beyond the conference record and 20 feet better than top contender Bishop Dolegiewicz' best.

The long jump is the only event where Texas does not have a top contender. Defending champion Danny Brabham of Baylor is all alone with a season's best of 26-9½, a foot and a half past his own SWC record. Other top jumpers are teammate Ricky Thompson (25-6½), Texas Tech's Ken Ford (25-3½), SMU's Kenny Harrison (25-3) and A&M's Donny Rogers (25-0¼).



Kent Ellis, Evangelist  
"No Excuse For Sin"

Men are inclined to excuse their sins, rather than to forsake them. This is apparent many times in life, and is pointed out in Scripture. In the parable of the "marriage supper and slighted invitation" Jesus depicts men excusing themselves from any responsibility toward God (Luke 14:18-20). And, in the parable of the "unforgiving servant" and His lesson on the "mote and the beam," the Lord shows how people tend to excuse their own sins, if not those of others (Matt. 18:21-35; Matt. 7:1-5).

However, in the light of what Christ has done and yet does for us, there is no real excuse for sin. Jesus said on one occasion: "If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin; but now they have no excuse for their sins" (John 15:22). Christ is a perfect Savior to fulfill man's every spiritual need. If we are ignorant of God's will, we have the words of Christ to enlighten us. If we are guilty of sin, we have Him as a sacrifice and high priest to atone and intercede for us. If we are weak, He gives strength, etc. There is no spiritual need of man that Christ cannot and does not fill.

There is only one explanation, then, if any man continues in sin. That is because he chooses to do so. And that is inexcusable. We may seek to justify our sins to ourselves and to others by the excuses that we make. But such will not avail with God. Having a perfect Savior who wants to remove our sins, we "have no excuse for... sin." It will not be possible to justify sin in judgment. Christ has removed any semblance of justification for it. Sin cannot be excused, but it can be forgiven. Sin cannot be justified, but the one who turns from it can. Instead of trying to excuse your sins, obey Christ and He will remove them (Acts 2:38).

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