

Cindermen lose in Houston, prepare to host SMU, TCU

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The A&M track squad opens its 1974 home season Saturday against SMU and TCU.

The Aggies are coming off a disappointing loss to the Rice Owls Saturday in a triangular meet with the University of Houston as the third team.

The Owls gathered 68 points to 57 for the Aggies even though A&M had six wins to Rice's five. Houston was third with 45 points and five wins.

Saturday, the sprints will be the featured events as A&M and SMU possess the class of the SWC sprinters.

In the 100-yard dash, Gene Pouncy has a wind-aided 9.2 to his credit which, coupled with an impressive win over world record holder Steve Williams and Olympian Don Quarrie in the Astrodome meet earlier this year, would probably rank him as favorite. However, A&M's Charles Dawson came away winner at the Border Olympics.

The only time the two have met, and posted a 9.6, his best time of the year. TCU's Bill Collins has run a wind-aided 9.4 but has been unable to defeat either Dawson or Pouncy whenever he has run against them. Sam Dierschke, who ran a 9.4 last year and finished second in the conference meet for the Aggies, will be running the century for the first time this year. Dierschke might be an upset winner as could A&M's Carl Roaches, the best high school sprinter in the state two years ago, who is just coming back into shape in his premier season with the Aggie tracksters.

Joe Pouncy has the best time in the conference this year with a wind-aided 20.8 but Dierschke has yet to lose at this distance this season. The speedster from Sealy has clocked a 21.4 while Collins has a 21.1 as his best.

The 440-yard relay should be a real battle if the Aggies can keep the baton in circulation. A&M has failed to negotiate the final handoff for the past two weeks. The Aggie team of Gerald D'Ambrosio, Dierschke, Dawson and Scottie Jones has the SWC's best time at 40.6 while the Mustangs have posted a 40.9. The SMU team of Mike Rideau, Rufus Shaw and the Pouncys won the SWC title last spring.

Shaw has a 48.0 in the 440-yard dash while A&M's Doug Brodhead has run a 48.1. TCU's Lee Williams could also figure in the race.

The javelin is shaping into a fierce contest as SMU's Glenn Derwin faces Aggie Bill Newton for the second time this season. Derwin threw the lance 225 feet, 10 inches to win at the Border Olympics while Newton had to be satisfied with second and a toss of 210-10. Newton threw 216-4 to win at Rice last week and has a season's best of 217-1. Mustang freshman Rick Goldback could surprise with a good throw as he presently owns the SWC's third best mark of 203-3.

The shot put will be one of the most hotly contested events of the afternoon as SMU's Don Randall takes on A&M's Craig Carter. Carter has the fourth best mark in the conference with a put of 54-0 but Randall is right behind him with a best of 53-6. Carter put 53-10 last week against Rice and Houston.



SAM DIERSCHKE

Knodel quits as Rice coach, Aggie considered for job

HOUSTON (AP) — Rice University Athletic Director A. M. Bale strated the search for a new basketball coach Tuesday with early emphasis placed on three assistant coaches.

Don Knodel, head basketball coach the past eight years, resigned suddenly Monday and announced he was retiring from coaching. The Owls finished this season with a 5-9 Southwest Conference record after being picked unanimously for last place.

Bale said assistant coaches George Mehaffey and McCoy McLemore both had expressed interest in the job and a third assistant, former Rice player Greg Williams, also would be considered.

Mehaffey, a former player at A&M, has been on the Rice staff five years after coaching in the Houston school system. Mehaffey was drafted by St. Louis in the NBA after making All-SWC in 1957 but entered the Air Force instead.

McLemore, an all-Missouri Valley Conference selection at Drake,

played professional basketball nine years and was a member of the National Basketball Association champion Milwaukee Bucks in 1971. He came to Rice two years ago as a basketball and football assistant coach.

Williams, voted the most valuable player in the SWC in 1969, also is serving as an assistant coach, scout and recruiter. Williams was a graduate assistant one year before going full time in 1971.

The Rice squad, which had gone through some frustrating moments with Knodel during the past season, was surprised by his resignation.

"We knew he was concerned about something but we didn't expect this," freshman Howard Laidlaw said.

Team captain Scott Fisher said, "It took me pretty much by surprise. I kinda had some vibrations that something was going to happen but I thought it was just a rumor."

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The 880-yard run will see the debut of premier A&M half-milers Harold Davis and Ron McGonigle at this distance. Neither has been able to run his specialty this year as both have missed most of the young season, McGonigle with a leg injury and Davis due to illness and death in the family. Horace Grant and Adolph Tingan will also be contenders for the Aggies as their chief competition will be SMU's Kim Grist.

Other A&M entries by events:
 Mile run—Pat Bradley, Jim Sheffield, Danny Jones, Paul Goodman, Jacob Yemme.
 120-yard high hurdles—Scottie Jones, Shifton Baker, Richard McGilvray.
 440-yard hurdles—Shifton Baker, Craig McPhail, Richard McGilvray.
 3-mile run—Jacob Yemme, Kyle Heffner, Marvin Maphet.
 Pole vault—David Peterek, Brad Blair, Don Corley, Tom Nance.
 High jump—Phil McGuire, Don Riggs, David Frazier.
 Long jump—Shifton Baker, Tom Owen.
 Discus—Tim Brown.

440 relay—1, Houston (Mike Williams, Larry Gnatzig, Barney Williams, Wayne Johnson), 41.6 2, Rice 41.9.
 Shot put—1, Ken Stadel, Rice 59-7 1/2, 2, Craig Carter, Texas A&M, 53-11 1/2, 3, Steve Horster, Rice 48-7 1/2, 4, Buddy Briscoe, Rice 48-2 1/2.
 Javelin—1, Bill Newton, Texas A&M, 216-5, 2, Mike Goodwin, Rice, 174-5, 3, Chuck Hodges, Rice, 138-10, 4, Mike Fulghum, Rice, 136-8.
 Mile—1, Bob Nellums, Rice, 4:13.4 2, Steve Schroeder, Rice, 4:15.0 3, John Lodwick, Rice, 4:16.4 4, David Brennan, Houston, 4:21.5.
 Long jump—1, Tom Owens, Texas A&M, 23-0 1/2, 2, Wayne Johnson, Houston, 22-11 3/4, 3, Roger Mayes, Houston, 22-7 1/2, 4, Shifton Baker, Texas A&M, 22-0 1/2, 5, Jim McCann, Rice, 21-11 1/2.
 120 yards hurdles—1, Scottie Jones, Texas A&M, 14.3, 2, Churek Hodges, Rice, 14.4, Shifton Baker, Texas A&M 14.4, 4, Mike Fulghum, Rice, 14.7.
 High jump—David McMenamin, Houston, 6-8, 2, Phil McGuire, Texas A&M, 6-8, 3, Cliff Fruge, Houston, 6-6, 4, Glen Ray, Rice, 6-4.
 440—1, Doug Brodhead, Texas A&M, 49.7, 2, Sam Waugh, Rice 49.8, 3, Ron McGonigle, Texas A&M, 50.4, 4, Jewell Dearman, Houston, 51.2.
 100—1, Wayne Johnson, Houston, 9.6, 2, Charles Dawson, Texas A&M, 9.6, 3, Mike Williams, Houston, 9.6, Vern Patterson, Rice, 9.8.
 800—1, Jose Baez, Houston, 1:54.6, 2, Pat Bradley, Texas A&M, 1:54.6, 3, Rory Trupp, Rice, 1:55.3, 4, David Beyer, Rice, 1:55.5.
 440 hurdles—1, Larry Gnatzig, Houston, 53.0, 2, Shifton Baker, Texas A&M, 53.3, 3, Jim McCann, Rice, 54.5, 4, Chuck Hodges, Rice, 54.8.
 220—1, Sam Dierschke, Texas A&M, 21.4, 2, Wayne Johnson, Houston, 21.5, 3, Mike Williams, Houston, 21.8, 4, Barney Williams, Houston, 22.0.
 Pole vault—1, Mike McElveen, Rice, 15-6, 2, David Peterek, Texas A&M, 15-0, 3, Brad Blair, Texas A&M, 14-6, 4, Chris Pechnaux, Rice, 14-6.
 Three mile—1, Jeff Wells, Rice, 14:05.6, 2, Tom Birch, Houston, 14:23.0, 3, John Lodwick, Rice, 14:31.0, 4, Jacob Yemme, Texas A&M, 14:40.1.
 Discus—1, Ken Stadel, Rice, 189-9, 2, Bill Newton, Rice, 172-11 1/2, 3, Dean Daugherty, Rice, 156-5 1/2, 4, Tom Brown, Texas A&M, 145-0.
 Texas A&M (Gerald D'Ambrosio, Ron McGonigle, Sam Dierschke, Doug Brodhead), 3:17.4, 2, Rice, 3:17.6.
 Team points—Rice 68, Texas A&M 57, Houston 45.

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