

# Rain slows tracksters times

## Weather hinders Aggies at Kansas, Baylor meets

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The A&M track squad battled rainy weather in competition although the squad was split into two units participating in meets hundreds of miles apart.

Eleven members were forced to run through wind and rain at the Kansas relays Saturday while the rest of the squad suffered similar inclement weather at the Baylor Invitational meet in Waco.

The wet track didn't seem to bother hurdler Scottie Jones as he ran to his best performance of the season in the 120-yard high, copping a wind-aided 13.6 to take third place in the top flight field. His previous best of the year was a 13.7, also wind-aided, but he holds a share of the school record of 13.5 which he set last year. That record could be in jeopardy as Jones said last week he feels he could run a 13.4 this year.

Also impressive in the 120-yard hurdles was freshman Shifton Baker, who turned in a 14.1 in the preliminaries but was eliminated in the quarterfinals.

The mile relay team of Harold

Davis, Horace Grant, Craig McPhail and Doug Brodhead turned in their top time of the season, winning their preliminary heat with a 3:11.7. In the rain-marred finals, the team could run but a 3:15.1, still good enough for third behind Texas' winning 3:14.0.

The two-mile relay team suf-

fered a bit of bad luck as Ron McGonigle threw a shoe on the first turn of the second leg. After a fine opening leg by Pat Bradley, McGonigle took the baton in third place, five yards out of first, 10 yards ahead of the fourth place team and 25 yards ahead of Texas, the nearest SWC team.

The shoe slipped off as McGonigle entered the first turn he hobbled to a 2:02 with the Aggies far back in the 22-team race. A fine third leg and anchor Adolph Tingan and Grant's not enough to finish in the top five.

"I thought we did real well," said coach Charles Thomas. "We looked good in all the relay runs together well as a team."

While Thomas and his assistants were getting wet in Kansas, assistant coach Ted Nelson and the remainder of the squad were in Waco, the nearest SWC team.

The wind and rain kept the athletes from performing to par but Craig Carter still managed to have a good day in the shot put with a 53-4.

Pole vaulters David Peck and Brad Blair managed to third and fifth places, respectively, with sub-par vaults of 6.

Tim Brown tossed the 154 feet 5 inches to take place and round out the top five for the Aggies.

# Aggie golfers take 4th place in SWC

Henry Ransom's Texas Aggie golf squad managed a tie for fourth place with Texas Tech in the Southwest Conference championships in Houston yesterday.

A&M was fifth after first day play. Texas' Jim Mason sank a 45-foot putt on the final hole Tuesday to rally the Longhorns to a tie with the University of Houston for the title.

The defending champion Longhorns had started the final day of the 54-hole tournament with a six-stroke lead over the determined Cougars.

Texas still had the lead going into the final nine holes of Tuesday's 27-hole series but then the Cougars started their charge.

When Mason came up to the final hole lead and Mason coolly plopped in a birdie to tie the score.

Houston's Keith Fergus, who won the individual honors with a final 27-hole total of 106, then missed a 14-footer that would have given the Cougars the cham-

ionship anyway. Fergus finished with a 54-hole total of 216, even par for the par 72 Bear Creek Golf World west of downtown.

Texas and Houston finished with 903 totals and Southern Methodist was third with 921.

Mason finished the tournament at two over 218. He was tied for the individual lead going into the final day with SMU's Mark DeBolt. DeBolt faded to a 78 Tuesday and finished with a 54-hole total of 222.

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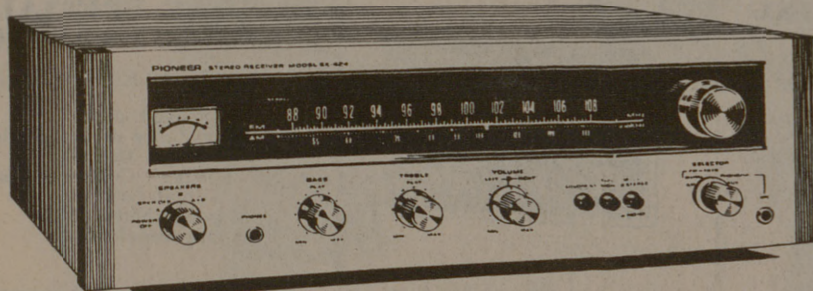


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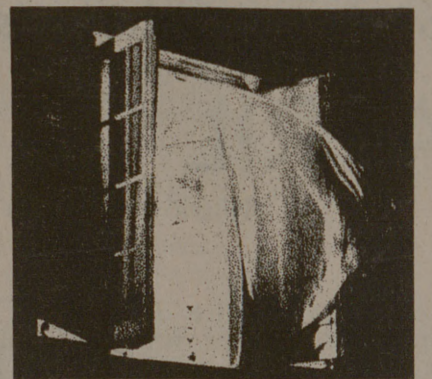
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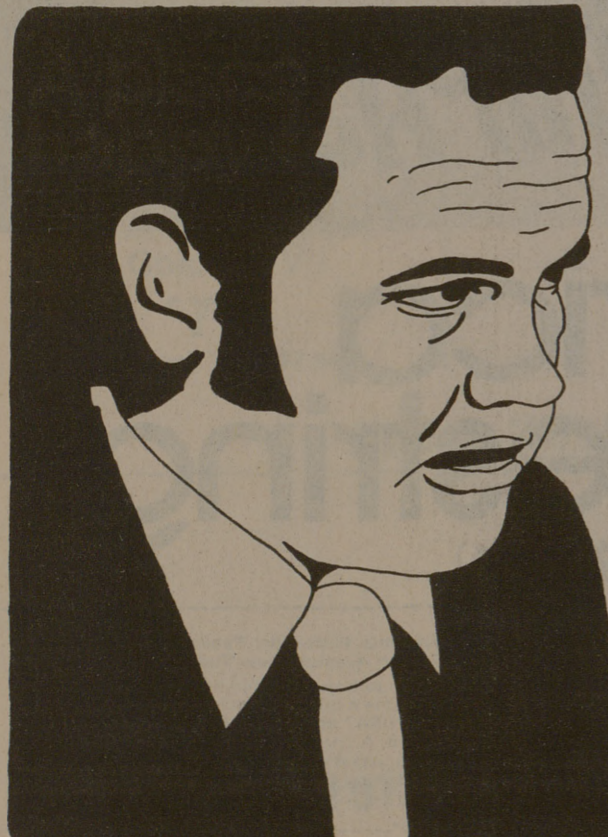
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