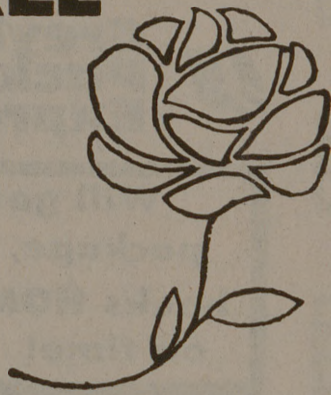


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Tracksters visit Baylor for dual meet

Aggies, Bears test each other in season-ending clash

By TED BORISKIE
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In the last meet before conference for the A&M track squad, a better opponent couldn't be picked than the Baylor Bears.

As they visit Waco Saturday, the Aggies will find in the Baylor tracksters the only squad considered capable of giving powerful Texas a run for their money in the Southwest Conference meet May 18.

The meet should produce several classic battles, notably in the high jump, long jump, 120-yard high hurdles and the 440-yard dash.

Defending SWC champ Scottie Jones provides A&M with a favorite in the 120-yard high hurdles, having run a 13.6 twice this year. His main competition will come from Baylor's Alcy Jackson (13.7w) and Jimmy Gailey (14.1w) and freshman teammate Shifton Baker (14.0).

Baylor's Ricky Thompson, second in the SWC meet last year, will be the slight favorite in the long jump with a best of 24-8½ to his credit. A&M's Tom Owen is just a shade behind him with a 24-5½ best while

teammates Mike Shivers (23-10½) and David Piland (23-6½) round out the field.

Freshman Kevin Delorey cleared 7-0 for Baylor at the Texas Relays but has had trouble jumping with consistency lately. Aggies Phil McGuire (6-10) and Don Riggs (6-8) and Baylor's Gary Kafer (6-9½) and Piland (6-8) will fill in the void should Delorey falter.

A&M's Doug Brodhead ran the best quarter of his career last week in Austin, turning in a 47.0 that most unofficial clocks showed to be much faster. Top runners for Baylor will be Tim Son (47.4), James Jordan (47.5) and Michael Carter (47.8). Aggie Harold Davis has not had an official clocking for the quarter but has broken 48.0 several times this year

leading off the mile relay team.

The 880-yard run will be a real dogfight as both teams feature some of the top halfmilers in the conference. Baylor should have the edge according to times, featuring Mike Lawless (1:50.6), Sonny Rollo (1:51.2) and Walker Lea (1:53.5) but A&M's Adolph Tingan (1:52.3), Pat Bradley (1:52.4) and Horace Grant (1:53.8) have been rapidly improving lately and it could be anybody's race.

Baylor's Jimmy Gailey is one of the best 440-yard hurdlers in the nation, posting a 50.5 best and will be heavily favored to take his specialty. The battle for second place should be hotly contested with A&M's Baker (53.0), Craig McPhail (52.9) and Richard McGilvray (54.2) running against Paul Stevens (52.2), Carlos

Cribbs (52.5) and Jerome Cribbs (53.5) of Baylor.

Charles Dawson of A&M will be favored in the 100 as he is beginning to get back into top sprinting form coming off an injury. He is also one of the top contenders in the 220-yard dash, posting a best time of 21.4 against Son's 21.0 and Steve Lang's 21.2 for the Bears.

Baylor has one of the top mile relay teams in the nation with a 3:06.6 clocking and will be heavily favored against A&M's foursome of Brodhead, Grant, Davis and Tingan. A&M has received a best time of 3:11.4 in this event although it will be the first time this particular group runs together.

A&M's Bill Newton (230-8) should

have no trouble taking the pole vault and David Peterek (15-6) or Blair (15-6) should come home to win in the pole vault.

Other Aggies competing will be Craig Carter (54-5) in the shot, Tim Brown (155-3) in the disc, Don Corley and Tom Nance (14-0) in the pole vault, David (6-4) in the high jump, Fred Zummo (9.7) and Gary Oradat (4:14.4), Danny (4:18.0) and Jimmy Sheffell (4:18.0) in the mile.

Also entered are McGilvray and Keith Bucy (14.8) in the 120-yard high hurdles, Fred Zummo and Gary Oradat in the 220-yard dash, and Kyle (14:40.2), Charles Cottle (14:40.2), Dennis Groll (14:57.9) and Maphet (NT) in the three-mile

Football, track highlight recent Aggie sports history

Editor's note—This is the last of a four-part series on the history of sports at A&M.

By JERRY JOHNSON

Golf won another conference title to open the final period of Aggie sports from 1961 to the present. This was the second of what would become four consecutive titles in Coach Henry Ransom's first four years at Aggieland.

Baseball also began its string of All-American infielders in 1962. In the next four years, Coach Tom Chandler had four of his stars chosen to the baseball elite list. Third baseman Bill Hancock led the barrage. He was followed by first baseman Frank Stark in 1964, another third baseman Mike McClure in 1965 and second baseman Lance Cobb in 1966.

Continuing in the tradition set by Ransom and Chandler, new basketball coach Shelby Metcalf won the conference championship in his first year at A&M in 1964. That team lost to Texas Western (UTEP) in the first round of the NCAA playoffs.

One year earlier (1963), a young man from the Panhandle of Texas had enrolled in A&M on a track scholarship. Before he left, he became one of the best known Aggies in the

world. Randy Matson was selected to the track All-American team every year from 1964 to 1967.

In Tokyo, Matson placed second in the shot put in the 1964 Olympics. Four years later, he took the gold medal home from Mexico City in the next Olympics.

He held the world outdoor record until Al Fuerbach broke it last year. He was awarded the Sullivan Trophy in 1967. This award is presented annually to the outstanding amateur athlete.

Coach Gene Stallings had returned to his alma mater in 1965 and in two years had fashioned a come-from-behind winner. The Aggies lost their first four games of the season but whipped the conference state clean to give them the championship and put them in the Cotton Bowl.

There, the student met the teacher. Stallings had played and coached under Bear Bryant at A&M and Alabama. The Aggies came from behind in that game too and walked out of Dallas with the trophy and a 20-16 win.

Coach Metcalf's basketball team of 1969 captured its second win under his leadership. They played in the regional tournament that year but lost to Drake and Colorado.

With speed of abundance in 1970, the Aggie track team ran to greater heights. A year earlier at the NCAA meet, quarter miler Curtis Mills had set a world record in the 440 yard dash. Before the 1970 season was over, Mills became part of two more world record relay teams. At the Drake Relays, he ran the anchor leg of the outdoor 880 yard relay. His final sprint at the Astrodome secured the indoor mile relay for the Aggies.

trophies won at each meet they ran in 1970.

A&M's only three-way All-American was also on the campus in 1970. Dave Elmendorf was chosen to the football list at safety, to the baseball list in the outfield and to the All-American Academic team for his achievements in the classroom.

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