

# Records seen endangered in SWC meet

## Ten marks expected to fall after assault by conference tracksters

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Track Analysis  
Ten conference records are in danger of being broken Saturday as the 1974 Southwest Conference Track and Field Meet gets underway at Rice Stadium in Houston.

Texas is expected to be the runaway victor for the third year in a row but the battle for second place is expected to be fierce. Baylor is the favorite for the runnerup position with A&M, SMU and Rice figured to issue strong challenges.

"I think we're going to do real well," said Aggie track coach Charles Thomas. "I was especially encouraged by our performance against Baylor last weekend."

Meet records already bettered by conference athletes include the mile run (by two runners), 120-yard high hurdles (by four runners), 100-yard dash (by three runners), 220-yard dash (by SMU's Joe Pouncy), the three-mile run (by 11 runners) and the mile relay (by Baylor). The pole vault record has been equalled by Texas' David Shepherd while the records in the 440-yard hurdles, long jump and high jump are far from secure.

### Shot put

Texas is a sure bet to win the shot put with either Dana Le Duc (64-8 3/4) or Bishop Dolegiewicz (63-7 3/4) taking top place. The rest of the field should finish in the order of their best performances with Rice's Ken Stadel (59-7 3/4), Texas' Jim McGoldrick (57-4 1/2), SMU's Don Randall (56-6 1/2) and A&M's Craig Carter (54-5 1/4) the top strongmen.

edged out Brodhead in a close finish May 2 in Austin and Brodhead is running the best of his career. The dark horse candidate will be TCU's Lee Williams, who finished second last year with a 46.5 but has posted a best of just 47.5 this year. Other top quartermilers are Glenn Goss (47.4) and Ed Wright (47.8) of Texas, Baylor's Tim Son (47.4), James Jordan (47.5), and Michael Carter (47.8) and Tech's William Pierson (47.6) and Tony Harris (47.8).

### Three-mile run

Whoever doesn't run the mile for Texas will probably run the three-mile, with some possibility of a double. Paul Craig again leads the Longhorns with a 13:48.5, followed closely by Tim Patton (13:52.4), Mark Klonower, (14:00.0), Reed Fischer (14:02.8) and Jesse Maldonado (14:05.9). Other top distance men include Arkansas' Steve Houk (13:48.9), Randy Melancon (13:54.8), Ron Hendee (13:57.6), Rice's Jeff Wells (13:49.2), and SMU's Jeff Dixon (14:04.8).

### 100-yard dash

Defending champion Wayne Johnson of Houston and two-time champ Gene Pouncy of SMU should be favored here on account of their past performances but this is one race where pulling a name out of a hat may be the easiest way to predict a winner. Every school but Baylor and Tech has a 9.5 or better sprinter and nobody has shown any sort of mastery over the field. Other top sprinters include Texas' Marvin Nash (9.4), Overton Spence (9.4w) and Nate Robinson (9.4w), SMU's Joe Pouncy (9.2w), TCU's Bill Collins (9.2w), Rice's Zoe Simpson (9.4w), Arkansas' Barnabas White (9.5) and A&M's Charles Dawson (9.5) and Sammy Dierschke, who finished second last year as a freshman but has been injured most of this season.

### 440-yard relay

SMU has the fastest time in the conference with a 40.1 but has been plagued with injuries since recording that mark. Texas' speedy foursome has recorded a 40.3 but it has been a rare occasion this season for the Longhorns to have passable handoffs. A&M recorded a 40.6 early in the season but injuries have prevented the Aggies from approaching that time since. Rice (40.6) also has injury problems, which leaves TCU (40.4) and Houston (40.5) as favorites based on their consistency.

### Mile relay

Baylor was burning up the tracks earlier this year and recorded a 3:06.6, one of the fastest times in the nation, but has slowed down considerably the past few weeks. Although not possessing a time as fast as Baylor's, Texas could still have to rank as favorite based on their consistency. TCU has steadily improved this season and owns a best time of 3:09.6 while A&M's 3:11.4 is not a particularly fast time when weighed against the Aggies' potential. Rice is hurt again by injuries and will probably not be able to approach their best of 3:10.5. Other top teams include SMU (3:13.0), Houston (3:13.2) and Tech (3:14.2).

### 880-yard dash

Arkansas' Niall O'Shaughnessy is the only freshman in the conference to have a leading time in an event. His 1:50.4 half mile mark is not so much better than the rest of the conference to merit making him a favorite but he is sure to be a factor in the race. Defending champion Rudolph Griffith of Texas gets the nod as favorite due to his experience and blazing kick but TCU's Greg Bryant (1:51.3) has defeated him twice this year by outkicking him. The rest of the field is incredibly close with Texas' John Craig (1:51.6), Reed Fischer (1:51.6), and Bill Goldapp (1:52.2), Baylor's Mark Lawless (1:50.6), and Sonny Rollo (1:51.2), Rice's Rory Trup (1:52.0) and David Beyer (1:52.7) and A&M's Adolph Tingan (1:52.4), Pat Bradley (1:52.5), Horace Grant (1:52.8) and Ron McConigle (1:53.8).

### 440-yard hurdles

Defending SWC and NCAA champion Robert Primeaux of Texas was figured to be a shoo-in favorite by this time at the first of the season but as Primeaux broke an ankle and Baylor's Jimmy Gailey improved to the point of having the second fastest time in the nation, there is now no clear cut choice. Gailey's 50.5 tops Primeaux's 50.9 but the Longhorn has improved tremendously the past couple of weeks and may be ready to hand in another 49.5 performance as he did last year at the nationals. Other top entrants include Houston's Larry Gnatzig (51.8), Baylor's Paul Stevens (52.2) and Carlos Cribbs (52.5), Rice's Chuck Hodge (52.1), A&M's Craig McPhail (52.9) and Shifton Baker (53.0), Texas' David Colley (51.9) and TCU's Greg Roberts (52.6).

### 220-yard dash

Joe Pouncy has a chance to become the first four-time 220-yard dash champ since Texas' Charley Parker in 1950 but he won't be able to do it in a walk. With a wind-aided best of 20.6, he leads chief conten-

### Javelin

A&M's Bill Newton should take the javelin, notching marks of 230-8 and 235-2 the past two weeks. SMU's Glenn Derwin has the top mark in the conference this year with a 238-8, but it was set two months ago and he has been inconsistent in his throwing since. The rest of the field is dominated by the Texas trio of Greg Hackney (224-4), Walter Kniginyski (217-10) and Marty Peterman (206-6) and SMU's freshman Rick Goldbach (211-6).

### Discus

Texas dominates the discus with three of the top four disc tossers in the conference in Jim McGoldrick (191-9), Dana LeDuc (188-7) and Bishop Dolegiewicz (185-5). The fourth man, however, is two-time NCAA runner-up and three-time SWC champion Ken Stadel of Rice, who has a best throw of 190-5. The opportunity to become the first four-time SWC champ in the discus since A&M's George Kadera in 1950 should provide the impetus to give Stadel the win.

### One-mile run

Texas has a problem in the mile that is the envy of every other track coach in the conference; namely, who do they pick out of their corps of fine distance runners to represent them in the conference meet? Defending champion Paul Craig is sure to be one, as is Reed Fischer (4:05.4). Also in the Longhorn stable are Tim Patton (4:07.1), Mark Klonower (4:08.0), Bill Goldapp (4:09.0), John Craig (4:11.3) and Jesse Maldonado (4:12.5). Their chief competition will come from Arkansas freshman Tom Aspel (4:08.6), and teammate Randy Melancon (4:11.1), Rice's Steve Schroeder (4:08.8) and Bob Nellums (4:10.3) and Baylor's Walker Lea (4:11.3).

### 120-yard hurdles

A&M's Scottie Jones should defend his title but will receive quite a challenge from Texas' Nate Robinson and Randy Lightfoot. All three have run 13.6 this season but Robinson has defeated Jones only twice in several meetings and Lightfoot just once with none of the three defeats coming in the last two months. Baylor's Alcy Jackson has run a 13.7 but has been relatively unimpressive since and A&M freshman Shifton Baker has a 14.0 to his credit to rank as a dark horse. Other hurdlers likely to figure into the results are Rice's Mike Fulghum (14.1), Baylor's Jimmy Gailey (14.2) and Houston's Mark Hogan (14.3).

### 440-yard dash

Texas' Don Sturgal will be the one to beat here but A&M's Doug Brodhead may be the one to beat him. Defending champ Sturgal

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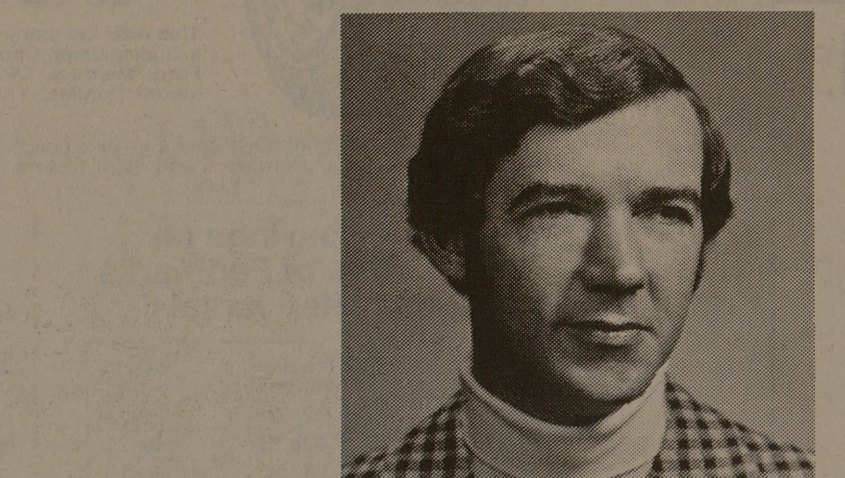
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