

3A State Champs

Consol wins cross-country

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The A&M Consolidated Cross-Country team buried a 12-year dynasty to set a state 3A record and become the 1974-1975 State 3A champions.

The title, actually more than a 3A title, was won over approximately 900 class B through 3A schools. Falfurrias had previously won both UIL state titles officially and ten years of unofficial titles before the 3A meet was sanctioned by the UIL.

Joe Wilborn led Tiger entries by finishing eighth among the 90 entrants with a two-mile course time of 10 minutes and 26 seconds. Chris Powell finished ninth followed by John Bassett in 12th, Louis Castanon in 16th, Nelson Surovik in 22nd, Damon Buffington in 48th and Jay Carlton in 60th.

Consol set the state record and finished first with a low point total of 59. Falfurrias was a distant second with 92 points. Falfurrias however had the top runner in the meet with Bern Martinez finishing first in a time of 9:58.

Coach James Giese said of the team, "They just did a real fine job. It's not every day you win a state championship. We have a little more depth than we've ever had. Course, there's always a newcomer to pick up the slack."

"The three alternates we had this year would have made last year's team," continued Giese. "Falfurrias just scares you, though. Last year we would have been proud just to finish in the top ten. We finished second."

"We decided last year in the hotel room that we were going to come back and win it," said Giese. They did.

"I guess I'm proudest of Nelson Surovik. Everybody ran a great race, but Surovik was generally considered to be our number seven runner and he finished fifth among our group at the meet," said Giese.

Basset the only senior on the squad said, "It was a great year to end my year. I went last year as an alternate but couldn't run because I was hurt. It was kind of weird really, because we knew we could do it but we didn't really realize we did for awhile. It's really a different feeling to be state champs."

Giese said this was his tenth year in coaching many sports, but he had never seen so dedicated a group of kids. "They are very dedicated and show excellent discipline. They've been a real pleasure to coach and be with and I wouldn't trade it for anything." He complimented Basset for an outstanding job as a leader.

The grill work for cross country is

very rigorous. The runners average 60 miles a week. They run in snow, sleet or rain, said Giese, and they've only missed one day this year "and then I had to hold them back from the rain."

"The kids work all year around, cross country, then track season, then junior olympics," said Giese.

Giese, as track coach, is also optimistic about the track season. With 66 people trying out he is expecting some talent. The cross-country runners will probably hold down most of the long distance starting berths but others are more open.

Most of the track team is made up of sophomores and juniors, Giese said.

Giese is looking forward to competing in a good invitational where the team's success in the meet can be estimated for a measure of the

team's ability. "Like finishing in the team's top three at the College Station relays is really an accomplishment."

Giese is also enthused with new coach, Jack Wilson, "who is doing a heckuva job, especially with the field events, where Consolidated has been weak."

Giese noted a very successful summer in the Junior Olympics which highlighted a number of brilliant prospects. Giese is especially pleased with the outstanding girl prospects at the meet.

The cross-country runners, though, and other track hopefuls now begin pacework training for the upcoming track season. The emphasis is now off of long distance running, but Giese says the state champs will still be running 50-60 miles a week. "We set a goal for ourselves and we stick to it."

JV stays undefeated, wins SAC tournament

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The Aggie Junior Varsity boosted their record to 6-0 for the season Saturday with a 92-78 win, their second straight over Hill Junior College. On Friday the Ags escaped with a narrow 79-77 win over Hill in the finals of the San Antonio College tourney to take first place.

Friday the Ags were led by Doug Mezger with 23 points, followed by Dale Donaldson with 18 and Mike Williams with 11. The leading

scorer for Hill was former Aggie Mike Johnson who scored 29 points. Johnson scored a total of 90 points in Hill's three tournament games. Johnson and A&M's Mezger and Kim Wyatt made all-tourney honors. A&M, Hill and Wharton County JC each placed two players on the ten man All-tourney squad. Randolph Air Force Base, Schreiner, St. Phillips and SAC each added one.

In Saturday's matchup, Leroy Baerwald led the Ags with 21 points. Williams added 14, Steve Chambers added 12 and Dale Donaldson chipped in 10.

Robert Jammer led Hill with 28 points and 25 rebounds as Johnson did not get hot until late in the game and finished second in scoring with 15.

"Defense carried us home again," noted coach Bob Gobin. "It was a real good team effort."

The Rebels hit only 39 per cent from the field while the Aggies hit 47 per cent. The Ags also out-rebounded the visitors, 49-41 and lost in the foul category 23-20.

The Aggies played Tyler Junior College in Tyler on Monday, but results were not available at press time. The Ags will host Tyler at G. Rollie White tonight at 5:15 before the 7:30 varsity game. The Ags then finish up against Hill in Hillsboro on Dec. 12 and Blinn in Brenham on Dec. 14.

	fgm	fga	ftm	fta	reb	pf	tp
Johnson	7	19	1	2	3	0	15
Carter	3	9	2	2	4	1	8
Jamner	13	24	2	9	25	1	28
Jones	2	8	0	0	1	5	4
Wimberly	5	13	0	0	6	5	10
Wordlow	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Wordlow	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Crawford	0	2	0	0	1	0	2
Parrish	1	4	0	0	1	2	2
Holt	1	2	0	0	1	2	2
Holm	0	1	3	6	1	3	3
McInerney	2	3	2	2	3	3	6
Harrison	2	3	2	2	3	3	6
TOTALS	34	86	10	21	49	20	78

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Chambers	5	8	2	4	3	2	12
Wyatt	1	6	6	8	2	4	8
Mezger	4	6	0	0	7	5	8
Donaldson	5	9	0	3	1	10	10
Ott	3	5	3	4	8	2	9
Vela	2	6	0	0	3	4	4
Williams	5	13	4	9	6	1	14
Baerwald	10	19	1	1	5	1	21
Hill	3	8	0	2	2	2	6
Barrett	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Garrett	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
TOTALS	38	81	16	28	41	23	92

Oiler coach has dispute

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Oilers Coach-General Manager Sid Gillman ejected Asst. General Manager Dan Downs from the Oiler dressing room following Sunday's loss to the Denver Broncos.

Downs had gone into the Oilers dressing room following Houston's 37-14 defeat in Denver to help a local radio announcer with his post-game show.

"He just grabbed me and said, 'I don't want you in my dressing room,'" Downs said of Gillman. "He grabbed me by the shoulders and I put my hands on his shoulders and tried to push him away. I told him, 'Sid, I have a job to do,' but he didn't listen."

"Then a couple of the players kind of escorted me out. I think they thought we were about to come to blows. It was just something that happened... a minor incident."

Gillman said as long as he was general manager of the Oilers he would decide who came into the dressing room.

"I am the general manager and I decide who is in the dressing room and who isn't," Gillman said.

Asked if he had established such a rule earlier, Gillman said, "The rule is that I decide who is going to be in our dressing room and that is my side of this."

Downs said he had helped with the post-game show on three previous occasions.

Despite the controversy, Gillman's weekly news conference was mild. Gillman praised the Broncos for their victory.

Wrestlers finish second in tourney

The wrestling team had to settle for a second place spot in the Richland Invitational tournament held in Dallas this weekend.

Richland took first in the ten team field while A&M finished ahead of third place North Texas State by a substantial margin.

John Manning took first place honors in the 190 lb. class for the Aggies. Frank Cox, Jerry Rasmussen and Blair Monhollon grappled to second place finishes.

This was A&M's last bout of the semester. The team will take up where they left off in the Bobcat Invitational tourney at Southwest Texas State on January 25.

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