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# A&M trackers do well at LSU indoor tourney

BY PAUL McGRATH  
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Although having to ride in the back seat of the LSU Invitational, Texas A&M track coach Charles Thomas was "real happy with the way we ran."

Competing against the indoor's eventual winners LSU, Auburn, Mississippi State and Baylor, the Aggies had to be in almost "mid season form" although this is only their second meet of the year. "There is no way we can have the whole team ready with one meet before closing out the (indoor) season," said Thomas.

"The month layoff hurt, but we're not trying to break any records. We're just trying to bring the team along slow. I wish we could have placed high, but if we don't, we don't. The season is too long to get someone hurt in the first go round."

"The performances were good for this time of year. With the ability that we have, we're on schedule I'd say. I feel like we'll have a strong track team. We have a lot of depth. After the next two or three meets we should be coming along real fine."

One A&M school record was broken by a South African transfer who is beginning his first semester here. Manfred Kohrs broke the existing indoor mile time with a 4:12.1 and took fifth in the event. Kohrs said that this was the first time he had ever run indoors. Charles Dawson tied the 60-yard dash record shared by Curtis and Marvin Mills with a 6.2 clocking while also placing fifth.

Kohrs believes there is more of a team effort here at A&M while it was more individual in South Africa. "On the long run, it is more of an advantage to me coming here than staying at home. The competition is much better than at home," said Kohrs.

Another newly acquired South African, Bruce Smith, said that indoor running is "pretty rough" and there is no comparison between it and outdoor. "The turns are shorter and you lose pace judgment. You seem to be going slower than you really are." Smith said he was 18 seconds off his best time.

The only first place finisher for the Aggies was Frank West with a 53' 13 1/4" toss in the shot put. Adolph

Tingan took a third in the 600-yard run with a time of 1:12.6 while Horace Grant finished fifth in the same event. The mile relay team of Grant, Tingan, Doug Broadhead and Chuck Butler raced to a third place finish timed at 3:19.4.

Receiving fourth place finishes for A&M were David Peterek with a 14' 6" leap in the pole vault, Ron McGonigle's 1:57.9 in the 880-yard run, J. B. Yemme with a 2:16.7 in the 1000-yard run and Scottie Jones' 7.3 time in the 60-yard high hurdles.

Besides the fifth place finishes of Kohrs, Dawson and Grant were Tom Owen in the long jump with a jump of 21' 10 1/2", Jim Brannan in the 60-yard hurdles and Owen again in the triple jump.

Several members of A&M's team were out with injuries of one sort or the other. Paul Miller and Don Riggs missed the meet due to wounds received from soccer and basketball games.

The Southwest Conference Indoor Meet is coming up this Friday in the Fort Worth Convention Center. Thomas looks for Texas to be the favorite with Baylor having an outside chance to upset the Longhorns. A&M will be fighting for a third place spot behind the two.

Pole vaulter Brad Blair, last year's SWC champ, will be ready for the meet and has "been looking real good" says Thomas. He said that the other field events should also be strong for the Ags. However, Thomas feels that A&M will be at a

disadvantage since the meet is "geared for distance and middle distance runners and this is not our style."

# Ag matmen place third at tourney

Despite injuries and illness, Texas A&M's Wrestling team grappled its way to a third place finish in the Bobcat Invitational Tournament Saturday.

Frank Cox, state champion in the 118 lb. class, and Jim Giunta, champ in the 134 lb. division, were sidelined with the flu and a rib injury respectively.

A&M had five men tied for first place in their weight classes going into the last session of matches. However, none of the quintet could get a victory and Richland Community College and Texas Tech pulled ahead of the Ags to finish first and second.

Placing second for the Aggie wrestlers were Mike Rivera, Mark Monhollon, Jud Dudley, Jerry Rasmussen and John Manning. Richard Goswick and Dun Hirst came off the mats with fourth place results.

This Saturday, A&M will travel to Austin to face the teams from the University of Texas, North Texas State and Southwest Texas.



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# Houston Oilers get 2 first round picks

HOUSTON (AP)—The Houston Oilers, who had only one selection in the first five rounds of last year's National Football League draft, enter Tuesday's 1975 draft armed with two first round choices and one second round pick.

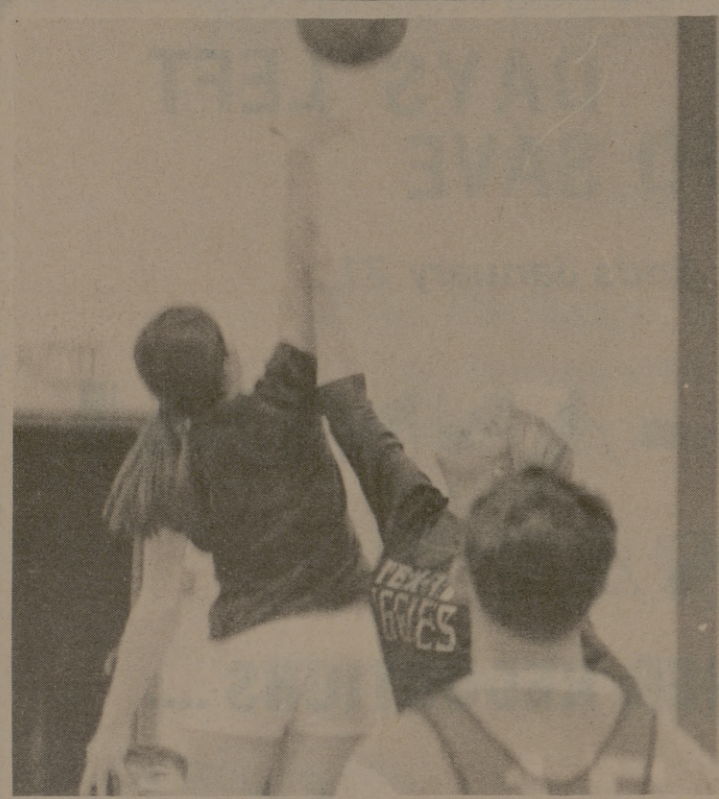
Oiler executive assistant Tom Williams, who heads up scouring, said his shopping list included a top defensive lineman, defensive back, offensive lineman and a big running back.

The Oilers, who rebounded from a pair of 1-13 seasons with a 7-7 record last year, will pick sixth and 15th in the first round.

The Oilers finished tied for 11th with five other teams and wound up picking 15th after a coin toss. The Oilers will pick sixth in the opening round as a result of a trade that sent John Matuszak to the Chiefs in exchange for Curly Culp and Kansas City's first round choice.



# McDONALD'S INTRAMURAL HIGHLIGHTS



It's another jump ball between Cindy Settle and Margaret McLean. The final score for this game was Settle's Sneakers, 66, McLean's AI, 15.

## Today — throw a goal; pitch a shoe entry too

Now's the time to prove hidden abilities to shoot baskets. Come to the main floor of the coliseum at 5 tonight with an A&M ID to enter the free throw contest. Each participant has 20 shots at the hoop and the person making the highest number of baskets wins the individual honors. Teams of three are also invited to try their hand at sinking.

Teams must shoot consecutively.

The competition is open to all students, staff and faculty, who have ID's. Staff and faculty may obtain these cards by contacting their department head.

Horseshoe entries close tonight at 5. Play begins February 3. Competition will be single elimination with a round robin championship tournament.

# Basketball season brings court comedy

Basketball is off to a good start with 186 teams participating.

There is plenty of competition offered in all divisions from fish to co-rec. The most entertaining of all divisions though is co-rec. Using most unusual rules, the games proceed with tough competition inside the key and out.

Watching the Sneakers and their opponents, AI, the anecdotes of the players could not be overlooked.

George Yezak, sneaker, was harassing a ref bringing about a one point award to the AI fighter's twice. Not to be outdone in the fouling category, such memorables as Melandy Taylor, sneaker; Mike Flowers, Jim Bell and Margaret McLean, AI, picked up three fouls each.

More important was the scoring. Here the women play a very important role.

Men cannot enter the key. A hand or even a toe in this area will award the ball, (and if it's a defensive player, two points), to the opposing team.

Any team which can force their opponents into the key has it made.

In the meantime, the women are fighting it out inside the key.

Under the basket looks more like a group of hungry lions climbing up the walls to get to the Christians,

than rebounding. Women are especially aggressive in this area.

Being elbowed in the chest just isn't that fun, but the good women players suffer silently while sinking their shots. Cindy Settler, sneaker, made 34 points. Her teammate, Pam Dotson, took 24 from her defenders.

This may sound astounding, but when a player can sit in the key all day and if they do make a basket are awarded four points, it's not hard to understand the high pointage.

Most down court action is made by the men. Here the superior running and dribbling that is practiced through high school pays off. Especially so if the two girls in the key know what they're doing. The third girl and third guy stay behind, forbidden to "travel" across the mid-court line. This is very reminiscent of the "old" women's rules. It's amazing how absurd this all becomes.

Refing a game like this would drive the strict SWC refs bananas. If 48 fouls is the SWC average, surely the sum would soar to 100 in these games.

There's rumors that one team has a 6'2" girl who plays center. No doubt this group will make it into the finals, especially after their first game score of 113 to 34. Unreal?



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## Handball and flicker start

Handball began play Monday at 5 p.m. in DeWare Field House. U.S. Handball Association rules are being used. Matches consist of the best two-out-of-three games to 21 points. It is single elimination play. Spectators are welcome to come watch.

Handball is a game of fast moves and faster strategy. The idea is to make your opponent miss his shots, through "killing" or preventing the ball to bounce back.

Flickerball began play Monday.

The site is the astroturf playing fields. Play begins at 5 p.m. It's a round-robin tournament with single elimination championship play-offs.

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## Enter duo tennis and softball soon

Table tennis entries close February 4. Play begins February 10 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the MSC games area. US Table Tennis rules will apply in this single's event. There is a 38 cent charge per hour of table use. Preliminary play will be single elimination with the best two-out-of-three games to 15 points comprising a match.

round robin in leagues and single elimination among league champions.

## Manager's meeting

A softball manager's meeting will be held February 11 at 5 p.m. in room 232 of the Coliseum. A representative from each team must attend.

## Upcoming sports

Soccer, Tennis Doubles, Wrestling, golf doubles, fencing, racketball doubles and track are being offered in the spring.

Watch for announcements of entry closing dates in the Highlights.

## Softball

Softball entries close February 11. Play begins February 17 on Henderson and Duncan playing fields. American Softball Association Rules will be used. Competition will be