

# Controversial meet sees UT take win

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Even though the Aggies could do no better than fourth in the 1975 Southwest Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships, they did have some fine individual efforts.

Aggie Brad Blair set a meet record in pole vaulting with a vault of 56'. But it was not enough as the Texas Longhorns finished first in the nine team meet followed by Baylor, Arkansas, A&M, TCU, Houston, Rice, Texas Tech, and SMU.

The next highest Ag finisher was the mile relay team which finished second behind TCU with a time of 3:20.4. The team consisted of Horace Grant, Doug Broadhead, Adolph Tingan and Charles Butler.

In the 60 yard high hurdles A&M's Scottie Jones finished third with a time of 7.5.4 seconds. A&M also took fourth and fifth in the event with Shifton Baker finishing next with a time of 7.6.5, and Mike Williams finished fifth with a time of 7.8 seconds.

Manfred Kohrs took fifth in the

mile with a time of 4:18.5. Adolph Tingan took fourth in the 600 with a time of 1:13.7. Phil McGuire and Lynn Bird took fifth and sixth, respectively, each with a jump of 6'6".

Bruce Smith placed fifth in the two-mile run with a time of 9:14.5, and Frank West finished the evening for the Aggies with a fourth place finish in the shot.

Even though Texas won the event, Baylor felt there were some questionable calls.

The first questionable call came when Baylor's Tim Son was disqualified after winning the 600-yard dash. The curve judge ruled that Son bumped Larry Gnatzig of the University of Houston. Houston track coach Johnny Morris said that there was no doubt that Son hit Gnatzig.

## Correction

The Battalion incorrectly reported that Dwight Davis was the brother of Barry Davis. He was mistaken for Dwight Jones who is the brother of A&M's Steve Jones.

# Davis selected Player of Week

Texas A&M's Barry Davis was named as the Southwest Conference Player of the Week for his superlative play of last week.

"I can just say this," said Davis, "it's not worth anything if we don't win this game tonight. Everyone did a good job last week. Any one of us could have won that award."

Some have said Davis was in a slump until recently. He disagrees,

Baylor coach Clyde Hart said nobody saw it if he didn't.

Also, in the two-mile relay, a Texas runner hit an Aggie runner and was not disqualified.

A&M filed a protest but no corner judge ruled against Texas so the protest was thrown out.

The Bears' coach, mad to the point of tears, told reporters after the meet, "There were just a bunch of inconsistencies in the meet, and it was that all the breaks went against us."

Other incidents that the Baylor coach complained about also dealt with Texas. In the prelims several runners were disqualified for jumping the gun. A new NCAA rule says that if a runner jumps the gun, he is disqualified.

Another gripe by Hart was involving a Texas pole vaulter who was credited with a 15 foot vault after his pole had knocked down the cross bar. The rule states that the vaulter is responsible for pushing the pole out of the way.

# Rifle team meets UH

The TAMU rifle team has won two straight matches and goes after the University of Houston Saturday.

"They're tough again," evaluated SFC Max Schill, TAMU rifle team coach. His crew has a 3-1 record in Southwest Rifle Association matches.

The team beat UT-Austin, UT-Arlington and Rice, and lost to St. Mary's University.



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# Overflow will see Ag game

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The doors to G. Rollie White Coliseum will open at 6 p.m., an hour and a half before the start of the game. Once the general admission area is filled the doors will be closed and only reserve seat ticket holders will be admitted.

The Auditorium doors will not open until G. Rollie White is filled. The closed circuit TV will be limited to A&M students, their dates and faculty season book holders.

# W. Trahan still looking

Warren Trahan is still undecided on who he will sign with in the National Football League as interest has increased. Trahan went up to Dallas last weekend to talk with Cowboy officials and will fly to Pittsburgh to chat with Steeler officials. But now the New York Jets have shown interest in Trahan and want him to fly to New York.

## Yankee yack

# NFL's player draft leaves SWC behind

By ROBERT CESSNA

The king is dead . . . long live the king. When the last cigar was put out and the last cup of coffee drunk at the National Football League draft last week, the scoreboard unofficially read: The Big Eight-45, the Big Ten-38, the Pac-Eight-37, the Southeast Conference-36 and the Southwest Conference-24.

The pro draft had once again given the SWC a slap in the face. But why? Didn't the SWC have a competitive season and shouldn't it show in the draft? Only twenty-four draftees from a major conference? What is the problem?

Once a king among football conferences, the SWC has to be now rated fifth at best. And with the Atlantic Coastal Conference and Western Athletic Conference coming on fast, the SWC could drop even lower.

I see three reasons why the SWC has fallen behind in the race for football supremacy.

First, the SWC was slow to sign blacks to scholarships. It's no secret that the South refused to sign blacks at a time when the Big-Ten, Pac-Eight and Big-Eight did so. The SEC also suffered in this category. While Alabama was once king of the nation, she recently has settled for king of the SEC. Outside the conference Bear Bryant's troops have acted more like pussycats, especially in bowl games.

The refusal to sign blacks has hurt the SWC greatly. Notre Dame, USC and Ohio State are three top powers that have had no trouble signing top black players. They appear to have more to offer blacks on campus.

Look at the small percentage of blacks on campuses in the SWC. A&M is one example. This has to discourage top black athletes from coming here. The University of Houston has not failed in this respect and maybe this shows up in the draft when nine Cougars were selected. The SWC should be glad Houston is joining the SWC in 1976.

Secondly is the SWC selection of offensive patterns. While the wishbone oriented conference may produce top offensive and defensive linemen, the other positions have suffered badly.

This year, Neal Jeffrey was the only quarterback drafted from the SWC and only a 17th round choice at that. Baylor does run from a pro offensive pattern and this may have helped him. The only top-notch quarterback in the pros from the SWC is Joe Ferguson from Arkansas. And when he was at Arkansas they ran a pro offense to use his talents. Wishbone quarterbacks are in low demand in the NFL.

SWC-wide receivers and running backs in the pros are about as rare as easy classes. The

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