

Texas picked to win SWC track title again

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It's funny how some things never seem to change. The Sphinx of Egypt has cast its unwavering stare

across the desert dunes for centuries. Haley's comet returns for a temporary visit every 76 years. And then there's Texas football, Texas baseball and last but not least,

Texas track.
The University of Texas has won the Southwest Conference track meet for the past two years. This year sees the Longhorns cast in the favorite's role again.

Officials from five of the other six SWC schools concur that 1975 will again have Orange and White on top when the track cinders have settled. Only one, Coach Bobby May of Rice, dissented, saying Texas A&M would take all the marbles.

Texas Tech coach, Vernon Hilliard, says he has "little to go on now (the SWC meet is May 23) but Texas is gonna be tough again. Baylor will be challenging and the Aggies have got some good kids, too."

Clyde Hart, track coach at Baylor, says, "It should be real interesting. The meet is a ways off and so many things could happen. Texas would have to be the big favorite, with us, A&M and Rice fighting in there."

"Texas has the depth. They seem to score in every event," said SMU Sports Information Director, Bob Condrone. He looks for the Bears to be number two and A&M and Rice following up behind. He says that TCU could be a darkhorse in the race.

"Baylor is coming on, but they're not strong enough yet," said Bill Curl, Sports Information Director at Arkansas. "Texas will dominate, but not as much as in the past."

TCU assistant Sports Information Director, Gary Regent, said by judging the results of the SWC indoor meet, it will again be Texas on top with Baylor ready to charge in if the Horns should falter.

May, the dissenter, bases his pick on the fact that Texas has lost 90 points off their championship team of last year by graduation. He also says the losses due to injuries and ineligibility will hamper UT's chances to repeat. "Texas can be beat. They're not quite the power they have been in the past two

Sportfolio

Intramural budget small for program

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Intramurals are booming at Texas A&M. Participation has increased 45-50 per cent over last year and 75 per cent over the last two years. That is a gigantic increase, but the facilities and the budget remains the same. Thus, a problem is created. Facilities are overcrowded and there's not enough money to pay the number of people needed for adequate supervision.

same areas of programming and services as Texas and Tech.
If the enrollment and intramural participation continues to grow at A&M and no additional money is budgeted it could cause the program to bog down totally. Physical activity is very important, because a healthy body makes a healthy mind. It would be unfortunate to lose our intramural program. Let's hope that University officials feel the same way.

I participated in an intramural basketball game Monday night, and when it was over I was convinced that the intramural program definitely needs more money and people. The time was kept by regular clocks and there was a discrepancy between the two officials as to the amount of time left in the game. With my team trailing by two I asked one referee how much time was left as I trotted down the court. The referee replied, "Five minutes." It turned out that there was only one minute left, and instead of playing to tie the game right away we passed the ball around and eventually the time ran out and we suffered a disheartening loss.



Leaders set examples for others to follow and basketball followers of Texas A&M apparently have set the pace for the fans of other SWC schools. Coach Shelby Metcalf said in a press conference Wednesday that the Baylor crowd of Tuesday night conducted themselves better than he'd ever seen before in his years of coaching at A&M. So the positive approach to team support is catching on.

If the intramural program had more money and supervision there would have been an official scorer and timekeeper present.
The current budget for the intramural program is \$70,000 a year. The budget request for the 1975-76 year is \$170,000 and rightly so. When A&M's program was compared with those of Texas and Texas Tech some startling figures were revealed. Most startling of all was the difference in wages budgeted for recreational facilities supervision.

Violent crowd conduct could also be the reason for the number of so-called "bad calls" by SWC referees. It could be pretty difficult to watch ten moving bodies and a ball and at the same time be worried about being bombarded with chunks of ice.

The recreational facilities supervision program provides for building security and eliminates nonuniversity related personnel usage by controlling entrances to facilities. Due to the enormous increase of participation the great demand on recreational facilities merits both extended hours of existing facilities and the construction of new facilities. In this area A&M budgeted \$6,500 as compared with Texas; \$65,000 and Tech's \$44,200. Texas' facilities are obviously larger than A&M's but Tech's are about equal with half the participation in the major sports.

It stands to reason that the SWC would get better officiating if the crowds all had admirable conduct.
Since this business of crowd conduct has been in the air all eyes have been on A&M fans because of our reputation supporting our team in the right way. There'll be even more viewers Saturday via television. The whole Southwest region will have a chance to see the class crowd of the nation.

Texas' total budget is \$390,000 and Tech's is \$142,000 compared to A&M's \$70,000. A&M offers the

Ag weightlifting tourney has 100 teams entered

Approximately 100 schools in Texas are expected in Saturday's Collegiate Weightlifting Tournament at Deward Field House. The Aggies return nine of ten who received honors on last year's championship team.

Participants will compete in the bench press, back squat, and the dead lift. The total amount of weight lifted in the three events determines the individual champion. A&M's Larry Cozart topped all competitors in the 148 lb. class last year.

The event is open to all Junior Colleges and Universities across the state. Top contenders include The University of Texas, TCU, North Texas State University, Sam Houston State, Tarleton State and Howard Payne.

Overall, the Ags' chances to repeat are excellent. Should they perform well here, the team hopes to compete in the National Meet at Northwestern University April 5 and 6.

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Ron McGonigle, Jim Brannen and Adolph Tingan lead the Aggie sweep in the 880-yard dash against Rice.

A&M introduces 60-year All-SWC roundball team

Texas A&M's 60-year All-Southwest Conference basketball team will be introduced Saturday at the A&M-Rice contest as a halftime feature.

Selected to the all-time team were: A. L. "Todda" Forbes, Jr., class of '21; Jewell McDowell, class of '52; Carroll Broussard, class of '62; Bennie Lenox, class of '64; and John Beasley, class of '66. Four of the five men honored will be on hand to accept awards as Forbes is deceased.

McDowell was the captain of the 1951 team which was SWC co-champion. He set several scoring records and was All-SWC in 1950-51. He played one year with the Phillips 66ers. McDowell received his B.S. in physical educa-

tion in 1952 and is now living in Victoria, Texas.
Broussard, who was District 6 All-America, set 13 scoring records, was the first A&M player to score 1,000 career points and still ranks No. 2 on the all-time scoring list with 1,382 points. He was All-SWC 1960-61-62, captain of the 1962 team and MVP in the SWC in 1962. He finished his career as the top rebounder in A&M history and now ranks sixth on the all-time list. Broussard still holds the A&M record for the most free throws in a game with 19 vs. Texas in 1961. He also led the SWC in scoring that year. He received his B.S. in business in 1962, as a distinguished student and obtained his Masters in management in 1965. He is presently an executive with Southwest Bell in Beaumont.

Lenox was All-SWC in 1963-64 and co-captain of the 1964 team which won the conference title. He was the MVP in the Southwest Conference in 1963 when he tied for the conference scoring title. Lenox set seven A&M scoring records and still holds the SWC record for most points in one game—53 vs. Wyoming in 1964. He is the No. 3 scorer in A&M history with 1,344 points. He got his B.A. in business in 1964 and is now an Austin businessman.

Batt sports

Women netters beat Baylor in dual meet

Coach Laura Kitzmiller's Texas A&M Women's Tennis Team defeated Baylor in Waco 9-3 in its first dual meet of the year.

In singles action Jane Wright (A&M) beat Ann Bowen (Baylor) 6-2, 6-3; Cindy Pinkerton (A&M) beat Betsy Phillips 1-6, 6-3, 6-4; Sherri Sharp (A&M) beat Joan Curry 8-6, 6-3; Jennifer Judin (Baylor) beat Ellen Buchanan (A&M) 4-6, 6-2, 6-3; Carol Calvert (Baylor) beat Kelly Dozier (A&M) 6-4, 4-6, 6-3; Deborah Graham (Baylor) beat Kim Bellamy (A&M) 7-6, 3-6, 6-4; Holly Hutchinson (A&M) beat Cindy Bilton (Baylor) 6-1, 8-6 and Karen Boerner (A&M) beat Susan Kentroti (Baylor) 6-4, 6-3.

In doubles action Wright and Dozier (A&M) beat Bowen and Curry (Baylor) 6-1, 1-6, 6-2; Pinkerton and Sharp (A&M) beat Phillips and Judin (Baylor) 6-4, 6-0; Chironne Tebo and Bellamy (A&M) beat Calvert and Graham (Baylor) 6-4, 6-3; Boerner and Hutchinson (A&M) beat Kentroti and Bilton (Baylor) 6-3, 6-1.
The women net swing into action Saturday against Sam Houston State in a dual meet here.

Baseley was the co-captain of the 1966 team and All-SWC in 1965-66. He is the all-time leading scorer and rebounder in A&M basketball history with 1,594 points and 784 rebounds. The 1966 Helms All-American still holds the SWC scoring record with a 30.6 average in 1966. Baseley played pro basketball for seven years in the ABA during which time he was named to the ABA All-Star team and played on the Utah Stars championship team. He presently resides in Spring, Texas where he is a sales representative for Converse.

Ag motorcyclists have own club

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If you hear the roar of 30 to 40 motorcycles coming through the TAMU campus don't be alarmed, it's probably not the Hell's Angels but the TAMU Motorcycle Club.

The motorcycle club for this school year has been founded on the old defunct motorcycle club which stopped holding regular meetings in 1972. Mike Cardisco and John Fallis, along with the help of Sam Bass, got the club reorganized and set up a schedule of meetings. The club now meets on the first and third Wednesday of every month at 7:30 in the Rudder Tower.

"The idea of the club is to provide motorcyclists with a chance to learn tips about driving and servicing bikes and to give cyclists an opportunity to meet other cyclists and plan places to go," said John Fallis, the club's vice-president. "I think all of the cyclists in the club enjoy just being able to talk with other cyclists."

Fallis also talked about some of the club's objectives. He said, "We would really like to sponsor a program to promote an awareness of motorcycles for car drivers. Many drivers do not treat motorcycles as motor vehicles and do not watch for them." He also remarked that the club is involved in trying to get better parking and lower parking registration fees for motorcycles on campus.

Baseballers to contest St. Mary's

The Texas A&M baseball team will take a 2-0 record into its doubleheader with St. Mary's Tuesday.

St. Mary's opened the season with a double loss to Texas and will play Rice Saturday before coming to Aggieland for the 1:00 p.m. encounter.

Kirk Campbell will pitch the first game for the Ags and Clint Thomas will toss the second.
The other probable starters for A&M are Jim Bratsen at first; Mike Schraeder at second; Fred Russ at shortstop; Robert Bonner at third or designated hitter; Tommy Hawthorne catcher; Al Thurmond, Mike Frazier and Billy Raymer in the outfield; Campbell could see action at third if not pitching and Mark Olmo could see some work as designated hitter.

St. Mary's is a school competing at the NAIA level and should give the Ags a good early test.

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