

## Downed by 3 points

# Thinclads lose at wire

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Texas A&M's thinclads fell just three points short to Baylor in a meet that easily could have gone the other way.

When the final results of the Sixth Annual College Station Relays were in, the Bears sat on top with 81 points as compared to the Aggies' 78. TCU took third with 39 points, Lamar was fourth with 31 and Houston finished fifth with 26 points.

Had it not been for two quirks of fate A&M would have taken home the bacon instead of Baylor. Robert Harris, A&M's leadoff man in the 440-yard relay, pulled up lame halfway around the first curve. This marked the second time in a row the Aggie sprint relay foursome has scratched.

Then, Adolph Tingan fell in the 880-yard run, twisting his ankle slightly. Tingan has improved his time in the half mile in each of his last three races and has a best time one-half second faster than Saturday's winning time of 1:52.9 by Baylor's Phil McClendon. Tingan's slip perhaps cost A&M first place points in that event.

Still the Aggies trailed by only a single point going into the mile relay 75-74. But the Baptists used a season best time of 3:09.7 to capture the race and the team title. A&M's quartet of Chuck Butler, Shifton Baker (this was Baker's first relay race of his career at A&M), Tingan and team captain, Doug Brodhead kept pace with the Bears for the first two legs but Tingan's ankle and a bad handoff between him and Brodhead prevented the Aggies from catching the Bears. Despite the ill fortune on the relay, the Ags had their best time of the year with a 3:12.2.

Pole vaulter Brad Blair and Baker in the hurdles events were the 'stars' for the Aggies' cause. Blair set a school record of 16-7 with his vault Saturday. His mark is one inch short of the Southwest Conference record set by Dickie Phillips of Rice in 1970. Blair's leap led a sweep by Aggie vaulters as David Peterek and Pat Ruehle took second and third with 15-6 marks.

Besides his leg in the mile relay, Baker set personal best marks in both the 120- and 440-yard hurdles. His time of 13.8 in the 120 casts him into the lead in the SWC in that event. His previous best clocking this year had been a 14.3. Although he was second in the quarter hurdles, his time of 52.5 placed him in a tie with Rex Guynn of Arkansas for league leadership in that event. Baker outdistanced one of the state's best hurdlers in Lamar's Alan Smith in the 120 and had the same time as Smith in the quarter, but the officials gave the race to Smith at the wire. Another Aggie hurdler, Mike Williams, posted his best time of the year, also beating Smith, with a 14.5 clocking.

Bill Newton finished first in the

javelin with his best throw of the year, 228-5 3/4. His toss set a new meet record. Newton also took third in the shot put, his first time to compete in that event this year. Although finishing fourth, Frank West upped his discus mark for the year with a 149-9 toss. The Aggie weight man also took first in the shot.

Tom Owen took second in the long jump with his year's best jump of 23-10 1/4. Lynn Bird also had his best leap in the high jump with a mark of 6-10. Bird tied SWC leader Kevin Delorey of Baylor in the event, but lost because of more attempts.

Butler ran the 220-yard dash for the first time in an Aggie uniform and crossed the stripe with a 21.4

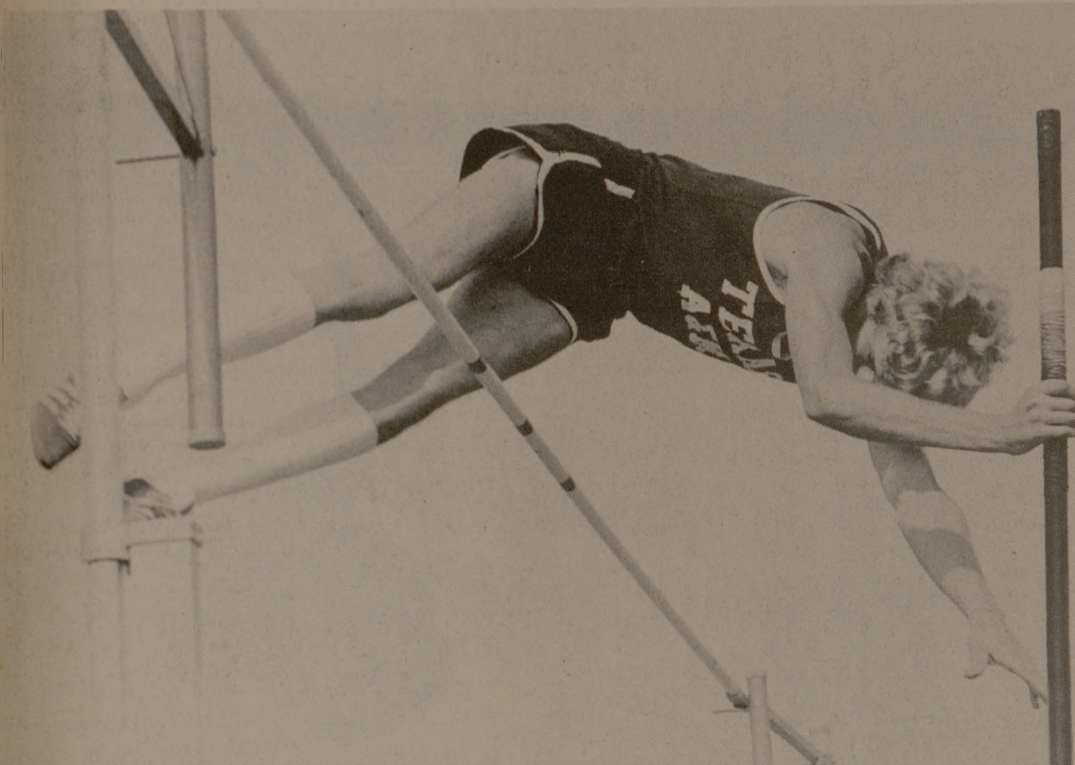
time, the best for an A&M thinclad this year.

Distance men Manfred Kohrs and Bruce Smith picked up points for A&M, placing respectively third and fourth in the mile and third and second in the three mile. Kohrs knocked 24 seconds off his previous three mile time.

A&M is still suffering from the injury plague that has hit the team as Scottie Jones, Sam Dierschke and Horace Grant are still on the sidelines with leg ailments.

But the future looks bright for A&M as the team managed to stay close to the Bears in spite of the injury losses. Baylor has twice defeated SWC defending champ Texas in previous meets. The Aggies' showing gives hint that this year may not be another Longhorn run-away.

A&M now prepares to once again go back to Dallas this week-end to compete in the Dallas Invitational. The Aggies were forced to cancel out of a tri-meet in Dallas due to foul weather.



Brad Blair clears the bar at 16 feet seven inches.

## Women cage squadders prepare for playoff berth

By MARY RUSSO  
Women's Sports Writer

Keeping in tune with a 23-7 record for the year, the women's basketball team took first in zone play and will face state competition this Thursday and Friday.

"The girls played a good defensive and offensive set," said Coach Kay Don.

The women beat Sam Houston 73-64 in their initial game. Karen Aulenbacher was top scorer with 19. They continued their winning ways as they took Baylor 68-67. game Aulenbacher took high point honors with 24.

The women are seeded second behind Stephen F. Austin for the State Tournament. The women

meet the Wayland Bees in their first game. "If the girls put everything together, the physical, mental and desire, we have the opportunity to do extremely well at state," commented Don.

After only the second year of basketball for the women, the improvement over last year is astonishing. The quality of play has impressed sports writers, many of whom probably feel women should be in the kitchen. One writer was reportedly heard saying after a pre-game laughing spell that he found the women fast, aggressive, handling their patterns well and performing much in excess of his expectations.

The women came to A&M with the inducement of a scholarship. These women played high school ball, but that was half court play. Most of the players are freshmen and sophomores and Don said several high school girls averaging in double figures have expressed interest in playing for A&M.

"I work for a well-rounded

team. Usually there are two girls in double figures every game. This keeps the team from being lopsided," Don said. There are three A&M women with double figure averages: Aulenbacher with 15.1, Auclair with 14.6, and Sally Morris with 13.1. Diane Quitta could break into the circle during state play. She has a 9.5 average.

Currently the team is averaging 69.8 points per game. They have kept their opponents to a 57.3 average. Twelve points is an admirable lead for men or women.

Should the women continue through finals they would play four games in two days.

If the basketball team continues its winning ways, A&M, after only two years of a women's program may have state champions on their hands. Athletic letters anyone?

The women will fly to Amarillo to compete against 16 other teams. The tournament is single elimination.

"If the girls get past Wayland we've got it," Don said.

## Batt sports



Shifton Baker en route to his 13.8 time in the 120-yard hurdles.



# McDONALD'S INTRAMURAL HIGHLIGHTS



### This week in intramurals

#### Basketball Playoff Schedule

Here is an important reminder for you basketball fans. Two big IM basketball championship games are coming up next week. On Monday night, March 31, the playoff for the Civilian Championship will take place on the G. Rollie White main floor. The Dunlaps and the Saints will be competing. Then, on Tuesday night, April 1, the best military team and best civilian team of the IM competition will vie for the All-University Championship title at G. Rollie White. Both games will start at 7:30 pm.

In the playoff action before the Spring Break, the Saints defeated the Stray Gators for the Independent Division title. The Rednecks beat BSU 38-28 to gain the Women's Division Title. JBAH won over the Slipsides 102-59 for the Co-Rec Division title. Dunn defeated Moore hall in a close game, 40-37, to win the Civilian Division title. The Dunlaps beat Range Sciences 65-26 to gain the Recreation Division title. Then, in the quarter-finals, the Dunlaps went on to defeat Dunn hall 49-31. Also in a quarter-final game, N-2, the winner of the Military Division, defeated Sq-15, the winner of the Fish Division, 50-34.

#### Wrestling Finals

For those of you who enjoy a great wrestling match, the All-University IM Wrestling Championship will be held before the Civilian basketball playoff at 6:00 pm on Monday night, March 31 on the main floor of the G. Rollie White Coliseum. Come out and support the wrestling champs here at A&M.



DeWayne Coburn of Puryear tries a turnover on Denny Seal an independent in IM wrestling competition. Coburn won the match 11-4. The All University IM wrestling championship will be held at 6:00 PM on Monday March 31, main floor G. Rollie White.



Above, Chris Coughron of Squadron 5 goes up for two points as his team fights to become the military IM champions. N-2 defeated Sq-5 46-32.

Below, Alton Prihoda (no shoes), representing the independent division tries a turnout on David McCabe of White Hall in IM wrestling competition. Prihoda won the competition 10-8.



### Game of the Week

## Basketball finals begin

By RAY WOTTRICH

The Dunlaps defeated Dunn 49-31 in an interdivisional IM basketball playoff several weeks ago. The Dunlaps is an impressive team, especially when one considers the fact that it is made up of graduate students and faculty members to compete in the Recreation Division. The team can keep up with teams made up of students and draw on their experience to win the big game.

In the first half, Dunn tried to outrun their opponents. They also tested the Dunlaps shooting ability by playing a sagging zone defense. The Dunlaps took advantage of this by playing a slow and deliberate offense to look for the good shots. They also got many steals by playing a strong, harassing man-to-man defense. With 11 minutes left in the first half, they had mounted a 14-6 lead which they never lost. Malcom Richards, the leading scorer and rebounder for the Dunlaps, scored 8 points in the first half. Ken Jones and Don Deeile both scored 4 points in the first half for Dunn. The Dunlaps went on to a 22-12 halftime lead.

In the second half, Malcom Richards scored time after time on lob passes. Then, with 13 minutes left in the game and Dunn behind 12-34, Dunn went into a man-to-man defense to stop Malcom's scoring spree and to pressure the Dunlaps into turnovers. Don Deeile led the Dunn team in the second half and did most of Dunn's scoring. However, the Dunlaps went on to win, 49-31. The Dunlaps leading

scorers were Malcom Richards, Jim Benjamin, and Jim Flagg. They scored, respectively, 16, 10, and 7 points. Don Deeile lead scoring for Dunn with 12 points. Ken Jones scored 8 points for Dunn.

In other competition, N-2 defeated Sq-5 46-32 in a big run and gun shootout. N-2 is now the champion of the military IM competition. Both teams played a very physical man-to-man defense.

In the first half, N-2 played good defense. Mike Tucker was their

leading rebounder. Lindsay Sneed and Dan Welsh lead scoring with 8 points each. For Sq-5, Ronnie Maddox lead the rebounding. The team had cold outside shooting and committed numerous turnovers. At halftime, N-2 led 25 to 14.

In the second half, Keith Wilcox led Sq-5 in a try for a comeback. In fact, Sq-5 pulled to within eight points of N-2 with six minutes left in the game. Ronnie Maddox lead Sq-5 scoring with 6 points. Mike Fonteno came on for N-2 and scored 7 points.



Don Deeile of Dunn Hall is closely guarded by a Dunlap defender as he tries for two points in IM semi-final basketball competition. The Dunlaps won 49-31.

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