

Two qualify nationally

Women take 3rd in two meets

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In the words of Women's Track Coach Connie Karcher, the results of last weekend's competition were both "good and bad." Unfortunately, the bad preceded the good.

The Aggies were pitted against Baylor and Sam Houston Friday for the zone championship. A&M brought up the rear with 110 points, 25 behind the runner-up Bear Kats. Baylor gathered 194 marks.

"We were pretty well injured. We put ice on some of our people in between races," said Karcher.

Despite it all, A&M turned in some fine performances by the likes of Marsha Mitchell and Sharon Boyle. Mitchell won the open quarter, crossing the stripe at 64.7.

Boyle finished second in both the 880-yard run and the mile with times of 2:34.7 and 5:46.7.

Debbie Wootan dashed for a 16.2 clocking in the 100-meter hurdles for one of her fastest times of the year. The women's mile relay quartet of Jane Weisenfelder, Boyle, Wootan and Mitchell collected a 4:25.7 on the stopwatch.

In the field events, Sandra Lyman and Lucy Neiman took second and fifth in the shot. Margaret Alexander leaped to a fourth place spot in the long jump and Jan Wynn tossed the javelin 88-4 for fifth place points. Neiman, Lyman and Jen Nixon placed second, third and fifth in the discus. Baylor's Suzie Snyder won both the shot and discus to cut

short possible one-two finishes by the Ags in those events.

The top three finishers in each event qualified for the state meet in San Marcos. Qualifying from A&M were Mitchell, Boyle, Alexander, Weisenfelder and all three relay teams (the 440, 880 and mile).

On Saturday, the women again finished third but this time out of an eight team field in Dallas. The Metroplex Striders and Baylor took first and second.

"I was particularly happy for Lucy

and Sandra because they both qualified for nationals," Karcher said. Neiman and Lyman made nationals in the discus with throws of 122-7 and 120-1/2. (120 feet is the cutoff point)

Mitchell was third in the 440 with a 64.9 and Weisenfelder was fifth in the 100-yard dash with a 12.6. Boyle's fifth place time of 12.21.1 in the two-mile run would have taken first place at zone. She also ran a 2:34.3 half mile.

Karcher has been as of late with

first year competitor in the shot and discus, Jen Nixon. Nixon was third in the shot with a throw over 30 feet and was fourth in the discus with a 91-6 toss.

Wynn again took a fifth in the javelin with a 84-7 1/2 mark. "The girls showed quite a bit of spirit," said Karcher. "All of them wanted to participate."

The Aggie women now go to the regional meet held April 25 and 26 at TWU in Denton.

First round byes aids cage teams

(AP)—The first-round bye that conference champions drew before entering the National Basketball Association playoff wars looks like the pause that refreshes.

"We were rejuvenated," said John Havlicek, the 35-year-old captain of the Boston Celtics who poured in 30 points and had nine assists in a 123-106 rout of the Houston Rockets in their Eastern Conference semi-final playoff opener Monday night.

"Guys like Don Nelson, Paul Silas and myself welcomed the layoff because of our age," said Havlicek.

Meanwhile, in the Western Conference, the Golden State Warriors came off their nine-day layoff and romped past the Seattle SuperSonics 123-96 Monday night in the opener of their best-of-seven set.

"They just ran us out of here," lamented Sonics Coach Bill Russell.

The Golden State players said a key to their fast start was the hard practices which Coach Al Attles put the team through during the long layoff since the close of the regular season.

"The only rest we got was from traveling," said high scorer Rick Barry, who had 39 points in the playoff opener.

"I'll guarantee you we run even more in practice than we do in games."

Boston and Golden State will try to keep on running when their series resume Wednesday night, with Houston at Boston and Seattle at Golden State.

The other two semifinal series, both of which are tied 1-1, also resume Wednesday night, with Buffalo at Washington and Kansas City-Omaha at Chicago.

Rice takes two games from Trinity

HOUSTON (AP)—Ralph Cooley pitched a one-hitter and Steve Buckley hurled a three-hitter Tuesday to lead Rice to 6-0 and 10-0 victories over Trinity in a college baseball doubleheader.

Buckley, who increased his record to 3-2, handcuffed the Tigers with three hits in the 6-0 opener. Owl third baseman Mike Macha knocked in five runs over the two games.

Cooley, getting his first decision, yielded only a leadoff single to Bob Esparza in the fourth inning of the nightcap.

Rice, gearing up for a Southwest Conference series this weekend against Texas A&M, now is 19-14 for the season.

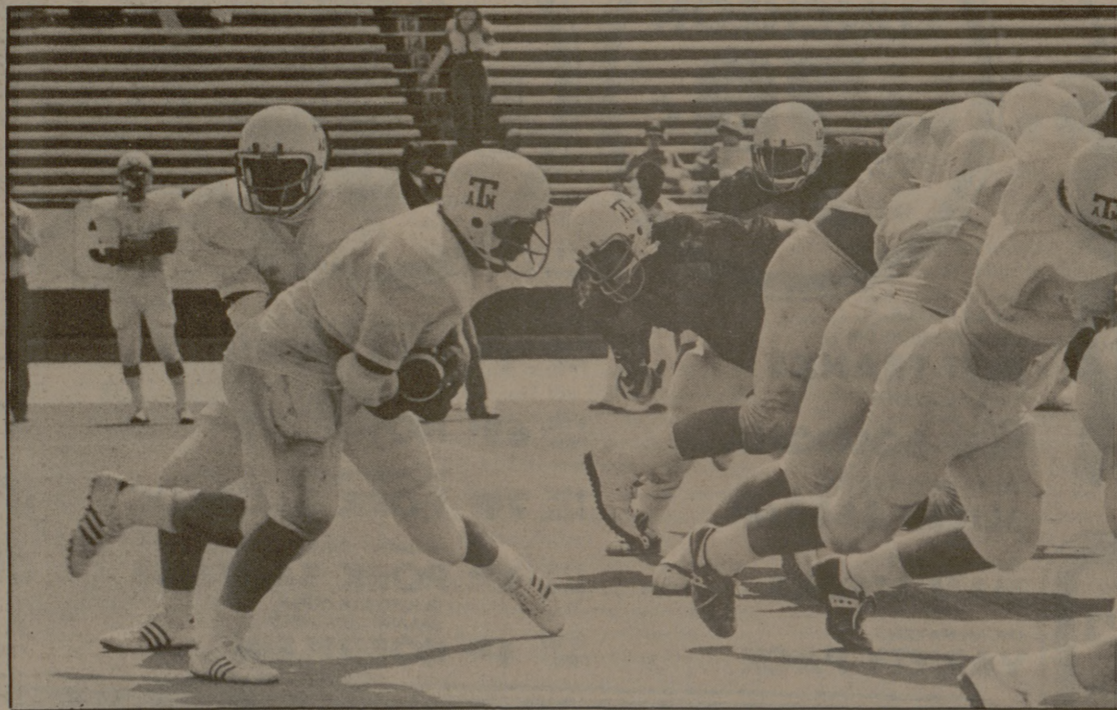
Bosox rally past Yanks, Hunter 5-3

NEW YORK (AP) — Dwight Evans' two-run single capped a four-run rally that carried the Boston Red Sox to a 5-3 victory over the New York Yankees and Catfish Hunter Tuesday.

It was Hunter's second loss in as many starts for the Yankees, now 1-5 for the season.

New York nicked winner Bill Lee for single runs in each of the first three innings, but Boston got them back with a four-run fourth against Hunter, the Yanks' \$3.75-million pitcher.

Boston chased Hunter in the eighth with an insurance run.



A&M's 'Ship' has finally come in

Quarterback David Shipman, who had his best day as an Aggie in Saturday's scrimmage, hands off to Bucky Sams. Shipman in his finest performance since a 1973 knee injury had 52 yards in eight carries. Sams led all first unit rushers with 71 yards. Jim Hartman paced the second unit with 111 yards. Eddie Simonini, Garth Ten Napel and Edgar Fields were defensive standouts in the workout.



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