ATTALION Leads SWC in 120 highs

Baker emerges from shadows

By MIKE BRUTON Sports Editor A&M hurdler Shifton Baker ran

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meet. He has already qualified for the NCAA meet in the highs and is a y can write year, come mere tenth of a second from qualifysee me in ing in the 440 intermediates. McDonald The former Elgin High School but if you great liked the weather conditions and the potential learning experioutdoors, ence that Texas A&M offered and after an illustrious prep school career he came to Aggieland in

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could learn from a star hurdler like consistent," commented Baker.

here, was because of Scottie (Jones). He showed me a lot of and knee action and how to improve my sprinting," Baker explained.

You can bet your bottom dollar that Coach Charles Thomas is glad to have Baker at A&M. As a high school senior Baker ran 14.0 in the highs and tied for second best in the nation with Alex Ray of Galveston Ball in the 330 mediums with a 37.4 time. He also ran in the Golden West and United States Track and Field Federation meets in his final high school season.

The modest bio-med major continued his sparkling performances in his freshman year at Texas A&M covering the 120 highs in 13.9 seconds and the grueling 440 inter-mediates in 52.4. But to SWC track enthusiasts Baker was the other A&M hurdler. Jones was king of the

hill and Baker battled with inconsis-

tency

Baker was not hidden in the background long as he came out this season and defeated everything in his path to a SWC hurdling title in the highs. The SWC meet is yet to be run but Baker is certainly the man to beat. Baker said the big difference in this season and last season for him was strength and consistency. "I got in good preseason training and strengthened my legs last year. I was sporadic, because I

Phillies nip Expos, 2-1

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Steve Carlton pitched a six-hitter for his first victory of the season while Dave Cash scored one run and drove in the other to lead the Philadelphia Phillies to a 2-1 victory over the Montreal Expos Wednesday night.

Carlton, 1-3, struck out seven, walked three and lost his shutout when Barry Foote led off the eighth inning with his first home run of the season

Cash, who had four singles, led off the first with a hit to right. Steve Rogers, 0-4, hit Mike Schmidt with a pitch and Greg Luzinski lined a run-scoring single to left.

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1973. "I like the warm climate," said Baker. "I can't run in the cold." The but the hard work last year made me lanky sophomore also felt that he stronger for this year and I'm more _ Baker has set personal goals for the 1975 season and he expressed

Another reason why I came confidence in achieving them. He wants to run a 13.6 in the highs and a 51.5 in the intermediates. "Under things - technique, stretching, arm the right conditions, I can accomplish them (goals)," said Baker. He said weather, competition, condi-

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tion of running surface were factors when considering achieving a lifetime best.

The fleet hurdler hinted that he would make a move in this evening's quadrangular meet in Austin. "I'm. going to try to really run fast tomorrow," said Baker with a determined tone of voice. The A&M hurdler will be pushed

in both hurdling events with Rice's Mike Fulgham (13.8) and Curtis

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Isaiah (13.8) in the highs and Robert Primeaux (52.3) in the inter-mediates. Both Owl hurdlers have wind-aided bests at 13.8.

Baker would not pick a winner in either race. "It's a toss-up right now," he said. "I think whoever feels the best will win it." What Baker said could be true, it might be a toss-up, but if consistency means anything the A&M sophomore should cross the finish line first.

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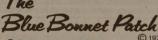
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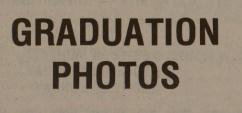
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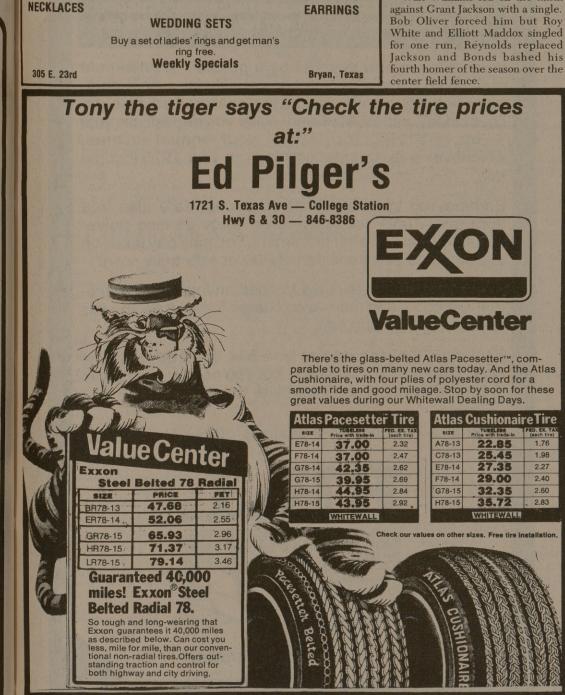
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Bonds' late shot defeats **Orioles**, 6-4 NEW YORK (AP) — Bobby

Bonds greeted Baltimore reliever Bob Reynolds with a three-run homer in the bottom of the ninth inning Wednesday night to catapult the New York Yankees to a 6-4 vic-

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