

# Aggies, SWC tune up for conference meet

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It's Southwest Conference meet time with the second straight week of pick-up meets coming up this Saturday. Everyone in the SWC is tuning up and being extra cautious not to sustain unnecessary injuries.

Injury has been no stranger to the Texas A&M track team this season as they have only participated in two meets with their full team. Scottie Jones, one of the nation's top high hurdlers last season, has been inactive most of the season only running in four meets. Injury has also hindered the performance of sprinting standouts Sam Dierske and Gerald D'Ambrosio. Many other key performers have also battled injury at different times this season.

I'm not making excuses for the A&M track team for they have shown that they can compete on a high level regardless of the injury situation. At times this season they looked like the mummy brigade there was so much tape on legs and ankles. But yet the tracksters have won two meets; a quad-meet in Austin and a dual meet against Rice. The Aggies have also been runner-up in a couple of tough meets; the College Station Relays and a tri-meet at Kyle Field against Rice and the University of Houston.

A&M track teams have had their share of injury problems in recent years. Some blamed the rubberized track at Kyle Field, others contend that training techniques are causing leg problems. The real reason is unknown to me, but it does seem that the Aggies have more leg injuries to runners each year than any other team in the SWC.

Even with all the injury problems A&M can not be overlooked as a

possible SWC Champion. This year's SWC meet is a lot different than others I have observed the past four years. There are five teams who could be considered as contenders; Baylor, Texas, A&M, Rice and TCU. Each of these teams have performers that will collect points, which will split the scoring immensely unless one team really pours it on with a super effort.

Baylor boasts one of the top mile relay teams in the nation with a best of 3:07.0 Anchoring that swift foursome was Tim Son, who has run a 45.8 split once this year. The Bears have strength in the high jump with Kevin Delorey and Gary Kafer owning the best two jumps of the season in the SWC, with leaps of 7-1 and 6-11 respectively.

The Baptists also have outstanding long jumper Ricky Thompson, who has soared 25 feet and 1/2 inches

this season. With a full stall of quarter horses, adequate hurdlers and some standouts in the field events Baylor will certainly be in the running for the SWC title.

The Rice Owls will field strength in the distances with Jeff Wells and John Lodwick, with Wells having the second best time in SWC history in the 3-mile run. To help the Rice forces will be sprinter Zoe Simpson and hurdlers Mike Ful-

ghum and Chuck Hodge.

TCU will be led by fleet quarter-miler Sam McKinney (46.7) and the SWC's premiere sprinter Bill Collins (9.3). The Horned Frogs are endowed with great sprinters with Lorenzo Ashford, and Phil Delancy to go with Collins and McKinney. The Frogs have the second best time of the year in the spring relay with that quartet at 40.3.

It is obvious that the defending

champion Longhorns will be the meet favorite, with the best time in the SWC in the sprint relay (39.8) coupled with the second best time in the mile relay (3:07.9). Texas expects to get points with Overton Spence, Kerry Smith and Billy Jackson in the sprints. Also in the Longhorn arsenal are quarter-miler John Lee, polevaulter David Shepherd distance man Reed Fischer, middle distance man John Craig and two of

the top weightmen in the country Dana LeDuc and Jim McGowan. The competition will be stiff, the team displaying the most effort will win the 1975 SWC title and field title. And A&M's Shifton Baker, Doug Broadway, Charles Dawson, Adolph Timp, Brad Blair and the rest of the Ag track team Texas A&M just may be able to put that super effort together.



## Bulls make preparation for Warriors

CHICAGO (UPI)—The Chicago Bulls paid the penalty for defeat Monday, watching the videotape of their 86-72 loss to the Golden State Warriors when a victory would have advanced them into the National Basketball Association championship round.

Instead, the defeat meant that the Bulls must play the decisive game of their best-of-seven Western championship series on the Warriors' court Wednesday night with the victor moving into the title round against Washington. The Bulls have won two of five games on the Warriors' court this year, but their overall playoff record on the road is only three wins in 29 games.

Coach Dick Motta watched the videotape of the Sunday debacle with his team, but there was little need for him to comment since the players were equally aware of their faults.

"Nobody feels this more than the players," Motta said. "I hope they're going out of the coast to win. This will be the biggest game they've ever had in their lives."

Motta planned no physical drills Monday, but said the team would plan for a full-scale workout Tuesday and then fly to Oakland where it would have a "shooting drill" Wednesday on the Warriors' floor.

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