

Texas wins fourth straight track title

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The Aggies, Bears and Longhorns completed their vicious cycle Saturday in Lubbock as Texas

chalked up their fourth consecutive Southwest Conference track and field title. In three of the major SWC sports this school year, Baylor, Texas and

A&M have directly or indirectly caused each other to win a championship. In football the surprising Bears grabbed the crown when the Horns knocked the Aggies off.

Baylor upset a very good Texas Tech basketball team to put A&M in the driver's seat leaving only Texas between them and a championship. And Saturday was a topper as the

Bears and the Aggies split points to leave the Longhorns atop the heap.

The Aggies stole points in the high jump and the 440 intermediates that really made things a bit easier for the Orange, but the closeness of the meet offered excitement to the 3,500 spectators. Longhorn track coach Cleburne Price said, "The high jump and intermediates really hurt (Baylor) them." The Texas mentor also named Saturday's victory as being better than the run-a-way title that the Horns acquired last spring. "This is our best conference championship as far as I'm concerned," commented Price.

Texas led the meet from the outset collecting 28 points in the field events with superb efforts by Dana LeDuc, Jim McGoldrick and javelin-thrower Marty Petermann who competed with a pulled groin muscle. LeDuc won the shotput with a toss of 63-2½, with McGoldrick grabbing a third place to go along with his win in the discus. Petermann heaved the spear to a lifetime best to win the javelin event.

When Petermann unseated champion Bill Newton, who got third in the competition, a trend was set and many champions fell to determined challengers. A&M's Lynn Bryd cleared the bar at 6-10, leaving champion Kevin Delorey of Baylor tied with Tech's Bryant Huckaby for second place. David Shepherd of Texas, who vaulted extremely well the latter part of the season, spoiled Aggie Brad Blair's bid to repeat as a winner when he took the polevault at a height of 16-4. Blair finished in fourth place behind two other Longhorn vaulters Randy Lewis and Don Lee, who played follow the leader with Shepherd.

A&M's Doug Brodhead led the field in the quarter until he was passed by Baylor's Tim Son and Mark Collins about 40 yards from the string. Brodhead's lifetime best of 46.6 wasn't enough to hold off the charging Bears with Son winning in 46.3 seconds. "My legs felt dead and I didn't have any lift coming down the home stretch. I just felt tired and I couldn't hold them off," said defending champion Brodhead.

After a 1-2 finish in the 440 the Bears once again found themselves in challenging position and they stayed right on Texas' back until the gun fired starting the 220 yard dash. Prior to the race the Bears trailed the Horns, 83-80, but Overton Spence stayed with the trend and gunned down favored Bill Collins to win the 220 with a 20.8 clocking. With only the 3-mile and the mile relay left to be run and with Baylor's lack of a contending 3-miler, the Longhorns had virtually clinched their fourth straight track title.

Texas' distance ace Jesse Maldonado finished third in the 3-mile behind Jeff Wells of Rice and Arkansas' Randy Melancon to pick even more points before that final exciting event — the mile relay. And thanks to the Baylor Bears, it was exciting. The Baptists won the mile relay finishing 30 yards from the nearest competitor in a fine time of 3:07.5.

When the dust settled and it was all over the Longhorns were on top with 101 points, Baylor had 90, Texas A&M 67 and Rice 62. It had

been the most exciting SWC track meet since 1971 when Rice nipped A&M by a half point, winning 60½-60.

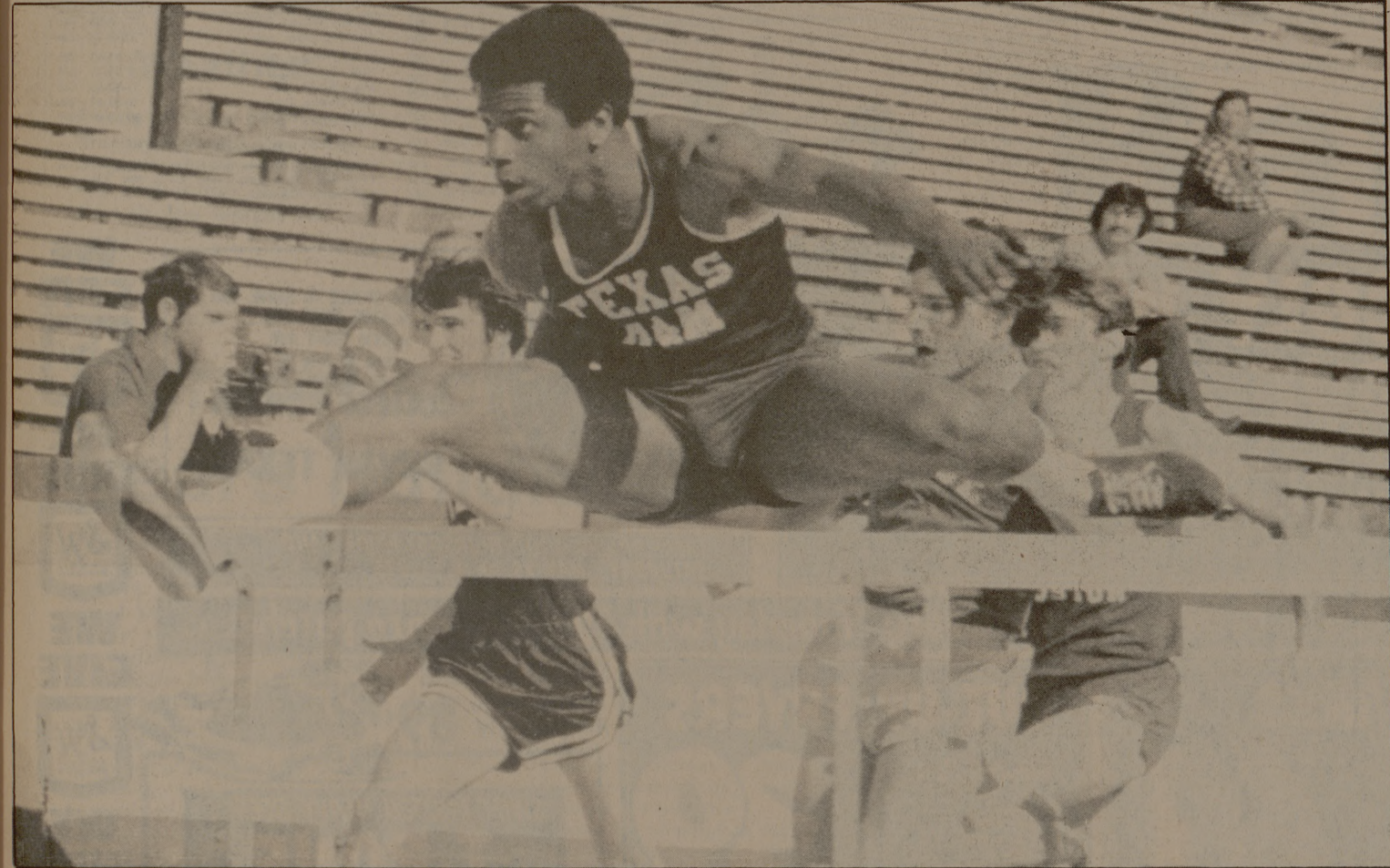
The Aggies performed extremely well, though finishing third. Coach Charles Thomas and assistant coach Ted Nelson both expressed how pleased they were with the performance of the whole A&M track team. But there was one young man who they were particularly pleased with. Scottie Jones became one of few three-time SWC champions as he tied the record that he set in the preliminaries at 13.7 to win the 120-yard high hurdles. "Unbelievable," said Nelson of Jones, who has only run three or four races this season because of a hip injury.

Jones credited his winning performance to staying in shape through doing stretch exercises. "My strategy was to get out in front and stay there and I did. . . . I got a good start. I've done no running, no hurdling since February and have stayed in condition through doing stretching exercises," said Jones.

Shifton Baker, who has probably been A&M's most consistent point getter, finished second behind Jones at 13.8 in Texas A&M's most impressive showing at 60th running of the SWC meet.

Thomas said the meet and A&M's third place finish didn't discourage his hopes for the future. "They just had too many guns," said Thomas of Texas and Baylor. "We'll be all

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They say the third time's a charm. Scottie Jones became a member of the elite group of three-time SWC champions by winning the

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The Texas A&M track team named Shifton Baker, Doug Brodhead and David Peterrek as captains for the 1975 season.

In flight between Lubbock and College Station after Saturday's Southwest Conference meet the A&M tracksters voted Baker, Brodhead and Peterrek as tri-captains for this season, as they displayed leadership throughout the season.

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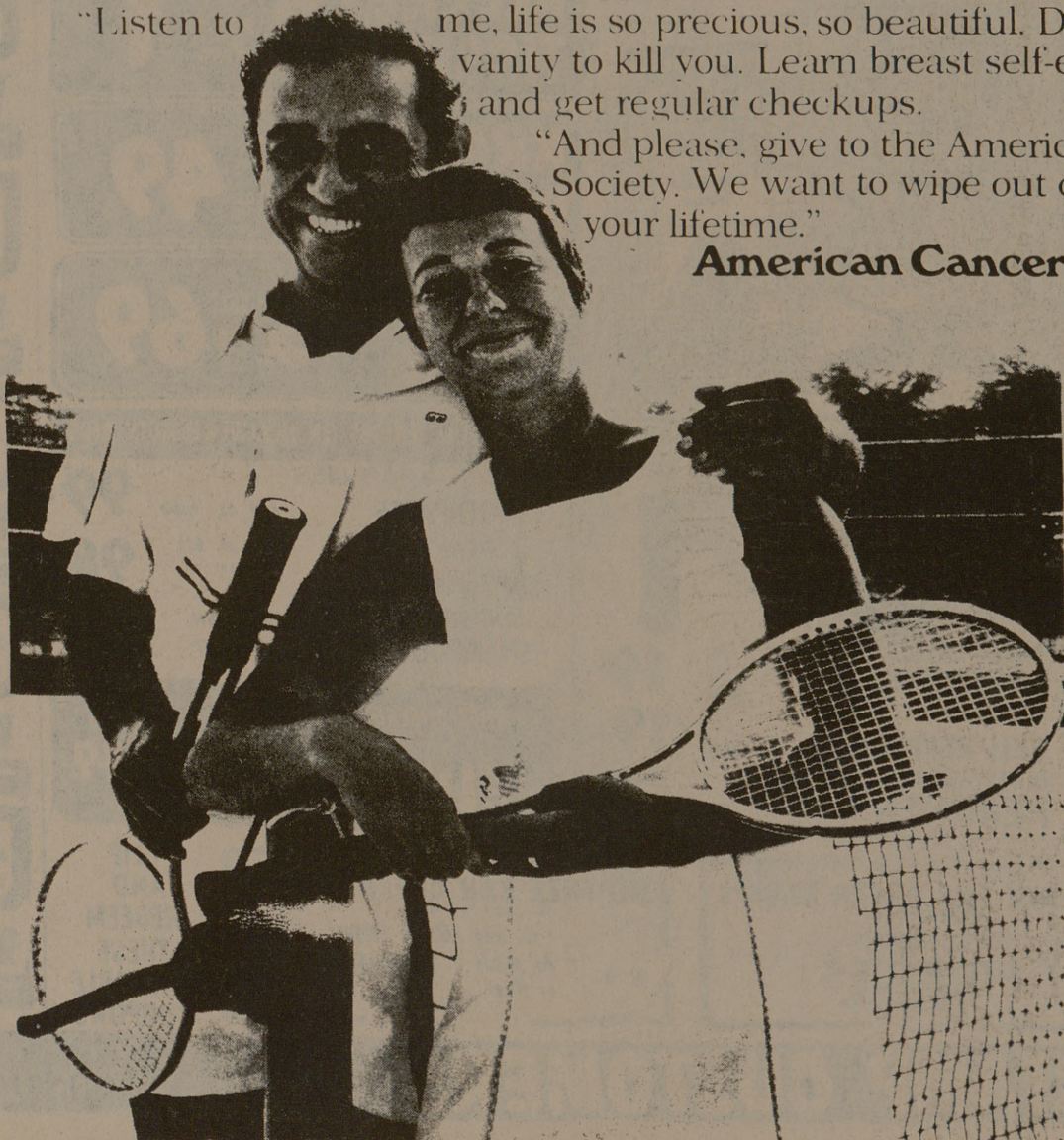
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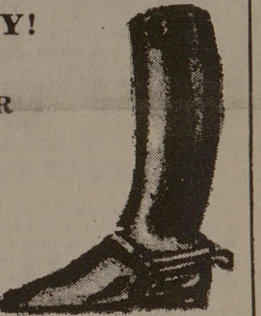
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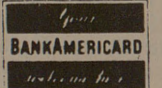
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