

Tied with TWU, Texas

Fems share state all-sports title

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In the three years that Texas A&M has had a women's sports program, this year has proved to be the best.

Under the direction of Kay Don, women's athletic director, the women accumulated 38 points along with Texas Women's University and Texas to become co-champs for the all-sports title of Texas for 1975. A traveling trophy was awarded to A&M after the spring semester

ended and the points were tabulated. The Texas Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women awards the trophy to school that scores the most points by finishing in the top four places at a state level.

The scoring is as follows; 1st place (10 points), 2nd place (8 points), 3rd place (6 points) and 4th place (4 points).

A&M scored in softball, placing second to TWU. In bowling the women won the team title with West Texas State finishing second and Brenda Goldsmith was second medalist in the golf competition behind a Texas coed. A&M finished second behind Texas in swimming to round out the scoring. The Aggie coeds also had teams in basketball and volleyball to make it to the state competition but failed to finish in the top four.

Goldsmith will be entered in national golfing competition on June 15. Other A&M coeds who have competed on a national level are: Carol Hemphill, Beth McArthur and Barbara German for swimming and Lucy Neiman and Sandra Lyman for the discus competition in track and field.

The trophy, which is held by the

all-sports championship only while their title is intact, is presently sitting in Don's office and will be moved to the trophy case in G. Rolie White Coliseum in the near future. The award is silver and walnut and stands 3½ feet high with a figurine of Mildred "Babe" Didrickson Zaharias at the top. "I think it's a great honor for the women of Texas A&M University to receive this award," Don said.

This all-sports trophy was named in honor of the "Babe" and was donated by the Rotary Club of Beaumont. Zaharias was the first Texas woman to go to the Olympics. She was outstanding in golf, track and swimming. She played semi-pro basketball and a couple of innings with the New York Yankees.

The trophy, in its second year of existence, was held by Stephen F. Austin last year. A&M tied with SMU for ninth place in 1974 in the all-sports scoring. From ninth to first this year is quite an accomplishment. "The girls have done a lot of hard work and they represented Texas A&M very well," Don said.

Maybe next year A&M can place first without a tie. "I expect to see even more improvement next year. We have some good athletes returning and some good ones coming in," Don added. "I would like to see A&M place in all sports at a state level next year," she concluded.

Other top finishers were: SFA (2nd), Lamar (3rd), and UH (4th).



"Mr. Consistent", Shifton Baker will be hoping to peak at the NCAA Track and Field Championships at Provo, Utah. Also competing in the 120 high hurdles for A&M will be Scottie Jones.

Three sign with A&M swim team

Texas A&M swimming coach Dennis Fosdick has announced the signing of three California prospects to A&M scholarships.

The three are Blake Hinman and Roger Lien from San Jose and Bill Yates from Santa Clara.

Hinman, who attended West Valley Junior College, earned all-America honors in water polo and will swim in the distance freestyle for A&M. Lien, a freshman from Santa Clara High, earned all-America honors in the middle distance and distance freestyle. Yates, whose brother Jim is on the Aggie swim team, was all-America two years in swimming and water polo.

Matthews hurts hand in incident

CHICAGO (AP) — San Francisco Giants left fielder Gary Matthews was fighting, perhaps playfully, with teammate Derrel Thomas when he broke his left thumb, it was reported Monday.

The injury occurred in Montreal before Sunday's game with the Expos. It was explained that Matthews was hurt in a pepper game.

Teammates later said there was a "scuffle" on the field during batting practice.

"They were only fooling around but I saw trouble might come out of it," said outfielder Von Joshua.

Manager Wes Westrum said the Giants probably would try to trade for another outfielder. Matthews, the team's cleanup hitter, will be out at least six weeks.

TV causes scheduling scrambles

Athletic Director Emory Bellard has announced two changes in Texas A&M's 1975 football schedule, both for television commitments.

The Sept. 27 game here with Illinois will be on regional TV and the kickoff will be at 12:50 p.m. instead of the original 4 p.m.

And, the Arkansas game, originally set for 1 p.m., Nov. 1, in Fayetteville, has been switched to 3:05 p.m., Dec. 6, in Little Rock. It will be on national TV.

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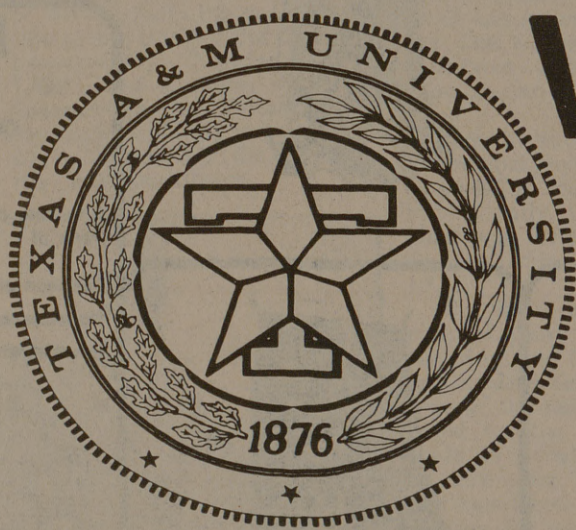
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