

## Aggies run a close race

# Tracksters third after LSU

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Texas A&M's young track squad finished a narrow third behind their hosts at the LSU Invitational meet held last Saturday in Baton Rouge.

The quadrangular meet was dominated by Auburn who amassed 69 points. LSU squeezed by the Aggies with 30 points to A&M's 28. Houston finished a close fourth with a tally of 26.

Auburn took firsts in eight of the 14 events to go along with five second place finishes. This was the fourth indoor meet of the year for the Tigers and their better conditioning was shown in the meet's results.

The hosting Tigers managed four firsts in finishing a distant second to their counterparts from the South-eastern Conference.

The meet's feature race pitted NCAA hurdles champ Larry Shipp against teammate Allen Misher. Misher pulled a mild upset in taking a 7.2 win in the 60-yard hurdles over his fellow Bayou Bengal. Shipp finished third at 7.3.

A&M displayed a marked improvement over their opening trial in Oklahoma City. "I thought everyone competed real well," said track coach Charles Thomas. "We made a big turnaround from our Oklahoma City meet."

Charles Cottle turned in the Aggies' finest performance in the meet with a school record-breaking victory in the two-mile. Cottle dashed to a 9:03.1 time on the tartan track of the LSU Fieldhouse to beat the old A&M mark, held by Frank Ybarbo since 1970, by seven seconds.

Cottle was running third behind two Auburn runners with three laps to go in the 16 lap race. Going into the last quarter, he slipped past one Auburn man and began to edge up on the Tiger lead runner.

With half a lap remaining Cottle still trailed by almost eight yards when he started to make his move at the final curve. Cottle had just enough gas left to catch and pass the

Auburn runner just five yards from the tape.

Half-miler Jim Brannen had a similar finish, but the outcome was not quite so merry. Brannen made up a lot of ground to take second to Houston's Jose Gonzales. Brannen felt he could have won the race had he not opted to go wide on the last curve and had stayed on the inside.

The Aggies also took second in the mile relay (3:21.2) and in the pole vault with Brad Blair crossing the high bar at 15-0. Frank West was runnerup in the shot put with a toss of 52-61/2. Thomas voiced disap-

pointment that his weightmen, West and Craig Carter, did not do better.

A&M, had it not been for some ill luck, could have finished a notch higher in the meet standings. Sophomore sprinter Chuck Butler from Pittsburgh, Pa., barely missed points in the 60-yard dash and was disqualified from the 600-yard race. But Butler, obviously irate with his misfortune, ran a strong second leg in the mile relay with an approximate clocking of 49.3.

Jacob Yemme was also a victim of disqualification in the 1,000-yard run, although neither he or Butler

jumped before the gun. There is a NCAA rule, however, that disallows any movement prior to the pull of the trigger. The LSU starter informed Thomas that this had been the case in both instances.

Thomas said he was pleased with the improvement his squad had made in a week's time and that he was especially satisfied with the way the freshmen are responding to college competition.

Once again the Aggies will be on the road to Bayou country as they embark to Monroe for the North-eastern Louisiana Relays. Hopefully, says Thomas, some of the Aggies' headline performers will be up and around in time to make the journey.

## Marquette leads fluid second 19

Associated Press

Marquette took over Monday as leader of the Second 19, which keeps changing faster than a switching man-to-man defense, while Indiana remained the leader in major college basketball.

Indiana, beating Purdue and Minnesota last week to boost its record to 16-0, received 59 first-place votes on 60 ballots cast by a nationwide panel of sports writers and sportscasters in the poll based on games through Sunday. The Hoosiers held a solid lead over second-place Marquette — 1,198 points to 970.

Marquette scored easy victories over Xavier of Ohio, Creighton and Fordham last week to boost its record to 14-1 and replace Maryland, which jumped to seventh after losing 82-77 to Clemson and 95-93 in overtime to North Carolina Sunday. The Terrapins fell to 13-3.

Nevada-Las Vegas, 20-0, whipped Nevada-Reno twice and moved from fourth to third; North Carolina, 13-2, which lost to North Carolina State before beating Maryland, advanced from fifth to fourth. Rutgers, seventh last week, trounced Lehigh and

Lafayette and jumped to fifth with a 15-0 record while Washington, 16-1, won twice at Hawaii and moved up from eighth to sixth.

Following Maryland in the Top Ten were North Carolina State, 13-2, which also outlasted Duke 106-101 last week; Tennessee, 14-2, a double winner, and Notre Dame, 11-3, which won twice including a revenge 95-85 victory over UCLA.

Alabama, a two-time winner heads the second 10, followed by UCLA which was 11-1, and dropped from sixth to an unaccustomed spot outside the Top Ten.

Missouri won twice and moved up from No. 18 to No. 13 and was followed by St. John's, which split and fell from ninth place; Michigan; Oregon State; Princeton, a newcomer to the standings which upset St. John's 58-55 in overtime; Cincinnati; Centenary, another newcomer, and West Texas State and Virginia Tech, which tied for 20th.

The Top Twenty teams in The Associated Press College basketball poll with first-place votes in parentheses, season records through Sunday and total points.

1. Indiana (59)	16-0	1,198
2. Marquette	14-1	970
3. New-Las Vegas (1)	20-0	837
4. North Carolina	13-2	731
5. Rutgers	15-0	685
6. Washington	16-1	600
7. Maryland	13-3	556
8. N. Car. St.	13-2	421
9. Tennessee	14-2	382
10. Notre Dame	11-3	348
11. Alabama	13-2	334
12. UCLA	14-3	332
13. Missouri	15-2	169
14. St. John's	14-2	138
15. Michigan	12-3	128
16. Oregon State	11-5	66
17. Princeton	11-3	28
18. Cincinnati	13-3	23
19. Centenary	16-3	15
20. West Texas St.	13-2	11
tie Va. Tech	13-3	11

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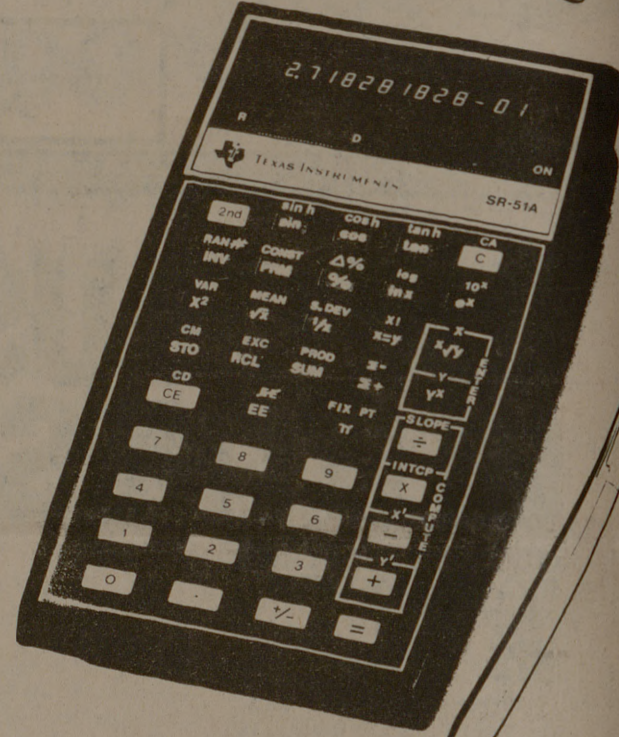
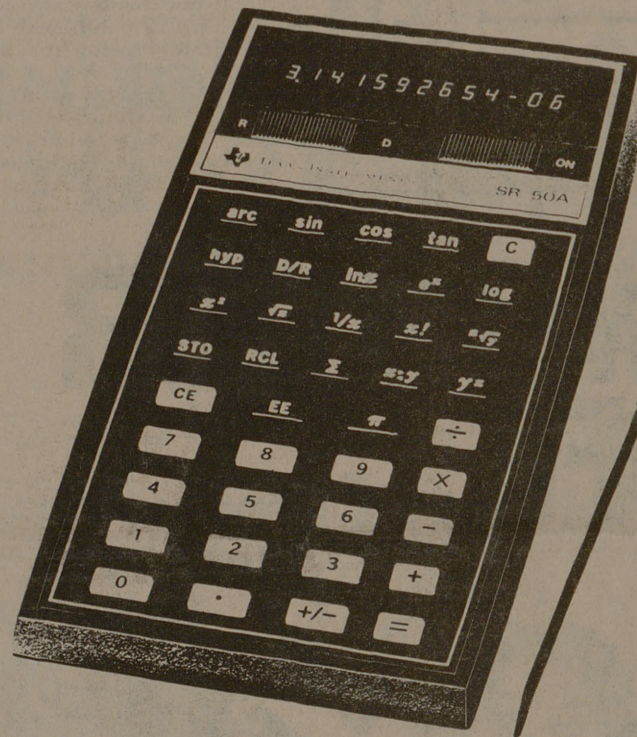
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