



## Backlashes

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The time when a bass fisherman with a spinning rig would get laughed off the lake is past. Ultralight tackle is showing up in pro basses' outfits for one simple reason — it catches fish.

What the fellows on the pro tournament circuit have figured out is that what counts isn't landing every fish that's hung, it's landing more fish than anyone else.

Ultralight tackle to a bass fisherman means a small spinning reel like a Mitchell 308 or a Zebeo Cardinal 3 spooled with 4 to 10-pound test line. It's mounted on a 5-foot 6-inch or shorter rod.

The idea behind using ultralight is that the light line permits longer casts and is less visible to fish. In addition, lures have more action on light line.

In keeping with the trend to lighter tackle, lures are getting smaller. Quarter-ounce crank baits like Bill Norman's Baby N and Bagley's Honey B are taking over the market from the original fat plugs.

There is also a trend toward shorter plastic worms. A few years ago, an 8-inch worm was considered short. Now a 6-inch worm is the longest many fishermen use. With ultralight spinning gear, many fishermen are going to 4-inch worms.

A Tennessee bass fisherman, Charlie Brewer, has invented a new approach to ultralight fishing. He calls it "sliding" or the "do-nothing" method. He uses a flat lead head that can be trimmed on 4-inch worms. He lets the bait run at the depth where the fish are holding without giving it any added action. He said he got the idea from watching minnows "slide" through the water. He is reportedly catching an unbelievable number of bass with this tech-

nique. The March-April issue of Bassmaster Magazine has the full story on sliding.

All this light tackle is a sign of the change in bass fishing philosophy. It used to be that you wanted to catch some good heavy fish to make a respectable string. Now it's catching a large number of smaller fish to make up the same weight. At the same time, an element of sport is put back in the game.

I've been using ultralight tackle for several years and have decided that it does account for more fish than standard gear. This was really brought home to me late last summer when three of us were fishing Lake of the Pines. We caught 11 bass one afternoon, all on 5-inch purple worms with white tails. I caught seven, using 8-pound line. The other two fishermen had two bass each on regular bait-casting rigs with 20-pound line.

How do you fish worms with light line? First, you don't try to cross a bass' eyes when you set the hook. You sweep the rod up smoothly. By keeping the hook razor sharp, you can hang fish just as well with a light rod as you can with a pool cue with guides.

When you're using light line, you have to check it more often for abrasions and replace it more often. Also, when you tie a knot in light line, moisten it with saliva. This will cause the knot to pull tighter and not break as easily.

All this noise about ultralight doesn't mean you should trash all your bait-casting reels and worm rods. I still keep 20-pound line on one rig for fishing heavy timber and off-color water. I've gone to 14-pound line on the other two rigs. Try it and you'll be surprised how much better the thing casts.

## Horns host Aggies

The Texas A&M baseball team will undertake their most crucial series of the season as they travel to Austin for a three game stand with the University of Texas.

The league-leading Longhorns, defending national champions, boast an 11-1 Southwest Conference record to the Aggies' 9-3 third place mark. A&M hopes for an outright championship may sink or swim with this series.

The match up features the conference's top two hitting teams. A&M leads the pack with a .310 team average while Texas has a .299 mean. Also highlighted will be four of the top five RBI men in the league, headed by A&M's Bill Raymer with 13. Robert Bonner of A&M leads the SWC in hits with 20.

Texas will face the Aggie onslaught with two of the league's best pitchers in Ken Wright and Rick Wortham. Wright has a 0.96 earned run average and Wortham a 1.41. Texas A&M counters with James Gibson, sporting a 1.48 ERA.

Coach Tom Chandler's squad, 26-5 for the season, has its share of walking wounded. First baseman Kirk Campbell will be out the remainder of the season after a shoulder separation. Mark Thurmond suffers from a broken foot and catcher John Biersner has a back injury.

Bonner, the Aggies' leading hitter, has a bruised shoulder; and second baseman Buddy Grobe has a sprained ankle. All are listed as doubtful.

Clint Thomas will be on the mound for the 7:30 p.m. opener tonight. Gibson will start the seven inning game, beginning Saturday at 1:00 p.m., and David Lockett will go in the nightcap.

Other conference action sees Houston (13-2) at Rice (7-9), Arkansas (8-4) at Baylor (8-7) and Texas Tech (3-6) at TCU (4-14). SMU has an open date.

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## Teams evenly matched

# Ags, Bears duel in track meet

By PAUL McGRATH  
Battalion Sports Editor

The big, bad Baylor Bears bring a batch of cinder burners to College Station tomorrow to face the ready and willing Texas A&M track team.

The Aggies and Bears will go head to head in a duel that may go down to the last race. Texas A&M coach Charles Thomas says his squad must win the sprint relay (to offset Baylor's powerful mile relay foursome) in order to win the meet.

Coach Clyde Hart will bring the maximum of 28 athletes to Aggie land. His team had won four straight meets before finishing fourth at the Dallas Invitational two weeks ago. The Bears won the Southwest Conference indoor title this year, dethroning perennial powerhouse Texas.

Baylor has one of the top mile relay quartets in the nation, returning all four men from a team which ran a 3:05.7 last year, good for third

in the National Collegiate Athletic Association meet.

However, senior Michael Carter, a 46.9 quartermiler, will not make the trip due to a sore leg. He will probably be replaced by Phil McClendon, normally a half miler. Tim Son, Steve Lang and Mark Collins will run the other legs for Baylor. Hart has okayed Collins, the SWC's fastest 440 man, despite the sophomore's having taken a spill at the Texas Relays causing him to swallow his tongue.

Intermediate hurdler Carlos Cribbs will also miss the meet due to a leg strain.

"We've got good entries from the 100 on up," Hart said optimistically. "We feel we're a pretty balanced track team."

Of the Aggies, Hart said, "A&M and us have been close everywhere we have run. Dual meets are usually close because of where you score your points. It's pretty much a toss up." The Bears nipped the Aggies by

six points at the College Station Relays, but clearly outshined A&M at Dallas and Austin.

Baylor dominates the high and long jump with Kevin Delorey and Ricky Thompson. They also have three talented half milers in McClendon, Mark Lawless and Arthur Nious; with Walker Lea heading the BU distance men.

The Aggies have been steadily improving since opening the outdoor season in Houston. Thomas thinks his squad has a definite chance to win the meet, which is scored 5-3-1 for all events but the two relays where the winner gets five points.

The Aggies should rack up a lead in the shot put, discus, javelin and pole vault.

Intermediate hurdlers Curtis Collier, Craig McPhail and Shiftor Baker should also do well with Baker challenging BU's Davy Duncan in the high.

The half mile should be interesting as A&M has the SWC's top 880 man in freshman Tony Wheeler facing Baylor's trio. Joel Vogt could upset the Bears' hopes in this event with a good race.

The Ags are favored to win the

battle of the sprints as Dawson in the century Brooks in the furlong. It is the A&M hope to see Baylor-dominated 440.

Texas A&M will have conference's best mileman Manfred Kohrs as Walter Jachimowicz and Lea. Kohrs should be the three-mile where he set an A&M record (14:00.0).

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## Women's tennis squad goes to Belton tourney

The women's tennis team will compete in the Zone Tournament today and Saturday in Belton. Host Mary Hardin-Baylor, with players from England, Australia, and the Bahamas, will be the Aggies' toughest competition.

Other schools entered in the tournament are Baylor, Southwestern, and Sam Houston State University.

Playing for A&M in number one singles will be senior Jane Wright. Sheri Sharp, also a senior, will play in number two singles. Freshmen Mary Guerra and Ginny van Har-

devel will also be competing in the singles competition.

Wright and Dessie Samuels will make up the number one doubles team, while Guerra and van Hardevel will play in number two doubles.

— Carolyn Blosser

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# McDonald's INTRAMURAL HIGHLIGHTS

## IM All-U Track Meet Produces Many Winners

The IM All-University Track meet was held on Thursday, April 1 at Kyle Field. Finals for all Track events were held at that time. In the overall competition, the team called Mulletts was far above any others in total team points with 34. In second place was Puryear Hall, with 13 points while Schumacher, Aston, and D-2 each tied for third with 10 points.

In Men's competition, winners of the events included: Present, of the Mulletts, 120 yd. low hurdles, with 13.4 seconds; Culwell, of Walton, 440 yd. dash, with a 51.0; the Aston team, 440 relay, 46.4; Oliver of Puryear, mile run, with a 4:33.4; Thornton of D-2, 220 yd. dash, 23.0; Frazier of the Mulletts, 880 yd. dash, with a 1:59.9; Avila of the C.C. Kids, 100 yd. dash, with a

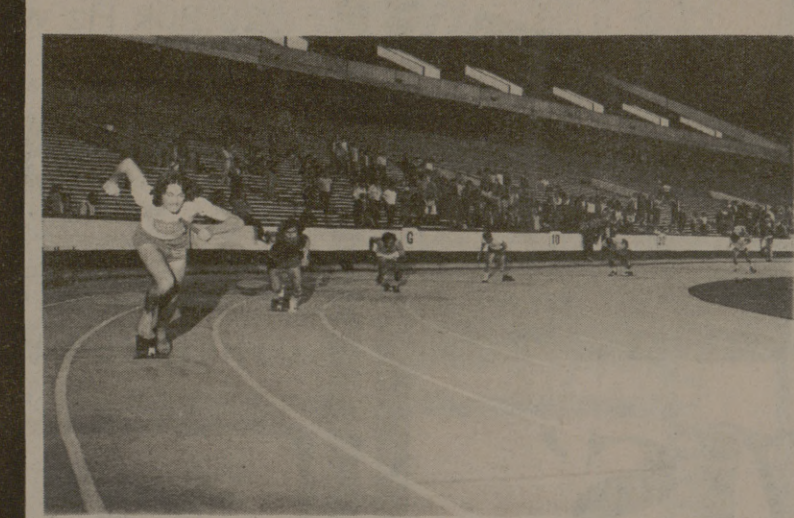
10.5; and the Mulletts in the Mile Relay with a 3:33.8.

In the Women's track division, winners were: Wendt of Mosher, 220 and 440 yd. dashes, with times of 28.7 and 64.9, respectively; Alexander of the EPU, 100 and 50 yd. dashes, with times of 12.0 and 6.5; the Mulletts, 440 relay, with a 56.7; Cobb of EPU, in the 880 yd. dash, with a 2:54.0; and the EPU, in the 880 yd. relay, with a time of 2:03.5.

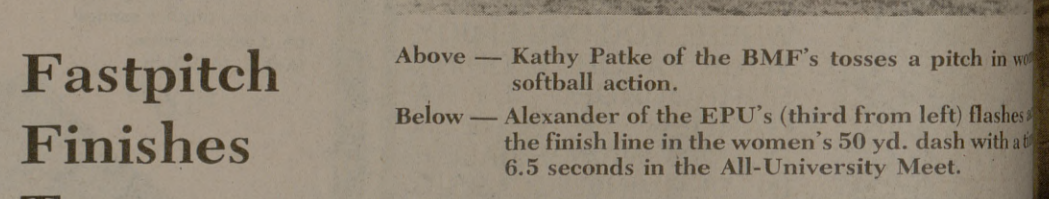
In the All-University Field Meet, there were four events. In the long jump, Colvin of the Mulletts took first with a 21' 2 1/4" jump, while E. Thomas of Crocker took second with a 20' 10" leap. B. Chinn of Hart took the high jump with a height of 6'6", with E. Thomas taking second with 6'4".

First place in the softball throw was taken by D. Ogden of M-1, with a 326' 1/2" throw, followed by a toss of 320' 6 1/2" by Mike Anthony of D-2. In the final field event, the shot put, T. Palmer of the Mulletts took first with a throw of 51'3", while Floeck of BAC came in a close second with 49'3 1/2".

The first annual IM Masters' Mile was also held at this track meet for students, faculty, and staff over 35 years of age. Awards were for the fastest time and for the runner who came closest to his estimated time. Jon Epperson of the Brazos Valley Joggers won the speed award with a time of 5:12.8, while Keith Haines came closest to his predicted time of 7:15.0 with a 7:13.8.



Strain is shown on the face of the starters in the first leg of the 880 relay in the All-University Track Meet.



Above — Kathy Patke of the BMF's tosses a pitch in softball action.



Below — Alexander of the EPU's (third from left) flashes the finish line in the women's 50 yd. dash with a 6.5 seconds in the All-University Meet.

## Fastpitch Finishes Tomorrow

The Vet 1 Shudders defeated the Roustlers in IM Fastpitch Softball competition last Saturday. They will play the winners of tomorrow's tournament for the All-University Men's Division Championship. The Women's Division tournament was completed last Saturday with Keathley defeating Mosher to take All-University honors. Be sure to come out and watch the exciting second half and conclusion of the Fastpitch Tournament on the softball diamonds across campus tomorrow.