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Aggies record four firsts

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The Aggies had four firsts and finished a strong second to Baylor at the Baylor Invitational Track and Field Meet in Waco this past Friday night.

The Bears, who won this same event last year, had firsts in three relays and five individual events. Baylor would have swept all four relays, but were beaten in the sprint relay by 0.05 of a second by North Texas State.

The Aggies' strongest showing was in the field events. Three men

finished first, second and sixth in the discus. They were Steve Stewart, Randy Scott and Frank West respectively.

Stewart's toss was 186-3 and eclipsed the old record of 175-2 set in 1974 by Rice's Buddy Briscoe.

Three Aggies also finished in the shot put. They were Scott, Craig Carter and West who finished second, third and fourth behind North Texas State's Phil Hall.

Another key victory for the Aggies in the field events was in the pole vault. Brad Blair won the event with a jump of 16-6 and narrowly missed

at 17-0, which would have qualified him for the Olympics. Joe Harrington placed sixth with a jump of 13-6.

Bill Newton was the only Aggie who was a repeat winner at the meet. He tossed the javelin 210-10, while Stewart finished sixth with a toss of 156-8.

The Aggie throwers held first place through the field events, but found the running events belonging to Baylor.

The Aggies finished fourth in the sprint relay with a time of 40.9.

Baylor won the event with a record meet time of 40.3.

The 120 high hurdles found the Aggies' Shifton Baker finishing third with a time of 14.1. This was the time he ran last year when he set the meet record. The record was broken by Dave Duncan of Baylor who ran a quick 13.8.

The Aggies' best effort in the running events came in the 440 intermediate hurdles. Curtis Collier and Baker finished 1-2 and only 0.05 of a second apart. Collier's time was 52.8 and Baker's was 52.85.

The shootout of the meet was between the Bears and the Aggies in the two-mile relay. At the Texas Relays Baylor had defeated A&M at the wire. Friday night was a different ending, finding the Bears finishing 30 yards ahead of the second place Aggies.

Rice's Jeff Wells took outstanding individual honors. He was the only double winner of the meet, carting home victories in the mile and the three-mile runs.

The Aggies' next stop is Des Moines, Iowa, where they will compete in the Drake Relays.

Baseball rankings at stake this weekend

A probable NCAA berth and second place in the S.W.C. will be on the line this weekend when the Texas A&M baseball team hosts Houston in a three-game series.

The Aggies are currently in third place boasting a record of 27-7 for the season and 10-5 in the conference. Houston is in second place with a season mark of 29-12 and 15-6 in the conference. The Aggies must win two out of the three games from the Cougars to tie for second place with a week remaining.

The teams will play a single game

at 3 p.m. on Friday and a doubleheader on Saturday scheduled to begin at 1 p.m.

Clint Thomas, with a record of 6-3, will receive the nod on Friday. He will be after his 22nd career win in an Aggie uniform. The Aggie ace, James Gibson, will pitch the opener of the twinnbill, with David Lockett going the nightcap. Gibson has the best record among the Aggie pitchers, supporting an 11-1 mark.

The Aggies were off this past weekend, while Houston lost two out of three to first place Texas.

Montreal Canadiens in four NHL play-off contests

Associated Press

The Montreal Canadiens took the shortest route to the National Hockey League's semifinals. Now they have some time to kill.

The Canadiens eliminated Chicago in four straight games, wrapping up their quarter-final series with a 4-1 decision Sunday night. Now Montreal must wait to see what happens in the other three series.

Game Five in all three series are scheduled for Tuesday night with Los Angeles at Boston, the New York Islanders at Buffalo and Toronto at Philadelphia. All three series are tied 2-2 and the sixth game in each of the best-of-seven series are scheduled for Thursday night.

That means the earliest the semifinals can begin would be Saturday night. And if any of the current quarter-finals stretches to seven games, the Canadiens would have to wait until Tuesday, April 27, for the semifinals to begin. That would mean nine days between games for Montreal.

Whatever the result of the other three series, Montreal will play the survivor with the fewest number of regular-season points. The Canadiens will also have the home-ice

edge in the semis as well as the finals if they get that far. The Canadiens earned those advantages by posting a league-leading 127 points during the regular season. And they looked every bit that strong in eliminating Chicago.

"It's pretty tough to win four straight from anybody," observed Montreal Coach Scotty Bowman. "We certainly did not overpower the Black Hawks."

The Canadiens' defense surrendered only three goals in the four games against Chicago.

In two of the other series, momentum has switched with the home-ice advantage. Buffalo and Philadelphia hope that trend continues.

Buffalo won its first two games at home, then dropped the next two at New York. Philadelphia's defending Stanley Cup champions won their first two at home, then lost Games Three and Four in Toronto.

Boston and Los Angeles, meanwhile, split two games apiece on each other's ice.

Two straight losses to the Islanders hardly bothered Punch Imlach, Buffalo's general manager. "If they get the next game, then I'll start to worry," said Imlach. "I never ex-

pected four straight. I would take it but there was no way I expected it."

Philadelphia Coach Fred Shero thought criminal charges lodged against three of his players following a brawl-filled third game had affected the Flyers' play in Game Four. "What has transpired has bothered this club to a degree," said Shero. "I'm confident when we get back home we'll be more comfortable. We'll feel better and we'll play better."

Boston Coach Don Cherry thought winning the fourth game of their series against the Kings will be a big boost for the Bruins, who had dropped two straight to Los Angeles after winning the opener.

"That was a big victory for us," said Cherry. "It swung the momentum back to us. Now we just have to keep it going. The Kings are a good team and it's going to be tough from here on in. But we do have two out of three games in Boston, and we're ready."

ATLANTA—The Atlanta Falcons will play their first 1976 National Football League home preseason game against the Washington Redskins on July 31.

Media golfers to play Aggies

Seventy-four members of the news media and 22 A&M-connected golfers will make up the field of the Texas A&M Media golf tournament scheduled for a shotgun start at the university course this Friday at 11 a.m.

The prizes for this tournament include a full set of new golf clubs to the winner. There will also be four sets of irons, four sets of woods and 10 pairs of golf shoes given to the next 18 finishers.

If some lucky golfer makes a hole-in-one on the 11th hole, he will receive the use of a new Cadillac for one year.

Volunteer caddies are needed for the tournament. Caddies should sign up this week at the golf shop and should be at the course no later than 10:30 a.m. Friday.

Documentary film to be shown tomorrow

Statewide telecasts of "That Certain Spirit," a documentary produced by Texas A&M for the centennial, have been scheduled, said Roger Miller, A&M's centennial coordinator.

The 30-minute film will be shown locally by both KBTX and KAMU at 6:30 p.m., April 21, Aggie Muster.

Miller said the film will show on 21 Texas stations. The film will also be seen in portions of Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas, New Mexico and Mexico.

The documentary begins in 1876 when only six students showed up for the first classes in October, and contrasting that dubious start with today's Texas A&M.

"After opening with some vintage frontier footage to depict the college's founding in a light-hearted vein," Miller explained, "the film settles down to a look at Texas A&M today."

Pistons stop Bucks, 107-104

Associated Press

It was a short but rough road the Buffalo Braves and Detroit Pistons traveled. Now they've got to try and scale a couple of cliffs.

The Braves squeezed past Philadelphia in the best-of-three preliminary round of the National Basketball Association playoffs, beating the 76ers 124-123 in overtime Sunday.

Now they run smack into the Bos-

ton Celtics, the winningest team in the Eastern Conference. That best-of-seven quarter-final series starts Wednesday night in Boston.

But perhaps an even tougher task confronts the Pistons.

First of all, a lot of fans think they shouldn't have been in the playoffs to begin with, considering they finished the season 10 games under .500 — matching the worst record an NBA team has ever taken into the playoffs — and two games behind Midwest Division winner Milwaukee.

Then they had to go down to the wire before taking their best-of-three series from the Bucks with a 107-104 victory Sunday.

And now they have to play the Golden State Warriors who happen to be not only the winningest team in the Western Conference but the winningest team in the league — and the NBA defending champion to boot. That best-of-seven quarter-final opens Tuesday night in Oakland.

In the other already-begun quarter-final matchups, the Seattle SuperSonics are at Phoenix Tuesday night with the Suns leading two games to one and, on Wednesday night, Cleveland visits the Washington Bullets with the Cavaliers holding a 2-1 series edge.

Just another dull series for us," Braves guard Ken Charles laughed after his two free throws with seven seconds to go in overtime gave Buffalo its winning edge against the 76ers.

"It's a good thing we were having so much fun, cause if we ever start thinking about the pressure of games like this one, we'll probably lose," Charles added.

The odds-makers and most fans probably think the Pistons will lose to Golden State — but Milwaukee Coach Larry Costello isn't so sure. "The Pistons match up well with Golden State," he said after the Bucks fell from post-season play. "I think they'll give the Warriors a battle."

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