

SWC meet in Waco

Texas defends track title

WACO — Ten records are in danger and ten individual champions try to defend their marks Friday and Saturday in the 61st Southwest Conference track and field meet at the Baylor track.

Defending champion Texas will be slightly favored over Baylor, with Rice and Texas A&M also expected to score heavily, as 187 preliminary entrants vie in 14 individual and two relay events.

The meet opens with the javelin at 7 p.m. Friday, followed by the discus at 8 p.m., and running-event preliminaries at 5 p.m. Saturday's schedule opens with field events at 5 p.m., and the first running event at 6 p.m.

In all, there are 13 champions entered including three 1974 winners who failed to repeat last year. Only two-time champion in the meet is Texas shot putter Dana LeDuc, heavily favored to make it three in a row.

In possibly the strongest individual field in SWC meet history, entrants include two fastest three-milers in SWC history; the fastest miler; second-best achievers in the pole vault, high jump, 880, and both sprints; and the No. 3 all-time discus and javelin throwers.

Arkansas' Niall O'Shaughnessy is tentatively entered in both the 880 and mile, where his 1:47.7 is second best in SWC annals and his 3:58.1 is the all-time top mile. Final declaration of entrants will be Thursday morning.

His teammate Randy Melancon has a 13:23.8 three-mile to his credit and Rice's Jeff Wells, the defending champion, has a 13:25.2. The duo holds four of the five fastest three-mile races ever clocked by SWC

runners. Melancon and Wells are also entered in the mile.

All-time SWC runners-up include Texas' David Shepherd, with a 17-5 pole vault; Baylor's Kevin DeLorey with two high jumps of 7-1; and Rice's Zoe Simpson with 9.27 and 20.5 in the 100 and 220, respectively.

Texas' Jim McGoldrick, the defending NCAA champion, is the third leading SWC discus thrower at 208-9, and A&M's Bill Newton is third in the javelin with 249-10.

Records in the most danger appear to be the 13:56.8 in the three-mile, 202-11 discus, 16-6 pole vault. Others that could fall are the 39.9 sprint relay, 4:03.2 mile, 9.3 hundred, 20.7 furlong, 249-3 javelin, 1:48.1 half mile, and 3:06.9 mile relay. That last one hasn't been threatened this spring but Baylor returns all four members of last season's team that ran a 3:05.68 in the NCAA finals.

The preliminary entries by events (subject to revision before the meet): SHOT PUT — Ted Weems, Baylor; Steve Hoerster, Rice; Mark Waldman, SMU; Dana LeDuc, Jim McGoldrick, Robbie Robinson, Texas; Frank West, Craig Carter, Randy Scott, A&M; Bob Moeck, Tech.

DISCUS — Ted Weems, Baylor; Buddy Briscoe, Dean Daugherty, Rice; Jim McGoldrick, Dana LeDuc, Robbie Robinson, Texas; Steve Stewart, Frank West, Randy Scott, A&M; Bob Moeck, Marc Taylor, Tech.

JAVELIN — Clark Morman, Arkansas; John Jeffrey, Baylor; Bruce Atkinson, Baylor; Dan Erwin, SMU; Martell Petermann, Porky Lyons,

Texas; Bill Newton, A&M; Ken Norris, Tech.

HIGH JUMP — Bob Williams, Arkansas; Kevin DeLorey, Bill Wimberly, Steve Myatt, Baylor; Scott Edwards, Rice; Rod Harvey, David Wildman, Carroll Kearney, Texas; Don Riggs, Ron Keys, David Frazier, A&M; Dale Parker, TCU; Rod Price, Bryant Huckabay, Tech.

LONG JUMP — Ricky Thompson, Mike Shivers, Randy McKee, David Piland, Baylor; Cecil Overstreet, Richard LaCombe, Houston; Curtis Isaiah, Rice; George Dennis, Gralyn Wyatt, Texas; Tom Owen, Chris Norton, A&M; Tom McIntyre, Tech.

POLE VAULT — Daryl Revelle, Arkansas; Blake Bursleson, David Dodson, Baylor; Chris Pecheux, David Stark, Rice; David Shepherd, Frank Estes, Kim Pitner, Marc Hens, Texas; Brad Blair, Jon Har- rington, A&M; Ronnie Miller, TCU; Randy Lewis, Dave Henseler, Tech.

100-YARD DASH — Scooter Reed, Steve Sims, Baylor; Cecil Overstreet, Houston; Zoe Simpson, John Dykes, Carlton Dettett, John Hiney, Rice; Cole Doty, SMU; Overton Spence, Raymond Clayborn, David McKee, Mike Fray, Texas; Charles Dawson, Ray Brooks, Tom Owen, Charles Butler, A&M; Lorenzo Ashford, Cleo Boone, Keith Davidson, Phil Delancy, Michael Milton, Jerry Thomas, TCU; Gary Price, Scott Macon, Tech.

220-YARD DASH — Reed, Sims, Baylor; Overstreet, Richard LaCombe, Houston; Simpson, Dykes, Derrett, Hiney, Rice; Doty, Mike Rideau, SMU; Spence, Clayborn, McKee, Fray, Darrell

Jarnagin, Texas, Brooks, Butle- r,m9m; Ashford, Boone, Davidson, Delancy, Milton, Thomas, TCU; Price, Macon, William Pierson, Tech.

440-YARD DASH — Mark Stephens, Duane Pickert, Larry Butler, Arkansas; Mark Collins, Tim Son, Michael Carter, Geary Harris, John Hoover, Steve Lang, Baylor; Elrick Brown, Floyd Williams, Houston; Herb Kinney, Saw Waugh, Carl Ables, Rice; Mike Rideau, Paul Richards, Glenn Dittlinger, SMU; Darrell Jarnagin, Chris Martin, Texas; Curtis Linson, Keith Davidson, Greg Roberts, TCU; Roy Polite, Gary Price, William Pierson, Tony Harris, Tech.

880-YARD RUN — Niall O'Shaughnessy, Lee Archer, Arkansas; Mark Lawless, Phil McClendon, Arthur Nious, Baylor; Jose Gon- zalez, James Plasek, Houston; David Beyer, Rory Trup, Ken Tolbert, Chris Bounds, Rice; Jimmy Strong, Charles Taliaferro, Noel Hansen, Texas; Tony Wheeler, Jim Brannen, Joel Vogt, Adolph Tingan, Tommy Glass, A&M; Luther Mays, Terrell Pendleton, Mark Freeman, Rickey McCormick, Tech.

ONE-MILE RUN — Niall O'Shaughnessy, Tom Aspel, Derek Reilly, Randy Melancon, Arkansas; Walker Lea, Benny Martinez, Baylor; Jeff Brennan, Eric Lath- rop, Jeff Thompson, Tom D'Amato, Houston; Jeff Wells, John Lodwick, Rory Trup, Ken Tolbert, Chris Bounds, Rice; Dan Hen- drickson, SMU; John Craig, Andy Jackson, Don Waters, Texas; Man- fred Kohrs, Walter Jachimowicz, Joel Vogt, Jacob Yemme, A&M; Ter- rell Pendleton, Mark Freeman, Kalith Brown, Rickey McCormick, Tech.

THREE-MILE RUN — Randy Melancon, Steve Baker, Stu Penn, Arkansas; Bill Adams, Ricky Mar- ques, Baylor; Wayne Brennan, Tom Birch, Eric Lathrop, David Bren- nan, Jeff Thompson, Houston; Jeff Wells, John Lodwick, Larry Nettles, Bert Warren, Rory Troup, Rice; Joe Stewart, Chris Ellenby, Ken Caldwell, SMU; Reed Fischer, Jesse Maldonado, Ruben Linares, John Craig, Andy Jackson, Don Waters, Texas; Manfred Kohrs, Kyle Heff- ner, Charles Cottle, Lane Mitchell, A&M; Terrell Pendleton, Marc Johnson, Tech.

120-YARD HURDLES — Rex Gwynn, Mark Scott, Arkansas; Davy Duncan, Baylor; Floyd Cavitt, Houston; Mike Fulghum, Curtis Isaiah, Doc Kind, Rice; Shifton Baker, Harold Baker, A&M; Ken- neth Sweat, Norman Scott, TCU; Rodney Price, Tech.

440-YARD HURDLES — Gwynn, Scott, Arkansas; Jerone Cribbs, Baylor; Larry Gnatzig, Houston; Isaiah, McCann, Rice; Jeff Shirey, SMU; David Nelson, Blair Korndorffer, Texas; S. Baker, Curtis Collier, A&M; Scott, Greg Roberts, TCU; Phil Sims, Tech.

440-YARD RELAY — Baylor, Houston, Rice, SMU, Texas, A&M, TCU, Tech.

MILE RELAY — Arkansas, Baylor, Houston, Rice, SMU, Texas, A&M, TCU, Tech.

Texas A&M pitcher selected All-Southwest Conference

DALLAS — Texas' hard-hitting outfielder Charles Proseke and the Longhorns' ace lefthander Richard Wortham top the 14-member All-Southwest Conference baseball team selected by the nine SWC coaches.

The defending national champion Longhorns, who won their 51st SWC baseball title this season, placed four players on the squad, the most of any school. Proseke and Wortham were the only unanimous choices on the elite unit, which included three pitchers, a utility infielder and a utility outfielder.

Eight of the nine SWC schools were represented on the team with Texas Tech, Rice and TCU following Texas in the balloting with two players each chosen. Baylor, Hous- ton, Arkansas and Texas A&M each furnished a single selection.

A recent victory over St. Mary's earned Wortham his 48th career win, a NCAA record, with playoff competition still to come. The senior fireballer has fashioned a 12-1 record for the season with a 1.51 earned run average and five shutouts. In SWC play, his 7-1, 1.51 marks were second in both categories, as was his 9.57 strikeouts per nine innings pitched.

Proseke, a junior centerfielder, finished second in the batting chase with a .396 average. He led the league in runs scored (28), base hits (36) and runs batted in (23). Defensively, he handled 50 chances through the SWC campaign without making an error.

The other two pitching spots went to A&M's James Gibson and Rice's Alan Ramirez. Gibson led SWC play with a 1.20 ERA, recording four shutouts among his six conference wins. Early in the year, he hurled 52 consecutive scoreless innings. Ramirez set a SWC record with 86 strikeouts and finished the season with 130. The freshman allowed only 30 hits in ten SWC appearances.

Jerry Willeford, Houston's all-purpose catcher-outfielder, earned an all-conference berth at catcher after topping league hitters with a .442 average. In addition, he led the SWC in total bases with 62 and triples with five, and was second in both hits and doubles. First baseman Gary Ashby of Tech finished the season with a .353 average with three

home runs and a double to his credit. He committed only three errors in 150 fielding chances.

Danny Twardowski of TCU was named to the second base position after batting .349 with two homers, four doubles and 30 total hits. Shortstop went to Ron Mattson of Tech, the SWC's third leading hitter with a .374 mark. He batted out 31 hits in only 21 games.

At third base, Mike Macha of Rice and Joe Ayers of Texas tied for the honor. Macha, who batted .305, finished second in the home run chase with five, while Ayers batted

.354 before being sidelined with a knee injury late in the SWC season.

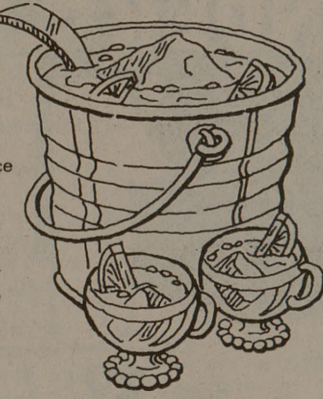
The final two outfield spots went to Bill Montgomery of Arkansas, the league's fourth leading hitter with a .361 mark, and Baylor's Rick Clifton, who batted .329 with four homers.

Garry Pyka of Texas (.333, seven extra base hits) garnered the utility infielder position, while his counterpart in the outfield was Gene Burton of TCU, whose six home runs were a league high to go along with a .321 average.

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