

# Longhorns take fifth championship

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University of Texas track coach Jerome Price's Longhorns made it the Southwest Conference outdoor championships in a row last weekend as they held off the hosting Baylor Bears to win the 61st annual SWC track and field meet.

The balanced and talented Longhorns scored 70 points in the six field events while totaling 119 points to the Bear's 106. The Orangemen met into Saturday's finals with a 26 point lead due to Jim McGoldrick's and Dana LeDuc's one-two finish in the discus and Martell Petermann's third place in the javelin.

The Aggies of coach Charles Thomas were third for the second year although they scored most 20 more points than last year's total. A&M finished with 84 points. Rice with 66 points, Houston with 38, Arkansas with 34, Texas Tech with 24, TCU with 23 and SMU with a single point rounded out the spring totals.

Freshman Curtis Collier had his personal best, as did many others at the meet, with a fourth place finish of 52.14 in the intermediate hurdles.

The Aggies took fifth in the sprint relay and sixth in the mile relay with times of 40.7 and 3:16.3.

Texas won only four events to Baylor's six, but the Horn's balance and strength in the field events gave them their 36th track and field crown. LeDuc of Texas was the meet's high point man with 18, including a first place throw in the shot of 66-11 feet. McGoldrick took the discus with an excellent throw of 200-1, putting him in an excellent position to defend his national title in that event.

Texas scored 24 points in the pole vault behind the one-two-four-five finishes of Frank Estes, David Shepherd, Mark Hens and Kim Pittner, to shut the door on the fast charging Bears. This amount offset Baylor's 26 marks in the long jump after a one-two-three finish.

Baylor won both relay events, surprising the home crowd with a 40.0 victory in the 440-yard relay. The Bears continued to pile points in the middle distance races, 20 in the quarter and 10 in the half mile. Collins and Son went one-two in the 400 with times of 46.1 and 46.5. Davy Duncan ran a strong 13.8 in the high hurdles to claim the win over such competitors as Rice's Curtis Isiah, UH's Floyd Cavitt and Baker.

Ill fortune plagued the Horned Frogs and Owls as the favored TCU sprint relay quartet dropped the baton on the second exchange. The Horned Frogs were forced out of the mile relay when Keith Davidson pulled up lame. The same thing happened to Rice sprinter Zoe Simpson in the furlough, who won the 100-yard dash after overcoming an injury-filled season. Simpson, who owns a 20.5 in the furlough this year, injured his leg once again during that event and fell out of the race. Rice lost still more points when hurdler Mike Fulghum, one of the favorites in the highs, failed to make the finals. Isiah tripped over a hurdle while competing in the intermediates and could not recover enough to score any points.

## Petition asks picnic be revived

"Friends of Willie," a group of fans of country music singer Willie Nelson, is circulating petitions in an effort to revive the canceled Fourth Annual Willie Nelson Fourth of July Picnic.

The music festival was to have been held in Gonzales. However, Nelson decided to cancel the event after Gonzales County commissioners last week refused to grant a permit. An estimated 300,000 persons had been expected to attend.

The petitions asked that the singer reconsider his decision. Nelson could not be reached for comment. Spokesmen for "Friends of Willie" said the petitions are being circulated in Austin, Gonzales, Moulton and Shiner.

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Rice's all-American distance man Jeff Wells ended his college career successfully, placing second in both the mile and three-mile with times of 4:05.66 and 13:49.64.

The Aggies lose only 11 1/4 points off this year's squad and Thomas appears optimistic about his team's chances for next year. The Aggies will travel to Wichita, Kan. this weekend for the United States Track and Field Federation meet and qualifiers from there will advance to the NCAA meet in Philadelphia, Penn. on June 3-5.

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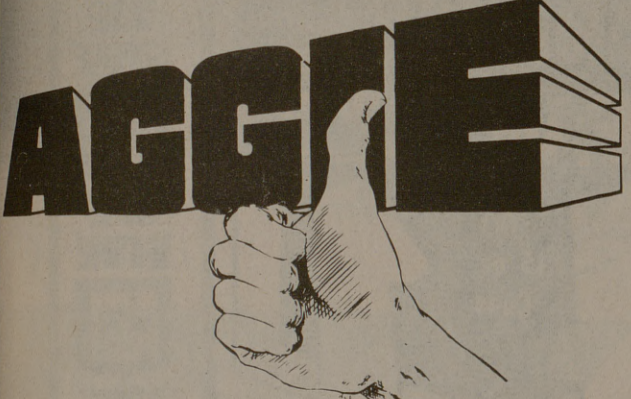
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