

Texas Aggies expected to push hard on Baylor, Texas

The track team is expected to be "highly competitive" this year, said assistant coach Ted Nelson in a recent interview.

He describes the Southwest Conference competition as evening-out thanks to the NCAA limitation on the number of scholarships which can be awarded in one year. Nelson said the University of Texas is the strongest opponent with Baylor following closely behind.

This description was exactly what happened at the SWC conference

meet last year. UT took first, followed closely by Baylor, who in turn was closely followed by the Aggies.

The '77 season looks promising with a good many starters returning who have a chance to rule their events in conference competition.

The shot putters will probably prove to be A&M's stellar group this season. With most of the top ranked SWC competitors graduated last spring, the senior Frank West should rise to the top.

West's best throw is 56' 11" which

gave him a second last year at the conference meet. West has teammates who are reaching for his stature, though. Randy Scott, sophomore, and Craig Carter, senior, who finished fourth and fifth at conference, respectively, are expected to push West to even further extensions of his art. Incoming freshman Tim Scott is also going to be someone to look for in SWC meets.

Sophomore Steve Stewart broke Randy Matson's old freshman discus record with a 186' 3" throw. Nelson

said he expects Stewart to cover at least as much ground this year. Stewart is joined by West and the Scott brothers on the discus roster.

Brad Blair, senior, returns to the field as the '74 conference winner. "He just didn't have a good day last year," Nelson said. Blair's top vault is a 16' 7". Pat Blair, who vaulted 16' 3" as a freshman, and John Harrington who vaults a 15' 0" will fill out the rest of the pole-vaulting squad.

Incoming freshman Reginal Jamison, is recorded with a 24' 3" as his high school best for the long jump. Chris Norton, who jumps a best of 22' 6", will also be competing this year.

The high jump team is composed

of three floppers and a straddler. The floppers are Len Byrd, who was ineligible last year and jumps a 71½"; Ronnie Keys, third in conference with a 6' 10"; and Don Riggs, fourth in conference with a best of 6' 10½". The straddler is David Frazier with a 6' 6" best.

Javelin will fall in the hands of a new-comer, Bill Newson, whose high school best is a 194'.

The track squad shows some great depth in the middle distances but displays some weakness in the short dashes.

The 440 relay has two blanks for the middle men, but Chuck Butler will lead and Ray Brooks will anchor.

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Ticket distribution policy modified for spouses, dates

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Football ticket distribution will be different at A&M this fall because of increased enrollment and a limited number of available tickets.

All season coupon books may be picked up at the Kyle Field ticket booth located between DeWare Field House and Kyle Field.

Student coupon books will be available Aug. 23-Sept. 10. In order to receive a coupon book, a fall fee receipt and ID must be presented if the coupon book was ordered during preregistration it may be purchased, if any are available, for \$16.50.

The student's classification will also be stamped on the coupon book when it is picked up. Classification will be determined by the number of hours shown on the fee receipt or

by the ID number.

If the classification is incorrect on the fee receipt, verification of hours must be obtained from Records, Coke Building 007 prior to receiving the coupon book.

Student spouse coupon books, if available, will be sold for \$42 Sept. 1-10. A student's fall fee receipt, ID card, and both student and spouse drivers licenses are required for verification.

Student date coupon books will be sold for \$42 Sept. 3-10.

Home game tickets will be distributed to student season coupon book holders on a random basis according to classification.

During the week prior to the game, tickets will be drawn at the G. Rollie White coliseum ticket windows in the following order: graduates and seniors,

Monday; juniors, Tuesday; sophomores, Wednesday; and freshmen, Thursday. Any remaining tickets will be sold on Friday for \$3.50 and a fall semester fee receipt. Date tickets will be sold for \$7.00 on Friday also.

Tickets for away games will be distributed to student season coupon book holders on a random basis by classification in the following order: graduates and seniors, Monday; juniors, Tuesday morning; sophomores, Tuesday afternoon; freshmen, Wednesday morning. All unsold tickets will be returned to the host team according to Southwest Conference policy.

Tickets to home football games are guaranteed to all season coupon purchasers but tickets must be picked up by 4 p.m. on Thursday preceding the game.



A&M is no longer an all-male military school, but at least one tradition survives — hurry up and wait. Here A&M students wait in line for football tickets.

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