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# Ag track team stops Texas 68-64

By PAUL McGRATH  
 Battalion Staff

The Rice Owls will host the Texas A&M track team this Saturday in Rice Stadium as the Aggies begin their second week of outdoor competition.

The Aggies of Coach Charles Thomas displayed their depth and strength in the field events by narrowly defeating the University of Texas by a score of 68-64. Texas A&M outscored the Longhorns 31-19 in the field events to create a cushion strong enough to withstand a late Texas rally.

The Aggies were without the services of six scholarship athletes: half milers Tony Wheeler and Mark Gauger, hurdlers Curtis Collier and Kent Figgs, sprinter Reggie Jamerson and pole vaulter Pat Ruehle. All

are out with varying degrees of leg injuries.

Despite their absence and the Horns winning both the sprint and mile relays, A&M managed to build an insurmountable 68-50 lead with two events remaining. A Texas sweep in the two-mile run and the mile relay made the final score close.

Shifton Baker, A&M's outstanding senior hurdler, was the meet's only double winner. Ill most of last week, Baker came on to win the 120-yard high hurdles in 13.7 seconds, one of the best times of his career. He also won the 440-yard intermediate hurdles in 52.3 seconds, finishing 10 yards ahead of his nearest competitor.

Although Wheeler, perhaps the conference's top half miler, was sidelined, A&M swept all three

places in the 880-yard run. Jim Brannen and Tom Glass finished one-two in 1:53.3 and Joel Vogt was third in 1:54.5.

The Aggies also swept the discus with Steve Steward, Frank West and Tim Scott placing one-two-three. Freshman Jerry Strong obtained the only points in the pole vault for either team by being the only vaulter to clear a height. Strong vaulted his season's personal best of 15-6 feet.

West won the shot put with a toss of 55-8 1/2 feet with Scott placing third. Sprinter Ray Brooks won the 220-yard dash in 21.5 and was second in the 100-yard dash in 9.8 seconds. Chuck Butler was third in both events with times of 9.9 and 21.7 seconds.

Phillip Steen and Strong placed second and third in the long jump

with respective jumps of 23-2 and 20-11 feet. Lyn Byrd was second in the high jump, clearing 6-8 feet while Manfred Kohrs was second in the mile with a time of 4:09.5. Teammate Lane Mitchell was third in 4:11.2.

Ron McGonigle and Karl Figgs placed two-three in the 440-yard dash with clockings of 49.8 and 50.3.

Texas, although winning nine of the 16 events, was unable to overcome the A&M lead. The Horns of Coach Cleburne Price were also nagged by injuries when former Olympian, Johnny Jones suffered a slight muscle pull after anchoring Texas' winning sprint relay.

The Horns' other Olympian, Paul Craig of Canada, won the mile in 4:07.5 and was second in the two-mile with a time of 9:07.2.

Thomas was pleased with the performance of his squad in its first outdoor meet.

"We did real well," he said, "especially considering some of our top guys were out."

Thomas said he hopes to have injured athletes back in action two to three weeks.

Texas A&M's next home meet will be the College Station Invitational on March 19.

## Women ready for Longhorn

By DEBBY KRENER  
 Battalion News Editor

The Texas A&M women's basketball team meets a hard-playing, aggressive University of Texas team in their final game of the season here tonight at 5:15.

The Texas women's basketball team is 21-6 for the season. The Aggies are 12-13. Texas beat the Aggies in their first confrontation Feb. 1 in Gregory Gym.

"The Texas women have a height that we do and they are strong on the boards," coach Don said. "If we don't play aggressively, we won't have a chance."

I think we have a better chance beating Texas here on our court. It'll give us a little psychological advantage plus the psychological advantage of having fans behind us," coach Don said.

The Aggies are planning to mount a man-on-man defense in an effort to cut off Texas' inside game.

"They can really hurt us with their inside game because of their team's height. If we force them the outside we can cut off their scorer Cathy Burns," coach Don said.

The Aggies held Burns to 10 points in their previous encounter. It is still not certain who A&M's leading scorer Von will play in the Texas game. She has been out with an arm injury at the Houston Tournament held Feb. 10.

The Aggies lost their bid for revenge last Saturday night at Houston 71-63.

The two teams stayed within points of each other until late in the second half when several lapses by the Aggies gave the Cougars a strong advantage.

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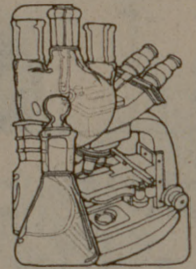


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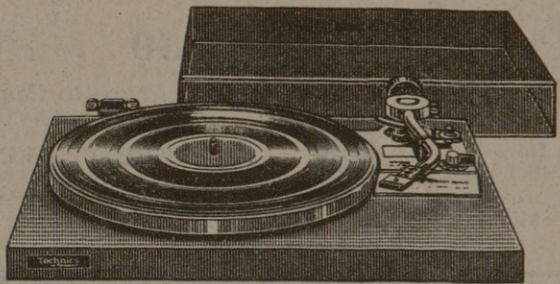
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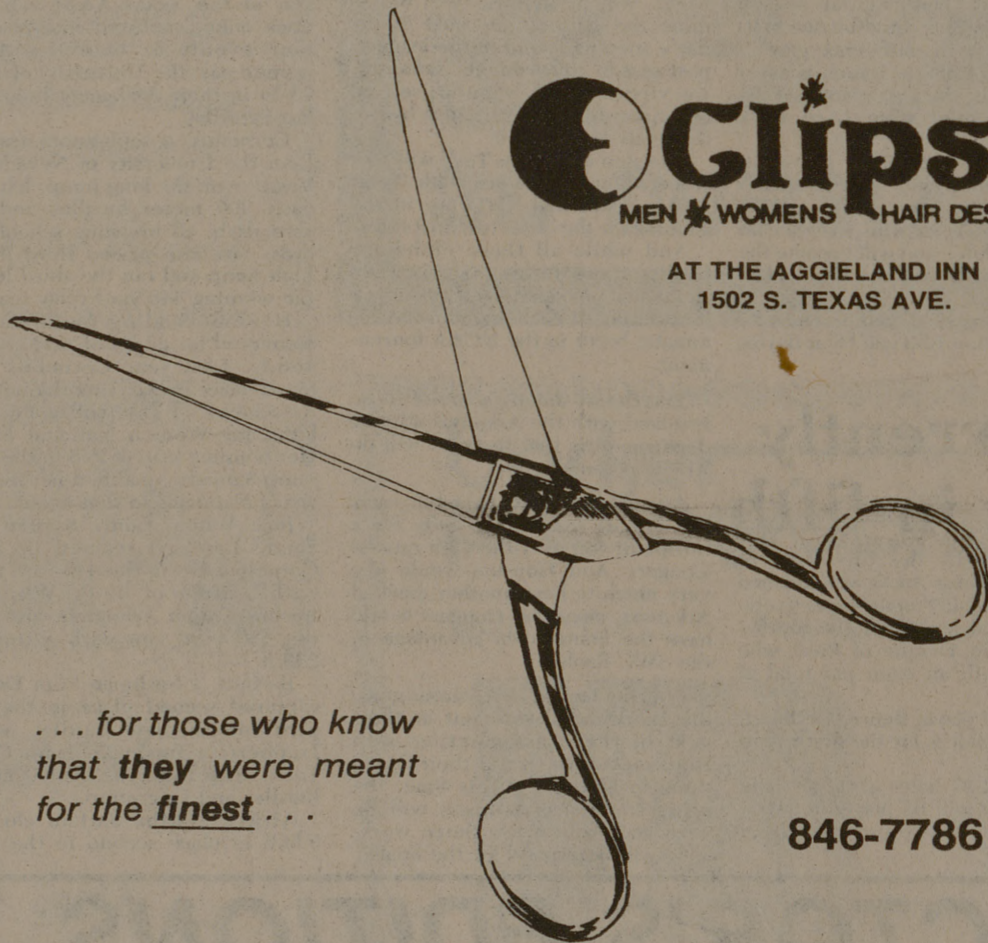


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