

# Ag wrestlers win tourney

By STEVE MARTAINDALE

Two days of collegiate wrestling were over and the gym emptying after the second annual Southwest Conference Tournament, but wrestlers from Texas A&M University and Richland College were still waiting for the final results to be announced.

Richland had already proven itself dominant on the basis of individual first place finishes, having won four divisions to the Aggies' one. But, a strong showing in the runner-up category meant the difference as the Aggies totaled 24 points to Richland's 23.

Texas Tech finished third with 18 points, followed by 16 points from the University of Texas, four from Southwest Texas, four from the University of Texas at El Paso and one point from Texas Christian University. San Antonio College and Huston-Tillotson also participated but failed to score.

"We were pretty far ahead going into the finals," said Aggie coach Jim Giunta. "But we went head-up with Richland three times and lost them all."

Points in a tournament are accumulated as a wrestler advances through his weight bracket, gaining

more points for a pin than a decision.

Bob Hines had the only win for the Aggies, winning an 8-1 decision over Texas Tech's Tom Abbrecht. Hines competed in the 126 pound division. A division's limit is a maximum weight.

Work continues now as the teams prepare for the Texas Collegiate Championships, scheduled March 4-5 and hosted by Texas Christian University in Fort Worth.

Basically the same teams will be competing in this final tournament of the season, but Giunta said he hopes the race isn't quite as close.

"The state tournament should be about the same thing," he said. "Except, we should have someone in the 177 (pound division)."

Steve Marchang somehow missed the ride to Austin Friday and the Aggies had to go without anyone in the 177 pound division.

Also, Texas A&M suffered some close losses that the second-year coach said may be reversed.

Rick Vigue, A&M's wrestler in the 118 pound classification, had one of those narrow losses. After defeating Lafect Campbell of Richland College twice earlier this season, Vigue was beaten by Campbell

twice last week. Thursday night Richland visited College Station and Vigue was on the short end of a 7-6 score. In Austin, he was defeated 8-7.

"Rick should be beating this kid (Campbell)," Giunta said. "He's just a better wrestler. I'm afraid he's psyched himself. I feel that if he had never met Lafect, he wouldn't have any trouble."

Bob Benevento took the toughest loss. He met Richland's Barry Hyder in the 134 pound division and they finished the three regulation (three minute) periods at a 6-6 tie. To decide a winner, the officials reviewed the wrestlers' individual records for the tournament. But since both had pinned all their opponents, it was decided to go through another match. Hyder won the second one and the championship along with it, 5-3.

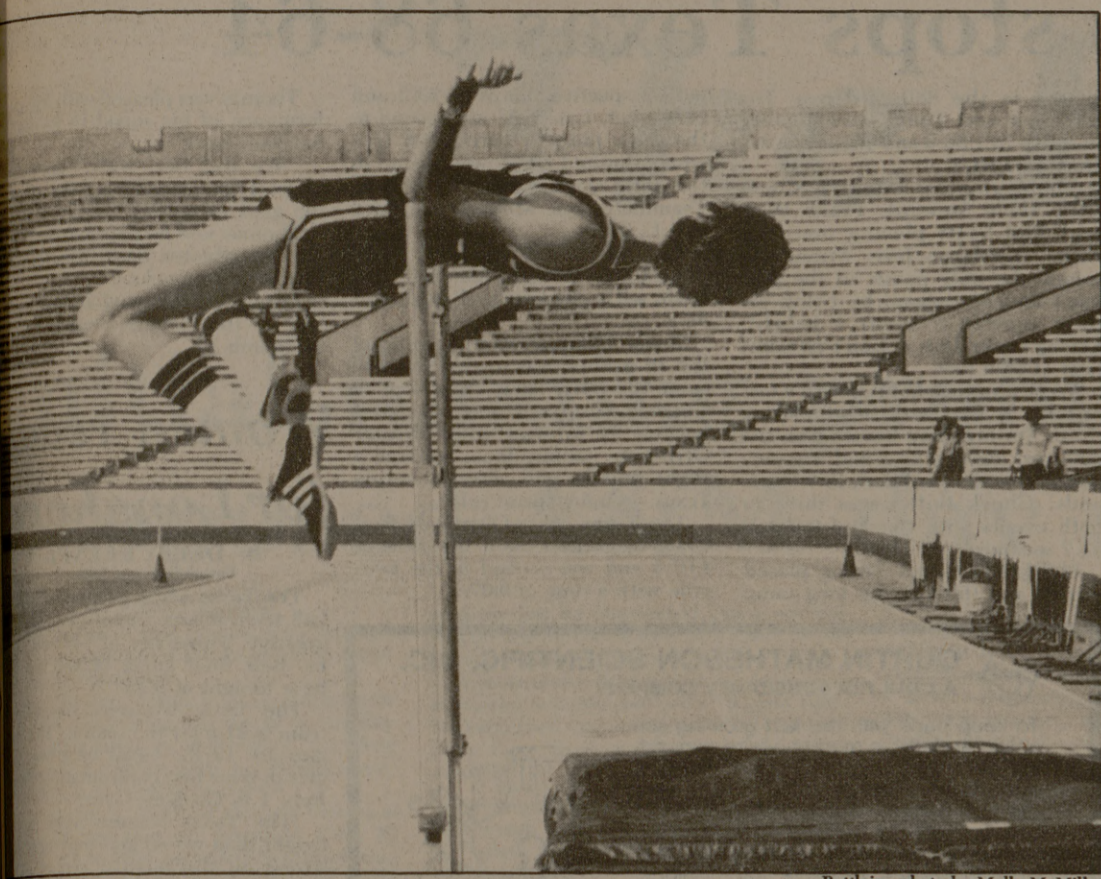
Vigue and Benevento both finished second.

Jack Cliff, the Aggie representative at 142 pounds, also picked up second place points, losing a 3-2 decision in the finals.

The 150 pound division was the only one where the Aggies failed to place, save the 177 pound division where they were not represented.

Jay Clements picked up the Aggies' only third place finish, losing on an unnecessary roughness. Clements, according to Giunta, threw his opponent to the mat too hard and was penalized for it. The opponent was asked if he could continue and took the win when he said he couldn't.

Blair Monhollon took a 7-3 beating from Texas Tech's Rock Robinson to finish with second place points. Robinson was later named the Most Valuable Wrestler.



Battalion photo by Molly McMillan

Lyn Byrd clears the bar at 6-6, yet finished second to Texas' Bob Keith. The Aggies won the dual meet with Texas 68-64. (See related story page 10).

## Hogs ranked seventh

United Press International  
The confrontation with the Texas A&M Aggies tonight in College Station will be the last action for the Kansas Razorbacks for 10 days.

And the speculation will be intense during that period as to whether the layoff will be adverse or beneficial to the seventh-ranked Razorbacks.

Last year the Aggies prevailed during the regular Southwest Conference (SWC) season and, after their 10 days off, were downed by Texas Tech in the finals of the SWC tournament.

"There are advantages and disadvantages either way," said Arkansas coach Eddie Sutton. "There is the danger of being stale after the layoff,

but obviously there is the danger of being weary after playing two straight nights before reaching the finals."

Arkansas' last regular season game of the year could be one of its toughest tests in conference play.

Going to College Station is never much fun in the first place and Arkansas has not won there since 1959.

But if the Razorbacks prevail as expected they will conclude their regular campaign with a 25-1 record—the most wins ever for an Arkansas club—and will become the first team in 21 years to win all of its SWC games.

Elsewhere in the conference tonight Houston 12-3 will be at Baylor

5-10, Rice 3-12 visits Texas 7-5 and Texas Tech 11-4 travels to SMU 7-8.

The results of those contests will decide the final placings in the SWC, which, in turn, will determine the pairings for next Saturday's opening round of the leagues' post-season tournament. Arkansas, by virtue of its regular season championship, has earned a bye to the finals on March 5.

Houston and Texas Tech will host two of Saturday's games while Texas A&M, Texas and SMU are in the running for the other two host roles.

And while all those clubs are battling it out during the next week and a half, Arkansas will be sitting by awaiting its challenger for the automatic berth in the NCAA tournament.

The theory among some of those involved with the Arkansas athletic department is that the wait will do Arkansas some good.

Arkansas went to Houston early this month and had to rally for a two-point win over the 19th ranked Cougars. And Houston would like very much to have another crack at Arkansas, since the Cougars would have the home town advantage in the SWC finals.

But, the feeling in Arkansas goes, the Razorbacks were not at their best in their last meeting with Houston because it was their fourth game in nine days. This time, the belief continues, Arkansas will be fresh and, with a few fierce workouts, will be primed for the finals.

## Golfers are currently at Lamar meet in fifth

The Texas A&M golf team finished the first round of the Lamar Intercollegiate Golf Tournament in fifth place behind tournament leader University of Houston.

The Aggies tallied 455 strokes for the first 27 holes, just 11 strokes behind Houston, who carded a 444 for the first day's action.

The other top five teams include St. Thomas and Louisiana State University who tied for third with 451. Fourth and fifth place

were taken by the University of Texas and Texas A&M who finished with 453 and 455 totals respectively.

Individual leader for the tournament is Jim Diquae of Rice, who finished with an even par total of 108.

No A&M player figured in the individual leaders for the first round of play.

The final 27 holes of the 54-hole tournament will be played today at the Pinewood Country Club in Beaumont.

## Women tracksters defeat Texas 73-54

By CAROLYN BLOSSER

Linda Cornelius, the versatile star of the Texas A&M women's track team, captured first place in four events to lead the Aggie women past the University of Texas 73-54 in their dual meet held here last Saturday.

Cornelius, a sophomore transfer from the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, won the long jump, 100 yard dash, 100 meter hurdles and 220 yard dash, all breaking school records. She also placed third in the high jump and ran the third leg on the winning 440 yard relay team.

Her outstanding performances accounted for 22-1/4 of A&M's total points. Last year Cornelius won fourth place in the pentathlon in the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women National Meet. Her winning leap of 18-5 in the long jump Saturday qualified her for this year's Nationals in that event.

Julie White, Cindy Bartlett and Sande Lambert teamed up with Cornelius to win the 440 yard relay with a time of 49.6. White, a freshman from Arlington, also won the 880 yard run with a time of 2:19.5.

Bartlett, a freshman from Dallas, captured second place in the 440 yard intermediate hurdles, while Lambert, a freshman from Clear Lake, took third in the 100 meter hurdles and long jump.

A&M's Martha Sartain clocked 5:19.6 to place second in the

run, while Cathy Cocke took third. Sartain, a sophomore from Irving, also took second in the two mile run ahead of third place finisher Kim Mallory.

In the mile relay, A&M's team of White, Bartlett, Jackie Soward and Trena Burgess finished second, but their time of 4:08.6 broke a school record.

In the field events, Sandra Lyman's throw of 125'-8" won first in the discus, while Iris Tipton took second and Sammie Logan placed third. Tipton captured first in the shot put with a throw of 40'-1/2" while Lyman took second and Lyman third.


A&M's Jan Chesbro cleared 5'-4" to win first place in the high jump. The freshman from Humble needs to jump 5'-5" to qualify for Nationals later this year in Los Angeles.

Next weekend the women's track team will travel to Beaumont to compete in the Lamar University Invitational. Their next big meet will come March 4 and 5 when they compete against 19 other universities in the Southwestern Park and Recreation Meet in Fort Worth.

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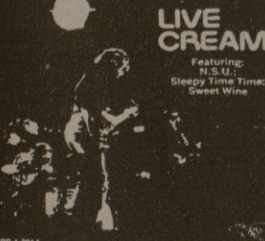
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