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# Track team ready for Dallas Invitational

By PAUL MCCRATH  
A duel between three of the nation's best intermediate hurdlers will highlight the strong competition as the Texas A&M track team travels to the Dallas Invitational this Saturday.

A&M's Shifton Baker will clash with David Nelson of Texas and Nolan Cromwell of Kansas in the 440-yard hurdles race in one of the meet's feature races. Baker has the most time in the event amongst the Southwest Conference this year while Nelson was the SWC champ last spring and also is the reigning Dallas Invitational champ. Cromwell, the Kansas quarterback, proved he was one of the nation's best last year by running a 49.7.

The Aggies will be one of four conference schools entered in the strong eight-team field. Texas, Baylor, SMU, Oklahoma, Kansas,

Tennessee and UTEP round out the competition.

As a host, the Aggies were purely inhospitable as they convincingly won the College Station Relays. Texas A&M totaled 138 1/3 points while Rice, the nearest challenger, scored 98.

Baylor was third with 89; Houston fourth with 78 1/3 followed by Lamar with 59 1/3, Louisiana Tech with 29, TCU with 4 and Houston Baptist with no points.

Once again it was A&M's strength in the field events that spelled victory, the Aggies' third in four meets. The only loss was by two points in a dual meet against Rice.

The Aggies scored 72 1/3 points in the field, 32 more than any other team. Brad Blair won the pole vault with a 15-9 foot effort with teammate Jerry Strong tying for sixth at 15-0.

James Gibson, who had never seen a track meet before last Saturday,

placed second in the javelin with a throw of 198-5 feet. Coach Charles Thomas had seen pictures of Gibson, an A&M baseball player, and thought his throwing style would also be effective in throwing the javelin.

Mike Newsom finished third in the same event with a 190-1 foot heave.

The Aggie weightmen totaled 37 points in the shot put and discus with freshman Tim Scott leading the way. He won the discus with a 171-2

foot toss and was third in the shot at 55-0 1/4 feet.

Baker, A&M's much relied upon work horse, won the intermediates by a hair's width over Curtis Isiah of Rice. Trailing by a yard at the last hurdle, Baker sprinted to nip Isiah at the tape. His time of 51.56 is his best of the year.

Baker was not so lucky in a similar finish in the 120-yard high hurdles. Monroe Ford of Louisiana Tech edged out Baker with a 13.81 to Baker's 13.88.

Joel Vogt had his personal best time in the mile, winning in 4:08.34. The slender sophomore ran a tactical race, utilizing his strong kick to take the lead on the last 220 yards.

Ray Brooks and Chuck Butler placed one-three in the 220-yard dash with times of 21.2 and 21.55, their bests of the season. Brooks,

also placing fourth in the 100 in 9.55, ran the curve very well to give him a lead he never lost.

The A&M sprint relay foursome of Baker, Philp Steen, Reggie Jamerson and Brooks, placed fourth with their best time of the year, 41.42. A bad exchange between Jamerson and the anchorman Brooks cost the Aggies a higher finish.

Bryan High School won the high school division of the meet with 102 points. A&M Consolidated was fourth with 76.

Mike Mosley of Humble, an A&M football recruit, was the meet's standout performer with 28 individual points. After setting a meet record with a 24-2 3/4 foot long jump, Mosley blazed to another record in the 120-yard high hurdles with a time of 13.55. He also was second in the 100 at 9.63.



Battalion photo by Kevin Venner

Shifton Baker is about a yard behind Curtis Isiah of Rice as he clears the last hurdle in the 440-yard intermediate hurdles race, but sprinted past Isiah to win with his best time of the year — 51.56 seconds.

## Russian team talks with Mrs. Oswald

United Press International  
DALLAS — While the Leningrad soccer team visited earlier this month they did more than tour the city and play the local team—they met a woman who grew up in Leningrad—the widow of Lee Harvey Oswald.

Officials said Marina Oswald Port talked with several members of the Soviet team in a motel coffee room March 11.

Motel officials said she spent two hours with the players before a Russian official checked the players into their rooms at 10 p.m.

One player, leading scorer Alexander Markin, later returned and spent more time with Mrs. Porter.

Markin scored the game's only goal the next day as Zenit defeated the Dallas Tornado club.

Mrs. Oswald had attempted to visit with members of a Russian soccer team four years ago but was turned away.

Lee Harvey Oswald was identified by the Warren Commission as the sniper who shot and killed President John F. Kennedy.

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