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## exas claims SWC track crown

Johnny "Lam" Jones' meet 29 points and a combined points in the long jump and ump, the University of Texas ed its sixth straight Southwest rence track and field title at Memorial Stadium.

s the Longhorns' 37th crown 62 conference meets. With nly a freshman, one wonders the Longhorn skein will stop. ch Cleburne Price's squad to-27-1/2 points to Texas A&M's take win No. 37. The SWC's t win streak is six, accom-l twice by Texas Coach Clyde ield and now by Price.

Aggies of Coach Charlie as battled heroically against laughts of Jones & Co., but end, were no match for the laden Longhorns.

s personally set one SWC and had a hand in another. mer Olympian blazed to a in the 220-yard dash prelims, ering the old mark of 20.7 held MU's Billy Foster and A&M's

s also anchored Texas' 440elay unit to a 39.54 victory, ng Texas A&M's old record of et in 1970. Jones won the rd dash in 9.42 after running in the prelims and also placed in the long jump with a 24-4

if this were not enough, he anchored the Longhorn mile oursome to a win and a sweep relay events. His 45.09 aneg sparked Texas to a 3:08.24 from behind victory as Rice aintained a 12 yard advantage the baton was handed to anan Sam Waugh. Waugh's bril-46.4 leg was overshadowed by eat of the Texas freshman.

Aggies had depended upon strength in the field events to Jones and almost pulled off pset. Unfortunately for the , Texas produced some field muscle of its own — winning elin and going one-two in the imp and taking the third, and fifth spots in the long Adding a third place finish in le vault and a tie for sixth in gh jump to the other points lexas 46 ½ points in the field

M's Brad Blair won the pole etting a SWC record with a fort. The old mark was 16-8 y Dickie Phillips of Rice in

Ruehle and Jerry Strong gave additional points in the pole placing second and sixth with of 15-6 and 15-0.

ggie sophomore Steve Stewart the discus with the best throw s career, 189-2. Stewart deed favored Mark Baughman of iston, who placed second. The wind was just right for me,"

art said. "It was a line driver's which is what I am. nan is a lofter and the wind

ifton Baker, A&M's team coin, high point man and pre-hurdler, proved his mettle at

er ended his A&M career in and style, winning 440-yard inediate hurdles in 51.08. He sixth going into the final 120 ds, but utilized his superior leg ed into the strong head wind to a narrow victory over Rice's

vasn't too worried," Baker said position in the race. "That was trategy. I wanted to save some gth) going into the wind. er placed second in the 120-

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ead coming out of the blocks. Doc King of Rice won the event with a 13.86 while Baker had a 13.92 clocking. Baker, running in the fourth lane, apparently didn't see King

moving up in lane seven.

"I just didn't see him. And when I did, it was too late," Baker said.

One of the more spectacular races of the meet involved Jones and A&M sprinter Curtis Dickey, both of whom play college football in their spare time. The race was the 100-yard dash; an event each had won at the state high school meet a

Both had won their prelim heats and thus were side by side in the finals, AAA champion versus AAAA champion, running back versus

running back.
Dickey was out of the blocks like a hungry youngster hearing the dinner bell, taking a five yard lead betore the rest of the field had gone two steps. The pro-Longhorn crowd dropped its jaws as Dickey appeared well on his way to producing the upset of the meet. But Jones caught and passed Dickey in the last 15 yards, running a 9.42 to Dickey's

Another dramatic race soon fol-lowed as defending 880 champion Tony Wheeer of A&M met the challenge of Baylor's Mark Collins.

Wheeler, injured and sick much of the year, ran his best race of the year as he took the lead on the first lap and struggled to stave off Collins for 800 yards. Collins, a converted 45.8 quartermiler, had too much kick for the Aggie sophomore and took the win in 1:50.82. Wheeler, who had to be carried from the track by his teammates following the race, was second in 1:51.12.

Frank West placed second in the shot put with a throw of 55-5 1/4, while teammates Randy and Tim cott were fifth and sixth.

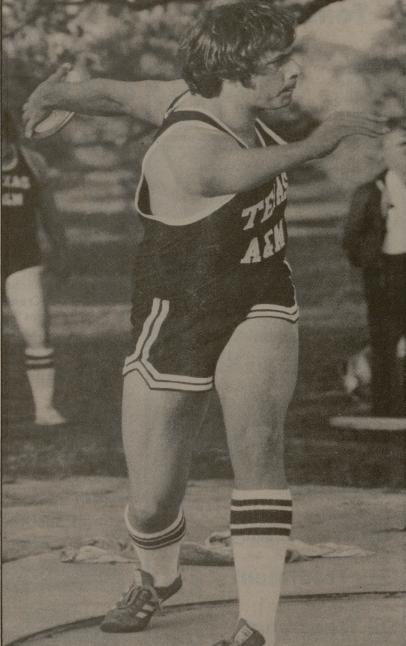
Freshman Mike Newsom placed second in the javelin behind Porky Lyons of Texas with a toss of 217-8 feet on his last attempt. He was third going into his last throw. Former Aggie baseball pitcher James "Hoot" Gibson produced a 203-6 foot toss for fourth place.

With Dickey running the anchor, the A&M 440-relay squad ran their best time of the year, placing third behind Texas and Houston with a 40.18 clocking.

The Aggies' mile relay unit, consisting of Karl Figgs, Chuck Butler, Baker and Ron McGonigle, ran to a surprising fourth place finish with a season's best time of 3:11.51. The Aggie quartet was virtually a pickup team as Thomas had to ask for vol-

A&M's hopes were severely hampered when sprinter Ray Brooks was injured in the 220 prelims, suffering a severe leg cramp. Brooks had qualified for the 100 and 220 finals and was to have run on both relays. The Aggies were also hurt in the distance races as none of their milers qualified for the finals and only Wheeler qualified in the 880. In addition, no Aggie runner

placed in the three-mile run. The distance races saw two SWC rhurdler, proved his mettle at records fall as Arkansas Irish lepmeet as he led the Aggies with rechaun, Niall O'Shaughnessey, cracked the four minute barrier with a 3:49.47. He broke his own record of 4:02.8 set last year



Battalion photo by Steve Goble Sophomore Steve Stewart's win in the discus was not enough as Texas captured its sixth straight track title.

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Rice freshman Marty Froelick broke Razorback Randy Melancon's year old record of 13:44.9 in the three-mile with a 13:41.43. He crossed the tape 14 seconds ahead of teammate Mike Novelli.

Rice dominated the running events at the meet, piling up 86 points on the track. However, the Owls got only six points in the field to place third in the team standings

Houston, the indoor champion, was fourth with 68 points. Baylor followed with 40, Arkansas had 32, Texas Tech had 24, SMU had 7 ½ and TCU had 2 points.

The track season is not yet over for some teams as Texas will host Baylor, Houston and Rice in the Longhorn Invitational this weekend. The United States Track and Field Federation meet will be held in Wichita, Kan. on May 27 and the National Collegiate Athletic Association meet will be held June 6 in Champaign, Ill.

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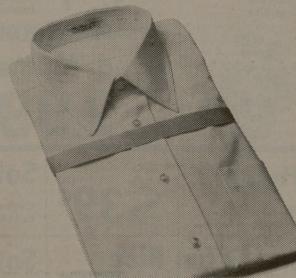
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