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# Dickey star of SWC meet

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FORT WORTH, Texas — The Southwest Conference indoor track and field championships will be run Friday night and to save everybody

the trouble they might as well draw the winner out of a hat. "I don't know why basketball coaches complain about one point losses," said Baylor coach Clyde

Hart. "We lost last year's meet by a half a point. If someone wins it this year by a full point it will be like a runaway."

Close and exciting competition is expected in not only the team race, but in several individual contests as well with defending champion Houston, Baylor, Texas, Texas A&M, Rice and Arkansas all hoping to capture the title.

Five defending champions will be back and despite the loss of Texas star sprinter — Johnny Jones — the 60-yard dash could be the most exciting race of the night.

Jones will miss the indoor meet because of a hamstring pull he suffered in the Longhorns Cotton Bowl loss to Notre Dame, but Texas A&M's Curtis Dickey would probably have been the favorite anyway.

Dickey ran the third fastest electronically timed 60-yard dash in history last weekend at Oklahoma City, a 6.18. Houston McTear's world record is 6.11.

Arkansas distance runner Niall O'Shaughnessy, who is having an outstanding indoor season, will likely compete in the 1,000-yard run Friday night, where he set a conference record of 2:06.75.

Earlier in the indoor season O'Shaughnessy upset indoor world record holder Dick Buerkle and last weekend in Oklahoma he anchored the Arkansas distance medley relay team to a winning time of 9:41.60, less than three seconds off the world record.

O'Shaughnessy, a native of Ireland, will be completing his collegiate eligibility with the indoor season that concludes with the NCAA championships in Detroit.

Other than O'Shaughnessy, the defending champions in action Friday night will be Houston's Cecil Overstreet in the long jump; Baylor's Mark Collins in the 440-yard dash although he will probably run in the 600 Friday; Houston shot putter Randy Coffman and Arkansas Steve Baker in the two-mile.

Overstreet jumped 25 1/4 in his last try in the 1977 meet which gave Houston the team championship with 43 1/2 points. Baylor finished with 43, Texas A&M had 40, Texas 38 1/2 and Rice 35.

This year's meet could be just as close.

"Arkansas will be a big key with its distance people," said Bart. "If they don't win it, I think they will determine who will."

# Longhorns recruit best football talent

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The Texas Longhorns cleaned up the national football recruiting campaign Wednesday, hauling in the top prospects in both Ohio and Oklahoma as well as making the biggest catch in their own state.

But Texas A&M lost its most prized recruit, running back Milton Collins of Blooming Grove, to North Texas State.

Although dozens of high school athletes signed letters of intent with Southwest Conference schools last week, any other school in the country could sign those prospects beginning Wednesday.

There were few defections, however, and while protecting their gains in Texas, the Longhorns made some huge advances elsewhere.

Longhorns Coach Fred Akers flew to Youngstown, Ohio Tuesday and shortly after dawn Wednesday signed A.J. Jones, a 6-1, 190-pound running back who averaged 7.8 yards a carry last season and finished fifth in a 100-yard dash at the state track meet last spring.

And at the same time a Texas assistant was busy signing Rodney Tate of Beggs, Okla., a highly sought running back who earlier had signed a letter of intent with the Oklahoma Sooners.

"I changed my mind four times," said Tate, who had been urged by

Oklahoma Gov. David Boren to sign with the Sooners. "But I decided on Texas."

The Longhorns also rounded up prospects who earlier had signed SWC letters of intent including highly recruited quarterback Donnie Little of Dickinson, running back Brad Beck of Perryton, tight end Lawrence Sampleton of Sequin and quarterback Booger Brooks of Andrews.

Texas appeared to have recruited far and away the best crop of players and did not lose one of its top targets.

But Texas A&M was not so fortunate.

The Aggies had earlier signed Collins, who averaged nine yards every time he touched the ball during his career.

But Wednesday Collins signed a national letter with North Texas. NTSU officials said they felt Collins was the most highly recruited player ever to sign a scholarship with the school.

"This is the best of our six recruiting seasons," said North Texas Coach Hayden Fry. "And we've already had some talent good enough to win 14 of our last 17 games."

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