

Women's team places third

The Texas A&M women's track team placed third with 88 points in the Texas Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women's State Track and Field Championships held this Friday and Saturday at Kyle Field, Texas Women's University ran away from the field, however, with 167 points, while the University of Texas placed second with 109.

The highlight of the meet came Saturday when a new American record was set in the high jump. Louise Ritter of TWU easily cleared the bar set at 6-3. The old American record was set in 1975 by Joni Huntley of Oregon State with a jump of 6-2 3/4.

The women of Texas A&M took home four first place medals. In the pentathlon, Sande Lambert of Texas A&M took the lead from Jane Phillips of Baylor in the fourth event, the long jump, with a leap of 18-5. That left her with a 23 point lead going into the 800-meter run. Phillips never threatened Lambert in the 800 however, giving Lambert the gold medal with 3,649 points. Included in the pentathlon were the 100-meter hurdles, the shot put, the high jump, the long jump, and the 800-meter run.

Texas A&M's Linda Cornelius won the long jump with a leap of 19-7 1/2, out-distancing her closest competitor, Hazel Williams of TWU, by a full five inches. Also, Cornelius ran a fast 14.10 in the 100-meter hurdles to take fourth place. The winning time in the 100-meter hurdles was a 13.37 run by Lena Gibbs of TWU. It was a close race in the 800-meter run with Texas A&M's Ileana Hocking breaking the tape just eight hundredths of a second in front of

TWU's Princess Lindsay, with a time of 2:14.77. Also, Hocking took third place in the 1500-meter run with a time of 4:38.03.

The javelin-throwing contest was decided by a mere three inches when Texas A&M's Donna Branch out threw TWU's Gena Breedlove with a throw of 148-2.

Other good performances came from Martha Sartain, Texas A&M's top long-distance runner. Sartain's three-lap kick in the 5000-meter run against the University of Texas' Julia Campbell made the race a favorite with the fans Friday evening. Sartain took second in that race behind Campbell with a time of 17:40.81. Saturday, Sartain took third place in the 3,000 meter run behind Campbell and Nancy Scardina of the University of Texas with a time of 10:20.40.

Honors for the outstanding individual competitor went to Campbell. She won the 1500-meter run, the 3000-meter run, the 5000-meter run, and anchored the University of Texas' winning two-mile relay team.

The Texas A&M women's track team will journey to Denton on May 13 for the Texas Women's University Invitational.



Texas A&M's Ileana Hocking crosses the finish line first in the 800-meter run. The women's track team finished third in the TAAIW state meet at Kyle Field last weekend. They will compete in Denton on May 13.



Aggies win conference

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On their way to their second southwest Conference championship in as many years, the Texas Aggies would have liked to sweep the three-game series with the Arkansas Razorbacks.

It did not happen to turn out that way, however, as the Hogs managed to sneak by the elated Aggies in the last game of the series. The Aggies had already sewn up the conference title by winning the first two games.

Friday afternoon Mark Ross led Texas A&M past the Razorbacks. With the help of strong bats and excellent defensive work on the part of his teammates, Ross was able to increase his season record to 8-3.

"Those guys just did great out there on the double plays," Ross said of his teammates. "I allowed seven hits, but Randy Woodruff and Robert Bonner really made the difference with their double plays."

On the strength of a four-run rally in the fifth inning, the Aggies took the advantage in the important series with a 6-1 victory.

Saturday's opening game promised to be a showdown between two of the conference's best pitchers, Tim Lollar of Arkansas and Mark Thurmond of Texas A&M. Unfortunately, Lollar, who was suffering from a shoulder injury, had to leave the game early.

Thurmond ran into trouble in the first inning when the Razorbacks loaded the bases with one out. Once again, however, teammates proved to be valuable commodities to a pitcher.

Aggie third baseman Robert Verde scooped up a bouncing grounder and threw the ball to catcher Buster Turner, waiting at the plate for the force. Turner, in turn, threw the ball to first baseman Kyle Hawthorne to complete a double play that may have been the key to the series, according to Texas A&M coach Tom Chandler.

A&M's scoring drive was highlighted by a two-run homerun by Hawthorne, his 14th of the season. The Aggies 5-0 victory over the Hogs wrapped up the SWC title for Texas A&M.

"I believe it feels better to win it this year than it did last year," Thurmond said after he had pitched his fifth shutout in conference play this season. "I kept getting into trouble out there, but fortunately, we always came up with the big double plays."

But the Razorbacks were not to

be denied. After the Aggies had settled back down into their dugout, the final game of the series began, with David Pieczynski and Jim McWilliams on the mound for the 1978 SWC champions.

The Aggies' offensive attack was

highlighted by triples from Robert Bonner and Verde.

With the score tied 5-5 in the bottom of the ninth, Arkansas' Mike Martin hit his second homerun of the season over the left field fence to give the Razorbacks a 6-5 victory.

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