

Scott lifts Texas A&M to SWC track title



Aggie weightman Tim Scott prepares to toss the discus in competition over the weekend at the SWC outdoor track championships in Waco. Scott won the discus and shot put categories, as the Aggies ran away with the meet, setting three SWC records in the process.
Photo by Pat O'Malley

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Despite a tremendous showing in Friday's preliminaries by the defending champion University of Texas Longhorns, the Texas A&M University track team swarmed past the leaders to handily win the Southwest Conference outdoor track championships in Waco Saturday.

The heavily-favored Aggies, who were a distant third after Friday's qualifying events, rode the massive arms of weightman Tim Scott to rack up 138 points, 31 points ahead of the University of Houston's 107. Houston surprisingly slipped past favored Texas for the second spot. Texas finished with 105 points.

Scott, 6-2, 255, was the first double winner of the meet, winning the discus with a toss of 197-7, and the shot put with a throw of 64-4. His victories marked the first time in 13 years an Aggie has won both weight categories. Randy Matson won both in 1967.

Scott beat last year's double winner, Oskar Jakobsson of Texas, and upset SMU freshman sensation Michael Carter in the shot put, who finished third. Carter is the high school world record holder in the event.

The Ags won six events, and three of the victories set SWC records. Randy Hall vaulted a record 17 feet to win the pole vault, and Jimmy

Howard jumped a record 7 feet, 3/4 inches to win the high jump.

Leslie Kerr streaked to a 45.56 time in the 400-meters, breaking his own SWC record.

Texas had finished Friday's preliminaries with 14 qualifiers, but the superior depth of the Aggie team combined with some disappointing performances by Longhorn tracksters allowed Texas A&M and Houston to pass them up.

The biggest upset was the Longhorns' fifth place finish in the sprint relay, and a very surprising fourth in the mile run. To add to their misery, Texas star sprinter Fred Alcorn was forced to drop out of Friday's competition with a muscle cramp.

The Aggies also lost a dependable sprinter, however, when Steve Willis pulled a muscle in the 200-meters.

Aggie hurdler Billy Busch had an impressive day Saturday, winning the high hurdles and finishing second in the 400-meter hurdles. Mike Glaspie finished second in the high hurdles to add more points to the Aggies' total.

Despite a spirited 45.5 anchor leg by Kerr, the Aggies' injury-riddled 1,600-meter relay squad couldn't finish any higher than third behind Arkansas and Baylor.

Curtis Dickey, suffering from a sore hamstring injury and exhaustion after a grueling week at the Balti-

more Colts' rookie training camp, was defeated handily in the 100-meter dash and the 400-meter relay by the meet's most valuable performer, Carl Lewis of Houston.

Dickey, who was selected in the first round of the National Football League's college draft by the Colts earlier this month, finished third in the 100-meters at 10.33 behind Lewis (10.24) and Houston's Greg Illorson (10.27).

In the 400-meter relay, Lewis passed up Dickey on the anchor leg to lead Houston to victory over Texas A&M.

Dickey will compete in the NCAA outdoor championships in Austin the first week in June.

Johnny Hector, third in the long jump with a leap of 25-0 3/4; Chuck Perry, third in the high jump at 7-0; and Jerry Strong, second in the pole vault with a vault of 16-6, rounded out the Aggie high finishers.

Arkansas finished fourth in the meet with 82 points, riding a record-shattering 1,600-meter relay performance of 3:05.02; followed by Baylor with 61; SMU with 49; Texas Tech with 21; Rice with 15; and TCU with 10.

Puhl's homer lifts Astros

United Press International
NEW YORK — Terry Puhl's leadoff homer in the seventh inning Tuesday night gave the Houston Astros a 3-2 decision over the New York Mets behind the eight-hit pitching of Ken Forsch.

Puhl's homer, his fifth, came off Craig Swan, 2-3, and snapped a 2-2

tie. Forsch, 5-2, struck out two and did not walk a batter in going the distance for the second time this season.

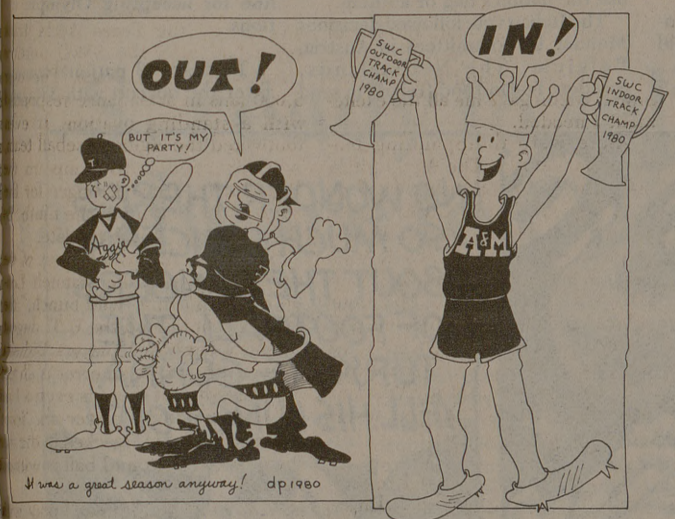
The Mets, who blew a potential big inning in the fifth when Elliot Maddox was called out on an appeal play for missing second base, tied the score in the sixth on a triple by Lee

Mazzilli, a squeeze bunt by Frank Taveras, a single by Steve Henderson, a stolen base and an RBI double by John Stearns.

Houston took a 2-0 lead in the second inning on a solo homer by Alan Ashby, his second, and a bases-loaded walk to Joe Morgan.

Mets manager Joe Torre was thrown out of the game by second base umpire Dave Pallone for arguing the out call on Maddox in the fifth. Torre had to be restrained by third base umpire Ed Vargo when he continued to scream at Pallone after his ejection.

The Astros, who are currently tied with the Cincinnati Reds for second place, 1 1/2 games behind the Los Angeles Dodgers in the National League West, have lost five of their last seven games.



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