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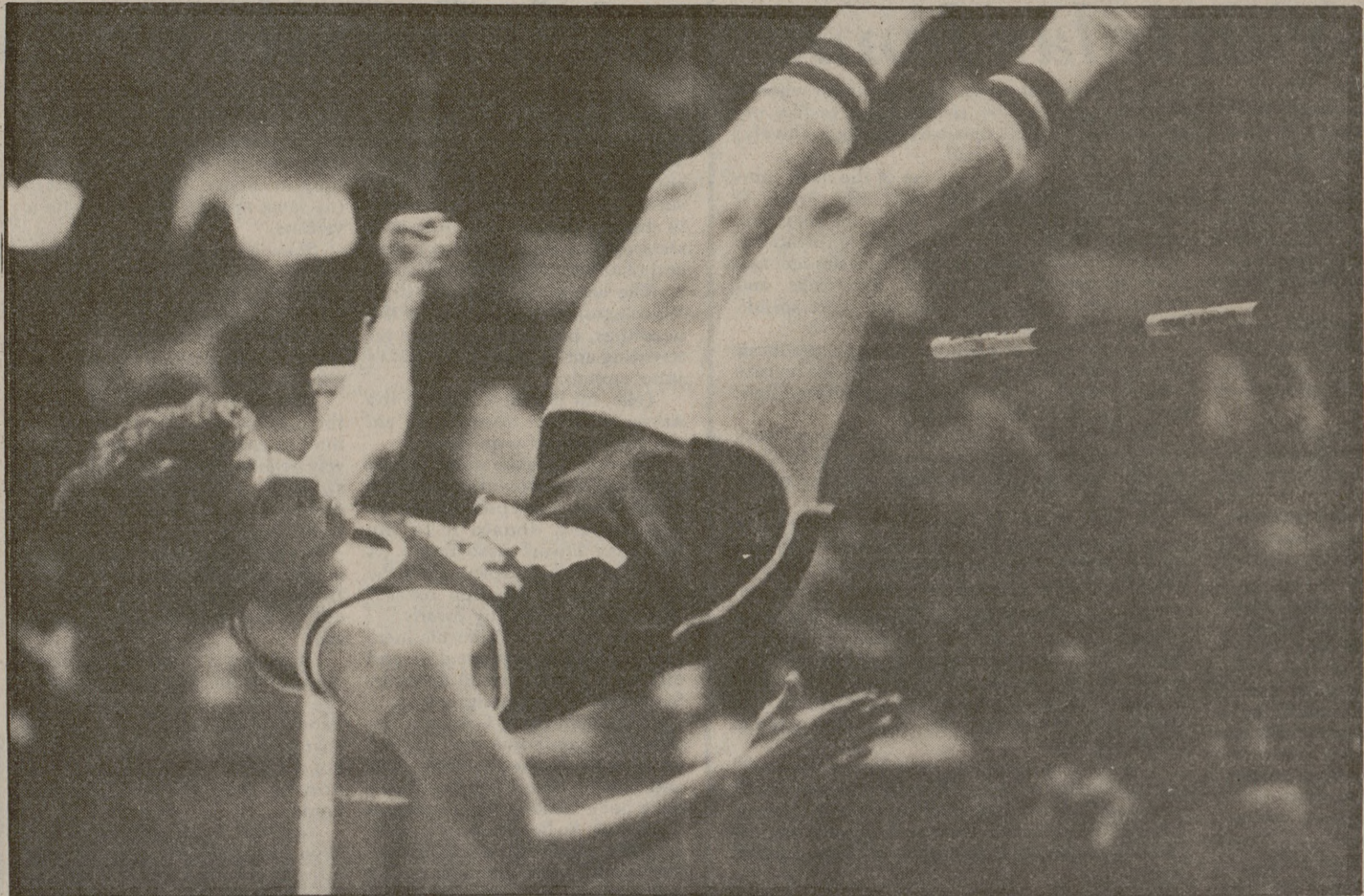
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Howard drawing attention again



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Texas A&M University high jumper Jimmy Howard strains as he clears the bar at 7-2½ last Friday night at the SWC Indoor Championships at Fort Worth to set a new SWC indoor re-

cord. The Aggies could only manage a third place finish behind Arkansas and Houston at the meet, but set three SWC indoor records in the process.

By RICHARD OLIVER
Sports Editor

Last year during the Southwest Conference Indoor Championships, Texas A&M high jumper Jimmy Howard was a spectator.

After finishing second in 1979 meet and drawing the attention of fans and coaches alike, Howard tore up his ankle in the fall of that year and was forced to sit by as his teammates captured the 1980 indoor title for the first time in the history of the school.

Despite the severely torn ligaments, Howard prepared himself mentally for a comeback while he mended, and by the time spring rolled around, he was back on the track.

In May last year, his efforts at the SWC Outdoor Championships in Waco were instrumental as the Aggies took that title also. Howard won the high jump.

In June, he finished third at the U.S. Olympic Trials in Eugene, Ore. to qualify for the Olympic squad. He's never looked back. After a tour of Europe during the summer and a slight revamping of his jumping style with the help of Head Texas A&M Coach Charles Thomas this spring, the sand-haired athlete has become the premier high jumper in the Southwest.

Last Friday night in Fort Worth, Howard made up for missing last year's Indoor Championships in grand style, leaping 7-2½ to win the title, his first indoor crown ever.

"I felt real good," he said Monday. "My freshman year I got beat. I wanted to go down there and do something and it was my first indoor win."

The Aggies scored 74 points a taking third at that meet. Arkansas won with 96, followed by Houston with 81.

The Aggies have many "sure" events, said Howard, but that just isn't enough.

"We do have a lot of sure points in certain events," he said. "We can't win on just a few first places. Arkansas is good indoors. They have one of the top country track teams in the nation. Our long distance just isn't as good as Arkansas'. But in the field events, we were doing real well."

The Ags' performance included three SWC indoor records broken and three firsts. Howard's 7-2½ jump put him in the record books, and teammate Randy Hall and Leslie Kerr placed him in the pole vault and 440 yard dash, respectively.

"We're going to have a lot of improvement (as the season progresses)," said Howard. "We should be most improved in running. Really, (the Ag teams) really haven't had time to work out. We're a little bit below par. But we have many more good spring days like today, we'll be better. We should be the best track team by May, I think."

Howard's new jumping style which basically involves using his whole body on jumps instead of primarily his legs, is starting to pay for him.

"It's starting to work out good," he said. "I'm getting confident with it, and much more consistent at 7-2 or better. Before I was worried and scared to switch over. I'm feeling more and more confident."

And there's always room for improvement.

"I think I'm capable of 7-6," he said, "but my goal is 7-7."

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A&M stops Macklin but can't stop LSU

BATON ROUGE, La. — Texas A&M stopped Louisiana State's leading scorer, Durand "Rudy" Macklin, but it didn't slow the Southeastern Conference champion Tigers from dominating the Aggies and inheriting the title to the longest win streak in the nation.

The fourth-ranked Tigers, now 26-1, hit a torrid 64 percent from the field in the first half Sunday, romping to an easy 67-57 non-conference win behind sophomore Howard Carter's game high 21 points.

"Our players were psyched up this afternoon. I thought our game controlled the tempo," said LSU coach Dale Brown, whose team clinched the Southeast Conference championship Saturday on a pair of last-second free throws in a 66-65 win over Tennessee.

The win, coupled with Notre Dame's 57-56 win snapping Virginia's 28-game streak Sunday, gives LSU claim to the country's longest win string. The Tigers also are unbeaten in 16 SEC matches.

"Our defense at times was fantastic," Brown said. "It may have been our best defensive effort of the year."

"They were really tough on Macklin (four points)," he added. "At times, they were double and triple-teaming him but he didn't pout because he wasn't getting his average. We sacrificed him. He gave up a lot this afternoon to play his role."

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