

Second year in a row

A&M wins Border Olympics

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Little by little, things are shaping up for the Texas A&M men's track team.

After finishing a somewhat disappointing third a few weeks ago in the Southwest Conference Indoor Track Meet, the Ags have rebounded to post some strong event showings.

Saturday at the Border Olympics in Laredo, the Aggies slipped past Texas to claim the championship for the second year in a row.

It took a super effort in the last event despite a lot of negative factors to win the title.

Trailing the Longhorns by two points, Aggies Rod Richardson and James Washington came up with injuries before the final crucial event, the 1,600-meter relay.

Head Coach Charlie Thomas had to sub Rick Thomas and Bart Daniel for the pair, and the results showed surprising dividends. Thomas and Daniel ran exceptional 400-meter legs on the relay, with Thomas running a 47.15 and Daniel (both usually hurdlers) a 47.66.

Larry Kerr opened the race with a 49.44, but it was brother Leslie who was the hero, nipping TCU at the tape for second in a solid 45.45 time. That edged out Texas (fourth place) for the title.

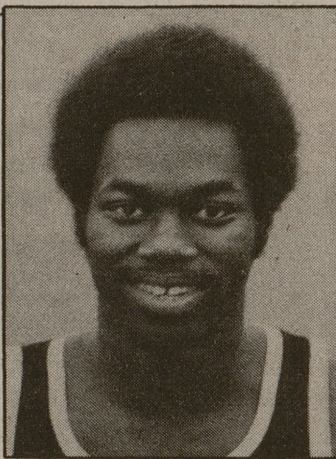
Leslie also won the 400-meters in a meet record 45.0.

The Aggie coach was pessimistic entering the meet because of numerous injuries to key team athletes and the loss of Johnny Hector and Don Jones to football spring training, but spirited performances pulled the team through.

The pole vault competition was the turning point for Texas A&M, as NCAA champion Randy Hall cleared 17-3 to set a new meet record and Rob Montgomery finished third at 16-2 and Mike Mullins fourth at 15-8. The excellent performances racked up an additional 20 points for the Ags.



Randy Hall



Leslie Kerr

Richardson, before exiting the meet with a tight leg muscle, set a meet record in the 100-meters with a 10.28 clocking.

In the 110-meter hurdles, Billy Busch and Rick Thomas finished 1-2.

Thomas, a busy man Saturday, also picked up points along with teammate Daniel by placing second in the intermediate hurdles while Daniel was fourth.

Here are the results from the 49th annual Border Olympics:

Discus — 1, Rick Meyer, Houston, 176-7; 2, David Markert, Baylor, 165-8; 3, Phil Buescher, Texas Tech, 162-4; 4, Kelly Spurluck, Lamar, 162-2; 5, Calvin Roberson, Lamar, 161-7; 6, Tim Vela, Rice, 160-5.

Triple jump — 1, Robert Scott, Texas, 49-2 (record, old record 46-14); Reggie Jameson, Texas A&M, 1980; 2, Fridrick Oskarsson, Texas, 48-0; 3, Mike Coleman, Lamar, 47-5; 4, David Kossens, Houston, 47-9; 5, Dwight Brannon, Lamar, 46-10; 6, Gregg Norman, North Texas, 45-8.

Javelin — 1, Clint Butler, Lamar, 223-10; 2, Mike Collins, Houston, 218-4; 3, Richard Lamb, Texas A&M, 214-2; 4, Tim Dickman, Houston, 212-2; 5, Fred Strook, TCU, 210-11; 6, Mark Whatley, Texas Tech, 206-9.

400-meter relay — 1, Baylor (Bruce Davis, Arthur McCuller, Gerald McNeil, Zeke Jefferson), 40.08 (record, old record 41.1); Texas A&M, 1980; 2, Texas, 40.11; 3, Texas A&M, 40.13; 4, TCU, 40.22; 5, North Texas, 40.81; 6, Rice, no time.

1500-meter run — 1, Todd Harbour, Baylor, 3:45.3 (record, old record 3:58.4; Harbour, 1980); 2, John Robinson, Baylor, 3:45.49; 3, William Johnson, TCU, 3:48.65; 4, Randy Smith, North Texas, 3:52.67; Robert Wiese, North Texas, 3:52.89; 6, Doug Tucker, Baylor, 3:53.85.

110-meter high hurdles — 1, Billy Busch, Texas A&M, 14.1 (ties record set by Karl Smith, Texas, 1980); 2, Rick Thomas, Texas A&M, 14.26; 3, Ricky Roberson, Houston, 14.35; 4, Karl Smith, Texas, 14.36; 5, Raymond Johnson, Baylor, 14.58; 6, Mike Downs, Rice, 14.59.

400-meter dash — 1, Leslie Kerr, A&M, 45.0 (meet record, old record 49.4; Ed Newsome, 1980); 2, Zeke Jefferson, Baylor, 46.3; 3, David Walker, TCU, 46.7; 4, Ed Newsome, Tech, 46.9; 5, Oddur Sigurdson, Texas, 47.1; 6, Allan Ingraham, TCU, 47.5.

100-meter dash — 1, Rod Richardson, A&M, 10.25 (meet record, old record 10.3; Fred Acorn, Texas, 1980); 2, Herkie Walls, Texas, 10.37; 3, Bruce Davis, Baylor, 10.39; 4, Phillip Epps, TCU, 10.57; 5, James Washington, A&M, 10.63; 6, Rudy Levarity, North Texas, 10.66.

500-meter run — 1, James May, Tech, (meet record, old record 1:56.8; Russell Graves, TCU, 1980); 2, Jimm Jeffrey, TCU, 1:49.48; 3, George Collins, Texas, 1:50.63; 4, Francisco Melendez, Rice, 1:53.45; Chris Bicknell, Texas, 1:51.59; 6, Russell Graves, TCU, no time.

400-meter intermediate hurdles — 1, Paul Montgomery, Baylor, 51.43 (meet record, old record 54.3; Montgomery, 1980); 2, Rick Thomas, A&M, 51.76; 3, Karl Smith, 51.9; 4, Bart Daniel, A&M, 52.1; 5, Greg Rolle, Tech, 52.2; 6, Reggie Garner, Texas, 53.19.

Long jump — 1, Thomas Selmon, Tech, 248 1/4; 2, Robert Scott, Texas, 23-8 1/2; 3, Troy Ambrose, Lamar, 23-8; 4, James Washington, A&M, 23-7 1/2; 5, Greg Norman, North Texas, 23-5 1/2; 6, Skip Hoyt, Lamar, 23-3 1/2.

High jump — 1, Desmond Morris, Texas, 6-11.2; (tie), James Howard, A&M, and Garland Coalson, Baylor, 6-9.4; (tie) Richard Tolbert, Texas, and Randy Keith, North Texas, 6-5.6; (tie) Dwight Brannon, Lamar, and Steve Weidle, Houston, 6-5.

Shot put — 1, Kelly Brooks, Texas, 59-5 1/2; 2, Tim Vela, Rice, 57-9 1/2; 3, Kevin McGinnis, A&M, 55-5 1/2; 4, Mark Isenmann, A&M, 54-5; 5, Roeger McAfee, North Texas, 52-5 1/2; 6, David Markert, Baylor, 52-0.

200-meter dash — 1, Phillip Epps, TCU, 21.04 (meet record, old record 21.6; Ezekiel Jefferson, Baylor, and David Walker, TCU, 1980); 2, David Walker, TCU, 21.13; Wayne Johnson, Texas, 21.26; 4, Rudy Levarity, North Texas, 21.49; 5, Ed Simmon, North Texas, 21.59.

Pole vault — 1, Randy Hall, A&M, 17-3 (record, old record 16-8; Fred Blair, A&M, 1977); 2, Paul Brattlof, Rice, 16-8; 3, Rob Montgomery, A&M, 16-2; 4, Mike Mullins, A&M, 15-5; 5, Keith Sanders, Texas, 15-8; 6, Monte Hamilton, Texas, 15-8.

5,000-meter run — 1, Geoffrey Koech, Texas, no time; 2, Todd Harbour, Baylor, no time; 3, Marty Groelick, Rice, 4; Juna Zetina, North Texas, 5; Pedro Flores, Texas, 6; Richard Woodall, Baylor, no time. (No times because race was one lap short).

1,600-meter relay — 1, Baylor, Bill Barton, Vance Vaughn, Arthur McCuller, Zeke Jefferson, 3:09.21 (record, old record 3:16.0; Tech, 1980); 2, A&M, 3:09.74; 3, TCU, 3:09.75; 4, Texas, 3:09.98; 5, Tech, 3:12.11; 6, North Texas, 3:17.28.

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Volleyball team is best squad again

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The Texas A&M University men's volleyball team continued its dominance of state teams by winning the Southwest Texas State Invitational in San Marcos Saturday.

The Aggies didn't lose a game in the tournament and are now 15-1 this spring.

It took five matches and 13 games to get to the finals against Amalgamated, a team largely made up of University of Texas students. The Ags also defeated Amalgamated in the first round of pool play. Texas, SWTSU and the Sugarland Volleyball Club also fell victim to the Aggies.

The Ags have won two tournaments this spring and finished second at another.

"Tim Friedlander, Joe Thornton and Mark Piwonka were exceptional in tournament play," said team coach Dave Schakel Sunday. "Their consistent play was one of the key factors in our consistent play throughout the day."

Last month, the Aggies won the tough 22-team Valentine's Day Invitational at Texas A&M on Feb. 14.

This weekend, the Ags travel to San Antonio for the Randolph Air

Force Base Invitational.

"It will present some tough matches," said Schakel. "We'll possibly see some teams we haven't seen before, including one

from Mexico."

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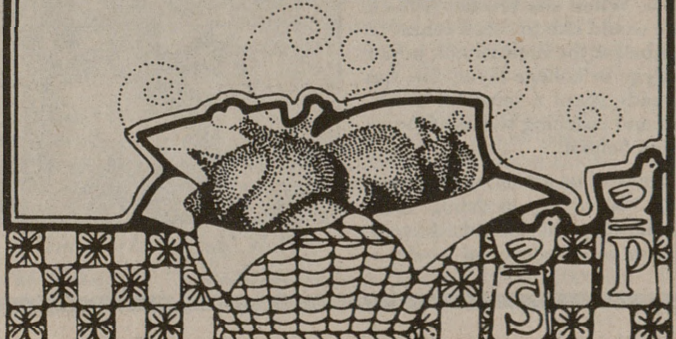
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