



A matter of inches

Staff photo by Greg Gammon

Aggie Don Jones clears the high jump bar in a tri-meet against UT-Arlington and Lamar University at Kyle Field earlier this semester. Jones and six teammates will

attend the NCAA indoor championships Friday and Saturday in Detroit. Sprinter Floyd Furlow also qualified, but is injured and will not attend.

Cougars split with NWLU

HOUSTON — Freshman pitcher Doug Drabek tossed his first complete game of the year and Chuck Shirley and Wesley Gregersen hit home runs for the Houston Cougars Tuesday as Houston split a double-header with Northwest Louisiana.

Northwest Louisiana won the first game, 6-3, and Houston, 10-6, won the second, 8-3.

In the first game, Mike Davern tossed his first win of the season with a complete game effort. Chris Marshall was two-for-two at the plate with two RBI and Steve Holloway was one-for-three with 3 RBI.

Mark Lavespere, Rayner Noble, Rusty Snyder and Gregersen had two hits each in the first game for Houston.

The first game was suspended in the top of the fifth inning at Cougar Field on the UH campus when a water main broke in front of the pitcher's mound. The game resumed later in the evening at Butler Stadium.

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by Jeff Millar & Bill Hinds



Ag women have fine day

In a non-scoring meet in Austin last week, the Aggie women got outstanding performances from Jana Graves and Barbara Collinsworth in an outdoor quadrangular event that also had Texas, Texas Women's University and Abilene Christian competing.

Graves ran a school record 56.95 in the 400-meter dash and Collinsworth had a personal best of 10:06.98 in the 3,000-meter run.

Collinsworth finished third in the 3,000 while Marilee Matheny was fourth at 10:12.89 and Adelaide Bratten was sixth in 10:49.74.

Texas A&M was fifth in the 400-meter relay in 48.69. Lisa McCorsin was sixth in the 1,500-meters in 5:06.4. Vickilee Cobern was second in the discus at 145-9. Karen Morgan was fourth in the javelin at 97-7 and Pam Stafford was fifth at 95-7.

Ellen Smith was third in the 100-meter hurdles in

15.36 and Dena Spier was sixth at 16.49. Jana Graves was fourth in the 400-meter dash in 56.95 and Evelyn Smith was fifth at 57.42. Paula Lake ran a 1:01.74 the second heat of the 400.

Sandra Cooper was fifth in the 100-meter dash in 12.41 and Kathy Leggett was eighth in 13.62.

Dena Spier was fifth in the shot put at 30.4. Becky Deetz was second in the high jump at 5-4. Pauline Morrel tied for third at 5-2. Susan Shelton was fifth in the 800-meter at 2:17.34. Ellen Spier won the 400-meter hurdles in 1:03.06 and Dena Spier was fourth at 1:10.11. Sandra Cooper was fourth in the 200 at 25.34 and Evelyn Smith was sixth at 25.96.

Marilee Matheny was fourth in the 5,000 in 17:58.07 and Adelaide Bratten sixth with no time.

Baylor team much like A&M's

By RICHARD OLIVER

Sports Editor

The Texas A&M University baseball team will have perennial powerhouses Tulane, Texas, Arkansas and Kansas knocking on its Pat Olsen front door in 1981.

But, the toughest matchup of the year may come when Baylor romps into town April 24-25 for a three-day set.

The Bears and the Aggies have much in common. Both are relying on pitching and speed to get through the season, and both are supposedly on the weak side when it comes to hitting.

And, both teams have the capability to be very, very good.

Gone for the Bears, 25-19 in 1980, are four-time all-Southwest Conference third baseman Fritz Connally, all-SWC catcher Gene de los Santos, shortstop Matt Schaper and outfielder Greg Pennington.

That quartet accounted for 12 total letters and 83 of Baylor's extra base hits in 1980.

"You don't replace players like those immediately," Head Bears Coach Mickey Sullivan said. "We're looking for our pitchers to keep us in the games this year and hope good things start to happen. But we may actually be a year away with the amount of inexperience on this squad."

But should those inexperienced members mature quickly, it could be a fine year for the Bears.

The mound will provide Baylor's best hope, with juniors Lee Tunnell, 8-3 last year and Jerry Arnold, 6-5, back to lead the way. Both had seven complete games.

However, Tunnell broke his left collarbone in a skiing accident and will perhaps see his first action Friday.

"Both Tunnell and Arnold are potential all-conference pitchers," said Sullivan. "Lee finished the fall as our number one pitcher and I think Jerry has a good chance to be a pro prospect when he finishes at Baylor."

"Lee will probably lose about a month and a half's work. What is so bad about the injury is that Lee is a power pitcher and it will take more time for him to get back into the swing than it would a finesse-type pitcher."

SMU, whose program folded last season, sends pitcher Tim McLean to Baylor this year, and Sullivan plans on using him as a third hurler.

Lettermen Paul Farmer and Brent Rasner are also back.

"Tim will start the season as our third starter; he had an excellent fall," Sullivan said. "But Rasner and Farmer will get plenty of start-

ing appearances, so the rotation could change by the beginning of the conference season."

Barry Brown, who sat out 1980 with arm problems, Craig Hall, Vic Salvino, Jim Skeeler and freshman Wes Walker will each see duty during the grueling 51-game season.

"One of the reasons for our high ERA (5.53) last year was that we didn't have the pitching depth you need for the non-conference games," Sullivan said. "In the past, we had eight or nine pitchers and we hope to have the same situation in 1981."

Around the mound, the prospects for a set starting lineup are slim, with several players battling for everyday slots.

Starting positions are up for grabs — catcher, shortstop, third base and designated hitter.

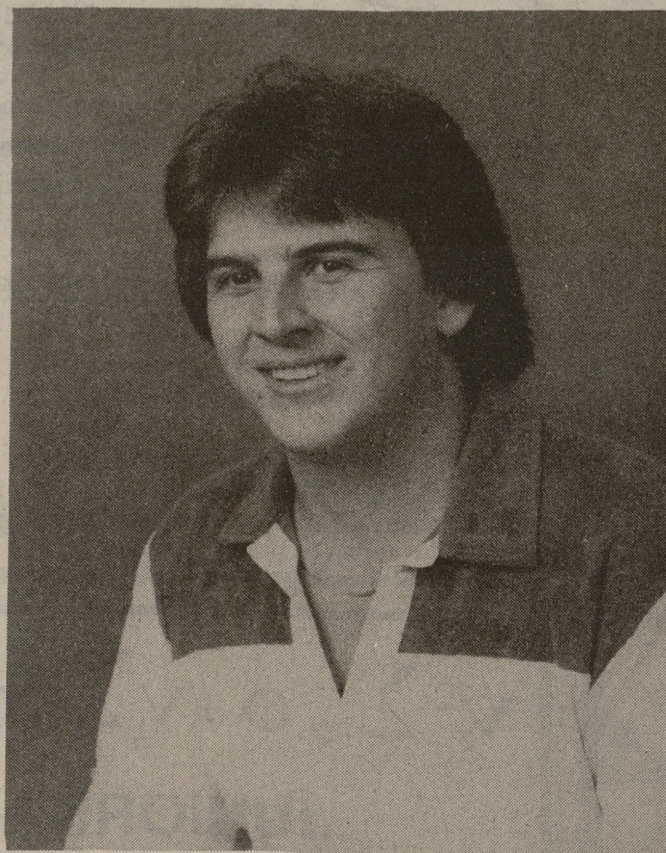
Competing for ace de los Santos' spot are senior Jeff Mallett, who batted .323 in relief last year; Bruce Henderson and junior college transfer Brad Coker.

Lettermen Brad Oliver and Cal Wood are trying to fight off Jay Jeffrey's challenge for the number one shortstop and third base slots.

Jeffrey has already made a name for himself this fall as Baylor's all-conference quarterback.



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