

# Aggie swim teams drown weekend meet competition

The Texas Tech swim teams were all wet after Saturday's meet with the Texas A&M men's and women's teams in P.L. Downs Natatorium. The women's victory was their second in two days, following a home defeat of Lamar University Friday.

Despite an attempt by Texas Tech to psych-out the Texas A&M women's team, the Aggies scored an 83-66 victory over the Red Raiders.

Aggie swim coach Mel Nash said the Texas Tech women's team put signs, slogans and banners on their swim suits. They also brought a dummy dressed in fatigues with "C.T." across it that was hanging from a cross and a sign saying "I'm a Raider swimming fan," Nash said.

Texas Tech's women also covered the walls around the natatorium with Raider signs and

placed more signs in the women's dressing room, he said.

Nash said that the Texas Tech women's team was rested before the meet and their times reflected it. The meet began poorly for the Aggies, with Tech winning five of the first eight events.

When the teams took a break for the diving competition at the end of the fifth event, Texas A&M trailed 39-31.

The Aggies won the one- and three-meter diving competitions. Nash said they were unexpected victories, since Texas Tech has two of the top six divers in the state.

Darcy Wilson won the one-meter competition and freshman Tracy Tips won the three-meter competition. Tips has only been diving competitively since September.

Winning the diving events helped change the tone of the

meet for the Aggies, Nash said.

The 200-yard breaststroke completed the Aggies' turnaround. The Aggies swept the first three places with Tracy Johnston taking first, Michon Breisacher second and Marva Mitten third. Johnston also won the 400-yard individual medley.

Other victories for the Aggies were Debbie Scheider in the 200-yard backstroke, Susan Capshaw in the 500- and 1000-yard freestyle and DeeAnn Fowler, Philis Burns, Scheider and Eileen Doull in the 400-yard freestyle relay.

The women had defeated Lamar 85-64 on Friday, one of the team's biggest rivalries, Nash said.

But the women weren't the only ones winning this weekend. "The men's meet was a joy," Nash said. The Aggies' 79-33 victory ranks them fifth in the conference behind Texas, SMU, Arkansas and Houston. The Southwest Conference is one of

the top two swimming conferences in the nation along with the PAC-10, Nash said.

Rick Walker led the men as they won 11 of 13 events. Walker, the nation's 12th-fastest 500-yard freestyle swimmer, won the 1,000-yard freestyle event with the seventh fastest time in the nation.

Walker also won the 500-yard freestyle. Kevin Londrigan won the 200-yard freestyle and was a member of the winning 400-yard relay team. Other relay team members were Mark Vinitz, Chris Trick and Craig Buchmann.

Other winners were Buchmann in the 50- and 100-yard freestyle, Pat Roche in the 200-yard individual medley, Patrick Henry in the 200-yard butterfly and John McGhee in one-meter diving.

The men and women swimmers next meet is with Rice in College Station Tuesday at 4 p.m.

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## Thomas pleased with track team

by John Wagner  
Battalion Staff

Although the Texas A&M men's track team won only one first place in the Dallas Times Herald Invitational track meet, Coach Charlie Thomas was encouraged.

Thomas' squad members returned from Dallas with several good performances under their belts, and he was excited about the progress they had made in the past few weeks.

"We've made some big improvements lately," Thomas said. "We've had two good weeks of practice since returning from the Christmas break and we've really improved since our last

meet." Kevin McGinnis was the first-place winner for the Aggies. The senior from El Paso threw the shotput 58-11 to take first in the open shotput competition. Senior Darryl Shoemaker finished second in the 1,000-yard run, and junior Rob Montgomery and senior Mike Mullins finished second and fourth in the pole vault.

In the invitational half of the meet, which was held after the open competition, Jimmy Howard placed fourth in the high jump while the mile relay team finished fourth behind teams from Baylor, TCU and Arkan-

sas. The relay foursome includes Gary Scurry, Richardson, Vernon and Tony Tolsen.

Junior Mike Glaspie qualified for the NCAA Indoor Championship Meet in the 600 high hurdles for the third even though he did not place in Dallas.

Glaspie said the Aggie few meets will help prepare for the championships. "I've been lifting weights to increase the strength in my arms, legs, but it helps a lot in the run," he said.

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several early outside shots by the Aggies surprised him and his teammates.

"I really thought we could win ... we played very well," Thompson said. "Anytime we play like that, we're going to win. They (the Aggies) fooled us with their outside shooting. I think the refs called a good game — they let us play, but at Baylor (where the Longhorns lost 69-59 Tuesday night), they were calling everything."

Holmes said the Longhorns' younger players, who include Harper, starting freshman guard Jack Worthington and forward Carlton Cooper, must learn to handle the pressure of close games. Cooper entered the game early in the second half to replace Montgomery, who started the game as Wacker's replacement. Although Montgomery is an effective scorer, his lack of rebounding and aggressiveness prompted Lemons to replace him with Cooper.

"We're a pretty young team," Holmes said. "They (the younger players) are going to help us out a lot. Right now, they need to regain their confidence."

Following the game, Lemons said in reference to Cooper: "Late in the game, I think we found out who our best player was."

Texas A&M Coach Shelby Metcalf said the Aggies, who host the Houston Cougars tonight at 7:30 in the coliseum, must start winning at home in order to keep pace in the SWC race.

"We need to beat Houston ... we're 4-0 on the road (in the SWC) and 1-2 at home," Metcalf said.

"I talked to someone Saturday night who saw the Baylor-Houston game (which the Cougars won 99-78 to break a four-game losing streak), and he said he's never seen a college team play better. There'll be a mismatch in size everywhere except for Reggie (Roberts, at 6-2) and Rob (Williams, Houston guard, at 6-2), but we'll be giving up anywhere from one to six inches everywhere else."

Houston forwards Michael Young and Clyde Drexler, both 6-6, along with 6-9 center Larry Micheaux and 7-foot center Akeem Abdul Olajuwon, form the size differential which Metcalf referred to. With the Aggies starting three guards and two players under the basket, Houston will have a substantial advantage in size.

Probable starters for the Aggies will be Woods and Riley underneath, and Roberts, Naulls and Woodley at the guard positions.

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