

Men's track team finishes fourth in LSU Invitational

by John Wagner
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The Texas A&M men's track team finished fourth in a field of seven teams at the LSU Invitational Indoor Meet Saturday.

Although the Aggies had no first-place finishes, five of Coach Charlie Thomas' athletes finished second.

In the track events, Rod

Richardson finished second in the 60-yard dash. In the field events, Jimmy Howard placed second with 7-0 3/4 in the high jump. Kevin McGinnis came in second in the shot, and Johnny Hector and Mike Mullins placed

second in the long jump and pole vault. Hector had a 23-10 3/4 in the long jump and Mullins vaulted 15-9.

The mile relay team, comprised of Richardson, Tony Tolsen, Gary Scurry and Vernon Pittman, finished second by improving its time to 3:13.05.

Also helping the Aggies to fourth place were third-place finishes by Darryl Shoemaker in the 1,000-yard run and Vernon Pittman in the 440-yard dash. Shoemaker ran a 2:13.15 and Pittman ran a 49.02.

In the team competition, the Aggies finished behind the University of Texas, LSU, and Florida State University. The Aggies collected 66 points. Texas led with 99, LSU had 83 and Florida State finished with 68, 2 more than the Aggies.

The next meet for the Aggies will be the Southwest Conference indoor championships in Fort Worth on Feb. 19-20.

Swim meet

Aggies place second in SMU Invitational

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Despite finishing no better than third in any event, the Texas A&M men's swimming team placed second in the SMU Invitational this weekend.

The meet was a big opportunity for the team's freshmen to prove their abilities, coach

Mel Nash said. "We left a lot of big scorers at home for the meet, as did several other schools."

The meet was good preparation for the younger members of the team going in to the Southwest Conference meet in three weeks, he said, adding that he was pleased with the team's performance in the strong competi-

tion. Hosting SMU won the meet, which included six teams. The University of Houston finished third, Texas Tech fourth, TCU fifth and Baylor sixth.

Sophomore transfer Bruce Woelfel led the Aggies, placing in three events. Woelfel finished fifth in the 50-yard freestyle and

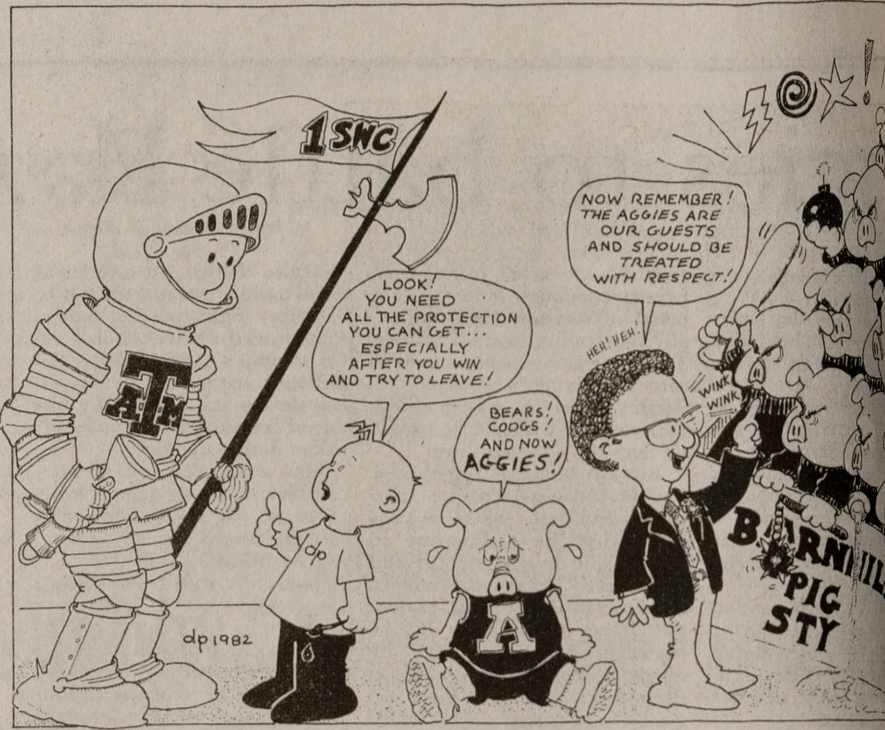
the 200-yard individual medley on Saturday.

Woelfel placed third in the 200-yard breaststroke Sunday, while freshman Todd Robeck finished fourth and junior Jimmy Jaster was sixth.

Another strong performer for the Aggies was freshman Jack Fink, who finished fourth in the 100-yard freestyle and fifth in the 200-yard butterfly. Sophomore Tim Brown finished third in the event.

Also turning in good individual performances were junior Mike Hoche, placing fourth in the 1650-yard freestyle, and freshman Jim Hanigson, sixth in the 200-yard backstroke.

The Aggies also placed third in both the 400- and 800-yard freestyle relay and sixth in the 400-yard medley relay.



Golfers look strong in Pan American tourney

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"I was very encouraged by the meet," Texas A&M men's golf coach Bob Ellis said Sunday following his team's fourth-place finish in the 10th annual Pan American University International Golf Tournament this weekend.

"The team's play was a little sloppy," Ellis said, "but that is to be expected this early in the season."

Behind a well-balanced performance from the entire team, the Aggies placed above several

of the nation's top teams, a fact Ellis attributed to driving.

The Aggies averaged between 11 and 15 holes-per-round in which they reached the green within the average, two strokes under par.

Texas A&M did slip once during the tournament, however.

"We made some mental mistakes in the second round and dropped from sixth place to eighth place because of a 297 score," he said.

Texas A&M rallied in the final round Saturday to move from eighth to fourth. The Aggies finished the tournament with an

879 team total to finish behind tournament victor Oklahoma State.

OSU had a total of 853. Florida State finished second with 847. Brigham Young finished third with an 867 total, followed by Texas A&M, the University of Texas 880, Oklahoma Oral Roberts 889, Lamar Stanford 897, Missouri TCU 904, Centenary 913, and Wichita State 915.

All-America Danny Ellis led the Aggies with a 215, finishing him seventh in the tournament.

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A&M lacrosse team dumps Texas 11-5

The Texas A&M Lacrosse Team defeated the University of Texas 11-5 Sunday in Austin.

The match, the Aggies' of the season, featured several members of the Keith Wagstaff had three goals and one assist for Texas while Carl Hays had two goals and one assist and Al finished with two goals.

Scoring one goal apiece the Aggies were Mike New Marc Macaluso, Rick Bess and Bruce Jennings.

Texas A&M begins division play next weekend, as Aggies host Sam Houston State University Saturday and Sunday. The SHSU matches begin at 1 p.m. Saturday on the main drill field, and the match with Rice begins Sunday at 10 a.m. on the main drill field.

Other schools in the A&M's division are the University of Houston, Louisiana State University and Tulane.

The Aggies played several off-season matches during the fall, but their spring competition will be within the six-team division.

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