

Texas A&M

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## Aggies set to host AIAW track nationals

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In the Southwest Conference meet two weeks ago, the Texas Longhorn women's track team proved that it may be the toast of the college track world by easily outdistancing Arkansas and Texas A&M.

That's why most people have conceded this week's Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women national track championship to UT. But Texas A&M coach Bill Nix says his squad, which finished third behind the Longhorns and the Arkansas Razorbacks in the SWC competition, has an excellent chance for a strong finish.

"We feel we should place at least in the top 10," Nix said, "and maybe in the top five."

While the Longhorns have 15 qualifiers competing in the 52-team national event, which starts Thursday at the Frank G. Anderson track in Kyle Field, the Aggies have 11 entries. Nix said that since several AIAW schools opted to compete in the NCAA meet, which takes place in Provo, Utah, June 3-5, some of the nation's outstanding squads will not compete here this week.

"The NCAA meet has really sort of diluted our meet a bit and has taken away a lot of the top national powers," Nix said.

Nix cited several Texas A&M athletes who should perform well in the meet.

"I'm looking for Novaita Samuels to have a good chance to win the 100- and 200-meter dashes," he said. "Marilee Matheny has an ex-

tremely good chance to end up in the top three in the 10,000 meters, as does Chandai Phillips in the 100-meter hurdles.

"Our only field entry, Vickilee Cobern, should finish in the top five in the discus. All four of our relay squads should place in the top four, and a couple of them may even finish in the top two or three."

Nix said Iowa, Purdue and California should provide the strongest challenge for the Longhorns.

"It's going to be a very good quality meet," he said. "It's not strong in quantity but there are a lot of good quality people in every event."

Other entries for Texas A&M include the 400-meter relay (Sandra Cooper, Evelyn Smith, Ellen Smith and Samuels); 1600-meter

relay (Cooper, Evelyn Smith, Ellen Smith and Jana Graves); 3200-meter relay (Suzanne Sheffield, Graves, Sheryl Clark and Barbara Collinsworth); Sheffield and Graves in the 800-meter run; Matheny in the 5,000-meter run; Ellen Smith in the 400-meter hurdles, and Collinsworth in the 5,000-meter run.

Only all-America long jumper Donna Thomas of North Texas State returns after a 1981 championship in the AIAW national meet. While a 20-7½ effort is her best of the year, Kathy Rankin of Georgia has a 20-11½ jump to her credit this season.

Here are the teams participating in the AIAW national meet:

Angelo State, Arkansas, Ball State, Barnard, Brigham Young, California, Cleveland State, Colorado State, Cornell, Dartmouth,

East Tennessee, Florida, Georgia, Harvard, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana State, Iowa, Iowa State, Lamar, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana State, Moorhead State, Northeastern, North Texas State and Northern Illinois.

Ohio State, Oklahoma State, Pennsylvania, Princeton, Purdue, Redlands, Rhode Island, Rutgers, St. John's, Southern Illinois, Carbondale, Temple, Texas A&M, Texas Tech, Texas, Towson State, Utah State, Washington State, West Texas State, West Virginia, Western Illinois, Wisconsin, Wichita State and Yale.

The three-day meet begins Thursday morning at 11 with the field events and ends at 9:25 Saturday night with the 1600-meter relay finals.



photo by Jan Fambro

Texas A&M freshman outfielder Iva Jackson swings at a pitch during her team's victory over Southwest Missouri Friday. After losing their opening game to United States Interna-

tional University, the Aggies won seven straight to earn their first-ever national championship. After posting the team's highest batting average (.355) in the fall, Jackson hit .276 in the spring.

## Softball

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And you know how many double-headers we won this year.

"I'm really happy with it," he said. "I'm especially happy with those five seniors that have been here so many times before."

Youngblood, whose double and alert move to third base on a throwing error to lead off the seventh inning resulted in the tying run, said her satisfaction was beyond words.

"It's great," she said. "I really hadn't been hitting at that well all day, but I was able to get that hit in the final game."

"We're so happy right now. This is our (the seniors') last time. I've been so hyper since we got here last week. The other seniors and I have been trying to get everyone fired up."

Murray's two-run double in the eighth scored shortstop Carrie Austgen and second baseman Pati Holthaus with the winning runs. Murray said that although she hadn't hit well in the tournament, she was confident about her chances of bring-

ing her teammates home in the eighth — even after falling behind 0-2 on the count off OSU pitcher Tina Schell.

"I only had three hits before the last two games," Murray said. "I just kept on saying that I could do it."

"It took all of us together to win the national championship. We're elated for Coach Brock too, because he had come in from Baylor and really didn't have a real good team up there."

All-America pitcher Lori Stoll pitched the Aggies to the 4-1 victory in the first game against OSU, then relieved Shan McDougal in the third inning of the championship game. As a result, Stoll earned both victories to conclude the spring with a record of 24-4.

"It was kind of close in that second game," Stoll said. "But even when we were behind in the seventh inning, we still knew we could do it."

"I'm glad we finally won it. The last two years we lost at na-

tionals because we couldn't hit. But this year, we had the hitters to do it."

Resendez collected three hits and three RBI in the 5-3 victory, including a double, two singles and a bases-loaded walk in the third inning.

"Even after Harper hit that home run, we didn't worry," Resendez said. "I just knew we'd come back. Everybody kind of thought that after we lost the first game that we'd choke. But the seniors came through. It was our last year and we wanted that championship."

"When Mary Lou (Youngblood) got that hit, we knew that was the break we needed. They (the Cowboys) gave us the game."

"Right now we're just in oblivion," she said. "It's too much to describe. The rain had stopped and we knew we'd win."

OSU, which has a 58-16 record, committed crucial mistakes which aided the Aggies in their 5-3 victory.

For starters, right fielder

Paula Smith overthrew second base in her attempt to throw out Youngblood in the seventh, allowing the Aggie outfielder to reach third base. One out later, Resendez' single scored the tying run.

Austgen began the eighth inning by walking and was sacrificed to second. After Schell walked Holthaus intentionally to get to Murray, the Aggie first baseman made the gamble backfire in the Cowgirls' faces.

Murray hit the ball toward the alley between center and right field, and by the time OSU outfielder Smith ran it down, two runs had scored and Murray was on third base.

Assistant Coach Sue Lilley, also in her first year with the Aggies, might have summarized the team's effort best.

"The Aggies never died," she said. "We knew we could get a run to tie it. Murray hadn't been hitting real well, and we knew she was due."

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