Cougar pitcher Noble named most valuable player in SWC

United Press International HOUSTON — University of Houston baseball player Rayner Noble was named the Most Valuable Player in the Southwest Conference in voting by the nine conference schools.

As a pitcher, Noble was 6-2 with 1.60 ERA and as an outfielder and designated hitter had a .400 batting average.

Longtime Arkansas coach

Norm DeBriyn, whose team finished second, was voted coach of the year in the balloting by publicists at the nine schools.

Conference batting champion Todd Howey of Texas Tech, who hit .432 as a freshman, was voted newcomer of the

The Texas Longhorns placed pitchers Calvin Schiraldi and Kirk Killingsworth, and infielders Jose Tolentino and Mike Brumley on the 1983 All-SWC team selected by the schools.

The Longhorns captured the SWC championship with a 18-3 conference record and a 49-10 overall mark.

Unanimous selections were Noble, Houston second baseman Corky Swindell and Rice outfielder Scott Johnson. Vo-ters, one from each school, were was named to the team as a detailed.



Aggies Bobby Beach (left) and Tony Metoyer named to all-SWC squad despite A&M's 4-17 SWC record.

limited to balloting for players on teams other than their own. on teams other than their own.
The Longhorns' four selections to the honorary team were to the honorary team were baseman Tony Metoyer and their own.
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1B-Jose Tolentino, jr, Texas; 2b-Corky Swindell, soph, Houston; ss-Mike Brumley, jr, Texas; 3b-Jimmy Zachry, jr, Texas Tech; c-Tom Pagnozzi, jr, Arkansas;

Outfielders-Scott Johnson, jr, Rice; Ronnie King, jr, Baylor, and Norm Roberts, soph, Arkansas; dh-Bobby Beach, jr,

Relief pitcher-Kirk Killingsworth, sr, Texas; starting pitchers-Calvin Schiraldi, jr, Texas; Rayner Noble, sr, Houston; Tim

Englund, jr, Rice; Player of the Year-Noble; Newcomer of the Year-Todd Howey, fr, Tech; Coach of the Year-Norm DeBriyn, Arkansas. Honorable mention:

1B-Gene Segrest, Tech; 2B-Jimmy Twardowski, TCU; ss-Clinton Welch, Rice; 3b-Tony Metoyer, A&M; Dave Edwards, Rice; Cal Wood, Baylor; dhWood; Noble; of-Noble; Beach; Howey; Scott Loséke, Arkansas; Kenny Crafton, TCU; Steve Seberger, Houston; David Danny Tevas: Lev David Denny, Texas; Jay Bluthardt, Rice; Kevin Smith, A&M; c-Jeff Hearron, Texas; Mike Fox, Rice; Riley Epps, Houston;

Starting pitchers-Doug Drabek, Houston; Roger Cle-mens, Texas; Stan Hilton, mens, Texas; Stan Hilton, Baylor; Charlie Corbell, Arkan-sas; Relief pitcher-Nobel.



Swimmer conquers mirto become a champion some

United Press International LAWRENCE, Kan. — Tammy Thomas became a national swimming champion this year by overcoming her mind, not

her opponents. Before this year, the faster swimming times of her strongerlooking competitors thrashed her confidence even before she

plunged into the pool, she said.
"I've always had kind of a confidence problem," Thomas said. "I have a tendency to notice other people around me a little

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for the 6-foot-1, University of yard freestyle with t Kansas athlete from Lawton, 22.17 and 48.40. Sheno Kansas athlete from Lawton, Okla. Experience, a sports psychologist and a coach who believed in her ability combined to make her a record-breaker at the March NCAA championship in Lincoln, Neb.

"I started believing in my-self," Thomas said. "I finally realized that I am strong enough to swim with the top sprinters in

In her graduating year at Kansas, the 21-year-old dark horse set an NCAA record in the But this year was different 50-yard freestyle and the 100-

records, but defeateds from universities in Cal Texas and Florida, which considered to have t

programs.
"To tell you the truth
thinking 'well, it's about
she said of her victories. Challenges attract Th

much as the pool, and no DALL she's a national winner ercent of wants to be an internation

"I'm just wondering to be produced take it. How far icome lau myself," said Thomas Dmir wants to try out for the present U.S. Olympic team in stor of

"Even the chanceton ap and the United States is an all "We lable feeling," she said. Tott ever-proud, and I hope I don'th pol-

Thomas, who has been ho led ming competitively since 10, said she does it for and the physical challen

"There's really no of wards for swimming exc sonal satisfaction," she s She swims, bicycles an six days a week and lifts

three times a week. Bubroad shoulders, thick sleek muscular body and ped hair of a competitive mer can strain a woman's

"I try not to let it should Co much, but it does both Co when people mistake me uesday man and say, 'thank you unerica she said. Nevertheless, intense louston

ing is necessary to ma Terry mind and body work to an, said and that is crucial to success sprinter whose race some anounce takes less than 25 second on a factor of the second on the secon said. A breath at the wron take a s or a wayward stroke wil victory out of a sprinter's To avoid defeat, a sp

must imagine the perfec over and over again and pate every possible Thomas said. "Once you get up then exas, v

you're ready to swim, done it so many times mind that it is automati body knows what to do.





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