

# Ag swimmers sweep Owls

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The Texas A&M swimming teams swept Rice in a dual meet Tuesday by losing only five races out of 22 on the day.

Both A&M teams improved their records to 2-2 on the year.

The women's team won eight of 11 races for a 128-107 victory, sweeping the first three places four times.

The men won every match except for the 200-meter breaststroke and the 400-meter freestyle relay. Those races at the end of the meet were raced as exhibitions since the Aggies had already clinched the meet.

In exhibitions all the racers are not counted in point totals, making the score closer than it would be otherwise.

The men swept the top three places twice and the top two three times.

The A&M winners were:

**Women**

- 400 medley relay — Lisa Sheedy, Laura Grimes, Courtney Searcy, Joan Wojtowicz: 4:06.98
- 400 freestyle — Brenda Wright: 10:28.10
- 200 freestyle — Joan Wojtowicz: 1:58.12
- 200 butterfly — Susan Habermas: 2:07.79
- 100 freestyle — Michelle Chow: 54.45
- 200 backstroke — Lisa Sheedy: 2:19.58
- 500 freestyle — Brenda Wright: 5:07.32
- 200 breaststroke — Laura Grimes: 2:25.46

**Men**

- 400 medley relay — Todd Barteo, Julian Summers, Pete Staruch, Matt Stelling: 3:41.80
- 1,000 freestyle — Clay Kennedy: 10:32.64
- 200 freestyle — Todd Barteo: 1:47.33
- 50 freestyle — Dan Stevens: 22.11
- 200 intermediate medley — Pete Staruch: 2:03.83
- 200 butterfly — Todd Barteo: 2:00.08
- 100 freestyle — Dan Stevens: 48.52
- 200 backstroke — Mario Vela: 2:08.13
- 500 freestyle — Ernie Vela: 2:08.63

# Gibson's guts earn him NL MVP

NEW YORK (AP) — Kirk Gibson, who inspired the Los Angeles Dodgers in the clubhouse and carried them at the plate, was named the National League Most Valuable Player on Tuesday.

Gibson drove in only 76 runs, the fewest RBI by an MVP since Pete Rose in 1973, but did enough to finish comfortably ahead of Darryl Strawberry of the New York Mets, Orel Hershiser, the playoff and World Series MVP, finished a distant sixth.

Gibson got 13 first-place votes and finished with 272 points. Strawberry had seven first-place votes and 236, followed by Kevin Reynolds of the Mets with the other four first-place votes and 162.

Pittsburgh's Andy Van Slyke got 160 points, San Francisco's Will Clark got 135 and Hershiser, who received just one third-place vote, had 111.

Two members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America in each NL city did the voting prior to the postseason. The American League MVP will be announced Wednesday.

Gibson hit .290 with 25 home runs and stole 31 bases in delivered what he promised, a championship to the

Dodgers. He left the Detroit Tigers and signed with Los Angeles on Feb. 1 after becoming a free agent in the Collusion I case.

03204201 But Gibson gave the Dodgers the drive they needed to rebound from their first consecutive sub-.500 finishes since 1967-68.

He was the symbol of their determination, never more evident than in the World Series. Unable to start because of hamstring and knee injuries, he limped to the plate and hit a two-run, pinch-homer off Oakland's Dennis Eckersley with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning that won Game 1. It was Gibson's only at-bat of the Series.

Gibson set the tone for the Dodgers early when he stormed out of camp before the team's first exhibition because of a practical joke. Teammate Jesse Orosco put eye black inside Gibson's cap and Gibson didn't think it was funny.

The rest of the Dodgers got the message, and as Hershiser said after the World Series, Gibson "made it right and he made it cool to work hard and be a hustler."

# Hickey

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After five years of head coaching and 20-plus wins per season at Kansas State University, Hickey received an offer from A&M in 1984 to become the assistant athletic director for women and head basketball coach.

Even though the move was an intriguing idea, she says her role as a wife played a crucial part in the final decision.

"I wasn't really looking for another position," she says. "I had been in a really good basketball program — we were ranked in the Top 10 — and I had my own television show."

"The fact that my husband was a baseball coach at Kansas State was in the back of my mind. He had applied for an assistant's job at A&M, and I knew that I could not make a move from Kansas State unless it was a positive move for my husband also. About two weeks after I visited here, the man who had been baseball coach for years resigned, and everything fell in place for Bill to get the job."

time dealing with emotional situations than we do on actual court strategies.

"My first priority is that I want to work very hard and I want to remember that for people to work hard for me I have to work harder than they are. I can't ask the kids at practice to give everything that they've got and then take my job lightly."

"I want the team to be a caring situation. I want it to be more personal, and sometimes I get myself in a mess trying to do that. Sometimes I worry a little too much about what they're thinking and feeling, and I think I probably need to be a little more cold-hearted."

Lisa Jordan, junior sociology major and center for the Lady Aggies, says, "I think it's important to have a personal relationship with your coach. Some teams go out to play and they're just a number to the coaches, but that isn't how it is with Coach Hickey."

Donna Roper, senior journalism major and guard for the Lady Aggies, says, "Coach Hickey has a different attitude on and off the court. On the court, she is a coach all the way. Off the court, she's more like a mother — more understanding. It's really helpful, too, because many of us are away from home and our parents so often."

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baseball and softball were the main sports. I really respected what he did, and always wanted to grow up and do what he had done."

Hickey played basketball throughout high school, but it wasn't until she began attending Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark. that she realized her potential.

"When I grew up, I had never even seen a female coach until I was in college," she said. "I had started college with the idea that I was going to be a psychiatrist or psychologist. But the further I went through college, the one thing I realized that I did best was to teach sports."

"When I got out of college, there still was not collegiate athletics for women, so I started coaching in junior high and high school. About four years after I was out of school, all the colleges had to start opening up places for women in coaching. After that, my horizons broadened a little bit and I saw that there were more opportunities out there besides coaching high school."

Hickey graduated summa cum laude from Ouachita with a bachelor's degree in education. However, she felt her social life undermined her success in school and sports.

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"I remember the summer I graduated from college, I sat and cried to my dad because I didn't have any dates and I didn't know what was going to happen. About two weeks later, my brothers were in a baseball camp in Missouri, and I met Bill."

"He was one of the first guys I met who thought that me being an All-American and wanting to be good at basketball and liking to go out and run and stuff was really neat."

"The first year we were married, he would want me to go by the school where he was teaching and show everybody how I could shoot baskets. To find someone who thought all those things were neat was just very unique."

Hickey says the events that led to the A&M and her husband coaching at A&M exemplify the effect her husband has had on her life.

Although Hickey had personal reasons for wanting to coach at A&M, dreams of building a women's athletic program also inspired her.

"I knew that I would never be assistant athletic director at Kansas State, and I wanted that experience and background," she says. "Also, I knew the Kansas program was at its height. I knew we were about as good as we were ever going to get."

"When I saw A&M's size and the number of people and opportunities here, I thought that if I could come in and build a program at Texas A&M, I would accomplish something that a lot of people didn't think was possible, but something much bigger and better than at Kansas State."

Since coming to A&M, Hickey has built the women's program to the point that a national title has been obtained in softball and Southwest Conference crowns have been awarded for golf and tennis. Likewise, Hickey initiated the Lady Aggie Maroon Club, a fund-raising group for the women's athletic department.

However, a problem her first year here made Hickey's job harder than it would have been, she says, and her goals have not been easy to accomplish.

"The fall I first came here, I did not bring both of my assistant coaches with me, I only brought one," she says. "The one I didn't bring started a big raucous at Kansas State by accusing me of a lot of illegal recruiting and other things."

"All this stuff she said hit the papers across the country, and I didn't receive one phone call from anyone asking my side of the story. I was devastated because not only did I have to handle it, but my whole family had to handle it. I will never forget it, and I don't think I'll ever get over it."

Although Hickey is creating a successful program at A&M, she said her job is difficult because she deals with so many people.

"The hardest part of my job is the day-in, day-out working with people," she said. "My mortgage payment is dependent upon how 18- and 19-year olds react."

"If it was a matter of just going out and teaching people how to dribble, pass and shoot, this job would be a lark. But we spend more of our

all come together," she said. "For instance, last year was the first year that we ever beat Texas Tech or Arkansas, and we worked a long time for that."

"There's not a better feeling than when a group of people work toward a goal that way. I don't think you could survive in this business — with the hours and the expectations — unless you really enjoyed seeing kids develop and grow up."

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