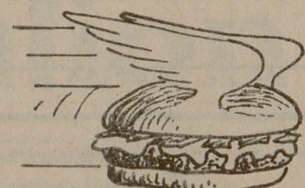


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Clark, Stulce win events to lead Aggies

By Stan Golaboff

SPORTS WRITER

It was just another day at the track office for All-Americans Melinda Clark and Mike Stulce as the Texas A&M track team shared the spotlight with Baylor and Texas Southern University at the Texas A&M Relays Saturday.

Clark continued her personal dominance of the women's high jump as she jumped 6 feet 2 1/2 inches. It was the third time in three weeks that Clark had cleared 6 foot 1 inches and the second best jump in Southwest Conference history. Clark owns the SWC record with a jump of 6 feet 3 1/2 inches, which she set last week at the Texas Relays.

Stulce, the defending NCAA champion in the shotput, coasted to an easy win by throwing a season best of 65 feet 1 inch.

"I expected him (Stulce) to throw 63 or 64 feet, but this isn't the first time he has surprised me," Assistant Coach Robert Parker said. "The first time out this season and he throws it two feet further than anyone else has all year in the collegiate track."

Stulce was relieved by his performance.

"I was worried all week about coming out and messing up, so I'm real glad with the throw," Stulce said.

Stulce and Clark were not the only Aggies to shine.

Howard Davis posted an NCAA qualifying time of 45.69 seconds in the 400-meter dash as he passed defending NCAA champion Raymond Pierre of Baylor in the last 100 meters.

"I fell behind him going into the turn, but I made up my mind not to let him beat me and I passed him," Davis said.

"He surprised me coming out of the turn and I didn't have as much kick as I thought I would in the last 100 meters," Pierre said.

A&M bested Baylor again in the 1600-meter relay as the team of Davis, Derrick Florence, Errington Lindo and Stanley Kerr qualified for the NCAAs with a time of 3:05.44.

Baylor, which did not run its usual team of Pierre, Kermit Ward, Michael Johnson, and Terril Davis, finished second. Baylor qualified for the NCAAs earlier this season.

"We are excited to finally qualify, but we could have had a better time if there had been some more competition," Kerr said. "We are looking forward to the Drake meet, because the competition will be intense."

Baylor did manage wins in the pole vault, 3000-meter steeplechase,



Photo by Mike C. Mulvey

Aggie high jumper Mike Howell clears six feet, seven inches Saturday at the Texas

A&M Relays. Jon Shelton of Texas won the event by clearing a meet record of 7-3 1/2.

100-meter dash, and the 400-meter hurdles.

The meet also featured two future Aggies as Greg Williams of Southwest Christian Junior College, who signed a letter of intent with A&M Wednesday, won the 110-meter hurdles.

Williams then teamed up with Derrick Thomas, who also signed a letter of intent with A&M, to lead SWCJC to a win in the 400-meter relay.

It marked the second time in as many weeks that A&M, the defending NCAA 400-meter relay champions, have lost.

On the women's side of the house, Yolanda Taylor qualified for the NCAAs in the long jump with a jump of 20 feet 10 1/2 inches. However, Taylor, like the whole Lady Ag team, had to share the spotlight with Texas Southern University.

A&M won the 400-meter relay and the 400-meter hurdles.

The next meet for the Aggies will be this weekend at the Baylor Invitational.

Arkansas downs A&M; Ags' Brown posts wins

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

The Texas A&M men's tennis team suffered its fifth conference loss of the season as it fell 6-3 to the 19th-ranked University of Arkansas in a dual match Saturday at the Omar Smith Tennis Center.

One of the few bright spots for the Aggies was the play of freshman Doug Brown. Brown cruised to his 14th singles victory of the season as he downed Arkansas' J.P. Miemy 6-4, 6-2.

Brown returned later in the day to team with fellow freshman Blake Barsalou in a doubles match as they defeated Miemy and teammate Donie Wood, 7-6, 6-2.

Despite the loss, Aggie coach David Kent was pleased with the play of Brown.

"Doug Brown is simply amazing," Kent said. "He just will not accept losing."

Kent went on to laud the play of Brown and Barsalou in doubles.

"Our number three doubles (Brown and Barsalou) are stars of the future," Kent said. "They may already be the best team we put on the court."

In other action, Shaun O'Donovan fell to the Hogs' Mike Brown 6-2, 6-3. A&M's Gustavo Espinosa lost to Donie Wood 6-4, 7-6. Barsalou was defeated by Cha Hoon Im 6-2, 6-3. Aggie Matt Zisette succumbed to Augusto Solano 6-3, 7-6.

Senior Craig Whitteker notched the Aggies' only other win as he downed Johan Dysholm 2-6, 6-3, 6-4.

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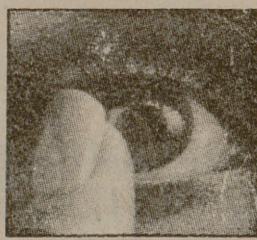
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the second game when the Aggies got seven runs in the first inning.

Thompson doubled and Terry Taylor drove him in on a single. Chuck Knoblauch walked and Byington doubled to score Taylor and Knoblauch. Texas starter Shane Reynolds was relieved by Curry Harden with nobody out.

Andy Duke greeted Harden with a single to score Byington and Mike Easley doubled to score Duke. Jim Neumann, the ninth batter in the inning, doubled to score Easley and Thompson singled for his second hit of the inning to score Neumann to give A&M a 7-0 lead.

Texas rebounded in the third with two runs. Jon Prather and Lowery walked and scored on a two-out double by Butcher to pull the 'Horns closer at 7-2.

Harden began to dominate the Aggies while A&M pitchers were having trouble. Starter Ronnie Allen

was pulled in the fourth and replaced by Brent Gilbert, who threw six consecutive balls and was replaced by Steve Hughes. Hughes repeated with six balls of his own.

Before the inning was over, A&M pitchers had walked four batters, given up five hits and Texas had

SWC Baseball Standings

Team	SWC Record	Pct.
Arkansas (37-5)	12 0	1.000
Texas A&M (42-2)	11 1	.917
Texas (37-12)	8 4	.667
Houston (-)	6 6	.500
Baylor (31-13)	6 9	.400
Texas Tech (24-17)	3 9	.250
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TCU (25-18)	2 10	.167

scored eight runs, including four on a grand slam homer by David Tollison to give Texas a 10-7 lead.

The Longhorns continued to chew at the Aggies, adding a run in the fifth and two in the sixth to take

a 13-7 lead.

A&M was able to get two runs on a Taylor home run in the sixth that made it 13-9 Texas. But Texas got one more in the eighth to make it 14-9 going into the bottom of the ninth.

Byington led off the inning and reached first on a Texas fielding error — the first of three in the inning. Albright followed by reaching on another error. Duke singled to load the bases with no outs and Easley singled to score Byington and Albright.

Neumann walked and Texas put in Brian Dare in relief, who came on in the sixth. Duke scored as Thompson reached on an error. Taylor singled to center field to score Easley and Deron Dacus (pinch running for Neumann) and the score was tied 14-14.

Jason Marshall walked to load the bases and Dare was replaced by Dressendorfer, who came straight from the dugout without any

warmup, and Byington's mile-high shot barely cleared the left field fence for the Aggie victory.

Keith Langston pitched eight full innings in the finale, giving up only two runs before being replaced by Sweet in the ninth.

A&M scored in the first, second, fifth, sixth and eighth innings to have a 4-2 lead going into the ninth. Texas had scored in the first and seventh innings.

Centala replaced Sweet in the ninth with two Longhorns on base and was greeted with a three-run homer by Bryant to tie the score 5-5.

Neumann walked for the Aggies in the ninth and Dare, who had taken over for starter Rodney Pedraza in the second, was relieved by Gaskill. Taylor was given an intentional walk before Byington crushed Gaskill's first pitch over the left-center field fence.

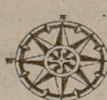
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