

## A&M track jumps into respect

### Aggies use results to prepare for SWC tournament meet

By Stewart Doreen  
The Battalion

The Texas A&M track and field teams took first place Saturday at the Texas A&M Invitational, a meet that was the Aggies head track coach said was a warm-up meet for the conference tournament.

"We felt like we took care of business," head track coach Ted Nelson said. "I feel really comfortable going

into conference."

The men's teams easily defeated the field by a 30-point margin despite the absence of two-sport star Danny McCray, who was involved with spring football for the last few weeks.

The Aggies took advantage of good showings by the hurdle crew who brought much needed points early in the meet.

Freshman Larry Wade led the charge taking second place in the men's 110-meter hurdles. Sophomore Curt Young continued his steady running with the third place in the 110-meter hurdles and 400-meter hurdles.

"I think were growing and as the season goes on the stronger we get," said assistant coach Abe Brown.

The men also received strong performances in the 800-meters in which senior Mike Miller ran down Mike McLin of Lamar University in the last 100-meters making up 10 meters in the process.

Miller finished with a season's best time of 1:49.9 while senior Scott Garvin, the SWC 1,500-meter favorite, finished third with a time of 1:51.3.

"I ran good considering I didn't get enough time to warm-up," Miller

said. "After the workouts this week, I know I'm going to do well in conference."

A&M's Ted Reynolds and Larry Taylor took first and second place respectively in the men's shot put.

Reynolds' throw of 55'-2.75" was inches better than Taylor's 54'-5.25"

The surprise of the meet for the guys was the performance of triple jumper, Eric Hopkins.

Hopkins, who is at A&M on an academic scholarship, jumped 47'-4" and 1/4 to place third giving the Aggies another potential point producer at next week's conference meet.

The women had a tougher time with their meet and 1/2-point win over San Jacinto Junior College.

Freshman Anjanette Kirkland and senior Rosa Baker led the way continuing their strong running in the women's 100-meter hurdles.

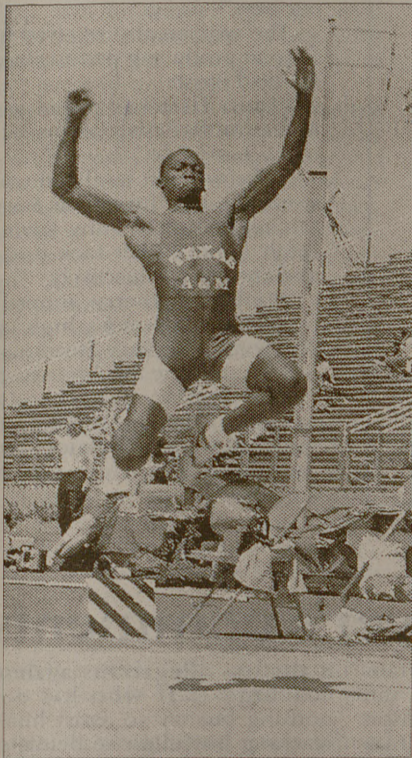
Kirkland's time of 13.43 was a NCAA provisional qualifying time and a personal best.

"She is one of the better hurdlers in the NCAA," Nelson said.

Baker, the Aggies' record holder in the 100-meter hurdles and Olympic trial qualifier, is returning after a

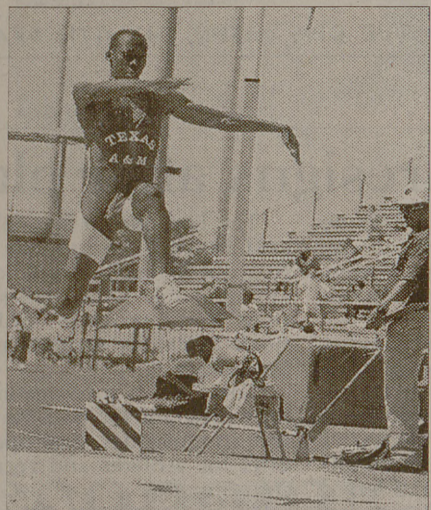
### I expect big things at conference. We have yet to run our best.

-Rosa Baker,  
A&M 110m record holder  
and Olympic qualifier



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Germaine Gist, a member of the Texas A&M track and field team, long jumps at the A&M Invitational Meet on Saturday at the Anderson Track and Field Complex. Gist jumped 22'-7". A&M's Tim Bryant placed second with a 23'-11" jump.



## Aggies strike out against conference-leading Tech

The Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech catcher Robin Harriss hit a home run in the bottom of the eighth inning, lifting the Red Raiders to a 6-5 victory and a doubleheader sweep of Texas A&M.

Tech (35-12, 9-3 Southwest Conference) beat A&M 9-5 in the first game, and the two victories kept the Red Raiders in a first-place tie with Texas Christian.

The Red Raiders jumped to a 3-0 lead, but the Aggies (27-18, 3-9) rallied for a 5-3 lead in the top of the eighth.

Designated hitter Brandon Welch then tied the game at five with a two-run home run to set up Harriss' game winner.

Freshmen pitchers Matt Miller and Jimmy Frush held the Aggies scoreless in the ninth to preserve the lead. Frush earned the save, allowing no hits in 1-3 innings.

Miller (2-2) allowed two hits in two innings to

### A&M baseball 'virtually eliminated' from SWC race after losing Saturday's doubleheader at Lubbock

pick up the victory. Chad Allen (4-3) took the loss for A&M.

In the first game, Tech was led by shortstop Saul Bustos, who was 2-for-4 with four RBIs. Bustos led the Red Raiders as they overcame a 2-1 deficit with a five-run third inning.

Jeff Peck (2-1) allowed six hits in six innings for Tech to pick up the victory. Chris Clemons took the loss for the Aggies, falling to 4-5 after giving up nine hits in two innings.

### Texas A&M 8, Texas Tech 5 (Friday)

Texas Tech pitcher Travis Smith gave up three run-scoring singles in the 10th inning Friday night as Texas A&M beat the Red Raiders, 8-5.

Smith, one of four pitchers Tech used in the 10th, walked one Aggie to load the bases then gave up singles to Chad Allen, Chad Alexander and Rich Petry.

Reliever Matt Sherwood earned the victory for Texas A&M (27-16, 3-7 Southwest Conference), allowing no runs and one hit in 3 2-3 innings.

Ryan Nye (9-3) took the loss for the Red Raiders (33-12, 7-3).

First baseman John Curl led A&M, going 2-for-4 with two doubles and four RBIs. Allen went 3-for-5 with a pair of RBIs.

Luke Potter led Tech on 2-for-2 hitting and an RBI. Catcher Robin Harriss got one hit, extending his hitting streak to 12 games.

## Lady Aggie tennis falls to 'aggressive' Lady Gamecocks

By Nick Georgandis  
The Battalion

The home finale of the 1993-94 season for Texas A&M women's tennis team was a disappointing one, as the 18th-ranked University of South Carolina beat the Lady Aggies in five out of six singles matches Sunday afternoon at the Omar Smith Tennis Center.

The Lady Aggies' lone match win came courtesy of junior Christine DiNardo, who won two straight games to take a 3-6, 6-4, 6-2 match victory against USC's Claire Hammond.

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-Bobby Kleinecke,  
head women's tennis coach

Head women's tennis coach Bobby Kleinecke said DiNardo's comeback win was a result of playing the waiting game.

"Christine just had to hang in there long enough to get (Hammond) to make some errors," Kleinecke said. "(Hammond) was very aggressive, and we finally got some deeper balls on her, then made her hit more and more balls.

"That kept her off balance a little bit." Out of the other five matches, only freshman Nancy Dingwall was able to avoid being beaten in straight sets, losing to Heather Greene, 6-1, 3-6, 6-0.

Despite the ease of most the Gamecock victories, coach Kleinecke said he was not upset with the team's performance because of USC's dominating play.

"I didn't think we played badly, but we couldn't do anything, they were too aggressive," Kleinecke said.

"(USC) came out and played extremely tough. We weren't as intense as we were the other night against Texas, but when you play a schedule like we do, you have to be ready to play every time.

"You can't take anything away from South Carolina, they just came and out and beat us. They were the better team today for sure."

Sunday's match was also the last home appearance by stand-out senior Janine Burton-Durham, who fell to South Carolina's Helen Crook in straight sets, 6-3, 6-4.

The 30th-ranked Lady Aggies will play next in the Southwest Conference Championships, hosted by Rice University, starting on Friday. A&M's opening round opponent will be Texas Tech.

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