

Aggies making strong mark early

A&M is off to fast indoor start with four NCAA qualifications, two school records



On Saturday, the Texas A&M Track and Field Teams will travel to Reno, Nev., where they will compete in the Bill Cosby Invitational. This will mark the third meet of the indoor season for the Aggies. They have competed in Oklahoma and Houston so far this season.

Get The Bus Ready For Nationals

In only two weeks of competitive action, Texas A&M has already had four athletes qualify for the NCAA Championships. In Oklahoma, senior Adrien Sawyer automatically qualified by running the 60-meter hurdles in 8.16 seconds.

After their performances in Houston this weekend, three more Aggies have become members on the list of provisional qualifiers. Senior Larry Wade qualified by running the 60-meter hurdles in 7.85 seconds. In the pole vault, sophomore Jon Nance's gold-medal vault of 17 feet, 1.5 inches was enough to provisionally qualify him for nationals as well. In a blazing 60-meter dash final, senior Billy Fobbs' third-place finish of 6.70 seconds qualified him also.

The Carter Connection

Dallas Carter High School is traditionally known for its strong football program. Carter has produced some of the strongest college recruits on a yearly basis, including the likes of New York Giants linebacker Jessie Armstead and even a few Aggies such as Darren Lewis.

However, football is not Carter's only premier sport. In 1993 and 1995, Carter won the state track title, finishing second in 1992 and 1994. Fortunately, four women from those teams have chosen to continue their careers here in Aggieland. Under Coach Ted Nelson's tutelage, juniors Detrich Clariett and April King, sophomore Taneshia Canady and freshman Valerie Long continue to flourish, and the best is yet to come. Hopefully, the class of '02 as well as future classes will contain members of this track and field pipeline, otherwise known as Carter High School.

Made To Be Broken

What is it they say about records—something about them being made to be broken?

Heading into just the third meet of the season, both school and meet records continue to fall and it appears nothing is sacred when it comes to Texas A&M Track and Field's effect on the record books. In the first meet of the season, junior Kelli Schrader set the school record in the women's weight throw by throwing 50-5 1/2, breaking her own mark of 46-10.75, set just last season.

In Houston this past weekend, three more records fell. Wade broke the meet record in the 60-meter hurdles, beating the old record of 7.93 seconds. In the pole vault, Nance's jump tied

the Houston Invitational record. Sophomore Ann Dwyer, who set the freshman school record in the 800-meter run last year, improved on it by setting the Texas A&M record of 2 minutes, 15.62 seconds in the 800, breaking the old mark of 2:16.27 set back in 1990.



RYAN ROGERS/THE BATTALION

Sophomore **Richard McDonald** has helped Texas A&M to early success in the pole vault, scoring points for the Aggies in each of their two meets.

Men's tennis team to face Rice today

By AL LAZARUS
Staff writer

After cruising by Abilene Christian University last Saturday, the Texas A&M Men's Tennis Team will host Rice University today at 2 p.m. at the Omar Smith Tennis Center.

"Rice is a very good team. I expect them to be ready to play us."

Tim Cass
Men's Tennis Coach

Because of inclement weather, last Saturday's match against ACU had to be moved to an indoor facility near Houston.

Coach Tim Cass said while this may have been an inconvenience, he was pleased with the way the team handled the situation.

"It's a big difference from outdoor to indoor. I showed some good improvement ended up playing a match," Cass said. While ACU may be a team in their own right, Cass said they did not see the Aggies as much of a threat. "Rice is a very good team. I expect them to play us."

Being ready would be in Rice's best interest. Aggies came into the ranked 33rd in the singles rankings. Rafael de Mesa is a senior Carlos Tori is a junior. In addition to the men's team has three men who are seniors. This makes the youngest team in the country. The team has three men who are seniors. This makes the youngest team in the country. The team has three men who are seniors. This makes the youngest team in the country.

"We may be a new team, with four starting," de Mesa said. They (other team) from our results. Very strong."

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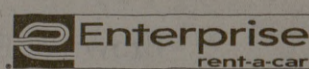
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