

# Track teams take fourth at meet

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If Track and Field Coach Ted Nelson was using the Houston Invitational as a gauge for this year's men's and women's track teams, the thing would be obvious to him. He has built a national program. In their first full-meet of the season, the A&M Men's and Women's Track and Field teams both placed fourth in nearly identical fashion. The men and women scored 70 and 69 points, respectively.



NELSON

The men's team title was captured by the 12th-ranked University of Texas, with a score of 167 points. The 21st-ranked University of Houston placed second with 87 points and the University of Texas at Ar-

lington, fueled by a 1-2-3 sweep in the 200-meter dash, took third place with a score of 75 points.

Individual winners for the A&M men were sophomore Kris Allen, with a time of 7.94 seconds in the 60 meter high hurdles, and sophomore Mike Hummel, who claimed the mile title with a time of 4 minutes and 18.35 seconds.

Other strong performances for the men were junior Johan Lannefors' third-place finish in the 400-meter dash (49.55 seconds) and junior Scott Lengefeld's third-place finish in the 3,000-meter run (8:35.53).

In men's field events, junior Jason Jacob placed second in the weight throw with a toss of 15.97 meters.

The women's team title went to second-ranked Texas, which swept the top three places in the 60-meter, 200-meter, and 400-meter dashes on the way to scoring 127 points.

All-American Jenny Adams' wins in the 60-meter hurdles and long

jump led Houston to a second place finish.

The Aggie women were keyed by a strong field contingent, which included sophomore Meshell Trotter's victory in the weight throw with a distance of 16.24 meters. Freshman Terra Taylor placed third in the same event with a throw of 15.35 meters.

A&M notched second and third place in the pole vault with a vault of 3.05 meters by freshman Erika Boren and a 2.45-meter performance by freshman Allison Martin.

Senior Detrich Clariett claimed first in the triple jump with a leap of 12.56 meters.

Other top-three finishes for the women were sophomore Christine Ohaeri's third place in the 60-meter high hurdles (8.71 seconds) and sophomore Debbie Villareal's third place in the 3,000 meter run (10 minutes and 10.21 seconds.)

Both squads will travel to Norman, Okla. next weekend for the Sooner Invitational on Jan. 30.

# Swim teams compete in LSU event

STAFF AND WIRE

BATON ROUGE, La. — The A&M Men's Swimming and Diving Team brought home a fourth straight victory Saturday against Louisiana State and the University of Kentucky, while the women finished third in the competition.

The 13th-ranked men brought their dual-meet record to 4-0 by capturing 10 of 13 events against Kentucky and 8 of 13 events versus LSU, the first time since 1993 the road team has won a meeting.



NAFTANEL

Aggies Jerrod Kappler and Devin Howard took first in the 50-yard freestyle and 200-yard individual medley, respectively. Freshman Riley Janes added a first in the 200-yard backstroke.

The No. 24 A&M women, who stand at 3-4, were led by Clara Ho, who recorded her second NCAA consideration time in the 200-yard butterfly. Monica Stroman added a victory in the 200-yard breaststroke.

Three-time conference Diver of the Year Mark Naftanel won the three-meter springboard event and placed second in the one-meter competition.

Both teams will compete Jan. 30 against the University of Texas, the University of Arizona and the University of Miami.

# Gretzky dominates in NHL All-Star contest

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — What score?

Led by Wayne Gretzky, the great-all-star of them all, the goals came in and easy as the 19th American team beat the 8th British team 8-6 Monday in another NHL All-Star game.



GRETZKY

As usual, it was checking, no hitting and no goaltending in the wide-open mid-season game that has become a nightmare for netminders.

All-Star games in the previous

nine games of the decade have averaged 16.5 goals — a direct contrast to the regular season which has produced a steady decline through the decade.

At midseason, the average of 5.3 goals per game matched last season's production, lowest in more than 40 years. The NHL was so concerned about the declining goal production it instituted new rules this season to spark more scoring.

The neutral zone was shortened, the offensive zone was lengthened, and there was more space behind the goal line to allow skill players to operate with more

freedom. Because of an emphasis on defense and some of the best goaltending in the history of the league, the new rules did not have much of an effect.

That is not the case in All-Star games, of course. And Gretzky has had something to do with that as the greatest scorer in All-Star history.

Gretzky, a last-minute replacement for Philadelphia's Eric Lindros at center, had a goal and two assists. His goal extended his All-Star record to 13 in 18 games and his two assists gave him 12, tying him with four other players for the all-time mark.

## STREAK

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open a seven-point lead over the Aggies, 2-2.

A&M quickly responded, though, and lifted Cook's layup with 13:12 remaining at the game at 31.

Cook, who led all scorers and rebounds with 15 points and 11 boards, said the Aggies were relieved to finally win a close

conference contest after narrow losses to Oklahoma State and Missouri.

"It feels good winning like this, getting the monkey off our back," he said.

Watkins said the Aggies will try to use their first conference road victory in nearly four years as a building block.

"It's been a long time since A&M has won a conference road game," he said. "And that's something that's got to change, so hopefully, today's the beginning."

## SHOT

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stitches after being hit in the nose while diving for a loose ball. Late in the second half forward Prissy Sharpe went down with an ankle injury. Reports have not determined the seriousness of the injury.

The Aggies' record now stands at 6-10, 1-5 overall in Big 12 play. They look to get back on track Wednesday when they head to Kansas State University for another tough conference showdown.

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