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Upsets, disappointments mark Austin meet

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

The 13th-ranked Texas A&M men's Swimming and Diving Team finished 2-1 in dual-meet action in Austin Saturday, including an upset of fifth-ranked Arizona.

Men's swimming coach Mel Nash's squad lost to No. 2 Texas 48-145, but defeated No. 5 Arizona 219-129 and 23rd-ranked Miami 279-83. This weekend's action gives the Aggies a 6-1 record in dual-meet competition this season. "We came out looking to go after Arizona because our swimmers matched up well with theirs," Nash said. "I was real proud of how our guys swam this weekend."

The Aggies won seven events and swam seven NCAA consideration times during the competition. Senior All-American David Morrow won the 200-yard freestyle in consideration time (44.56) and finished second in the 100-yard freestyle with a consideration time of 20.36. U.S. Pan-American team member Jerrod Kappler won the 400-yard freestyle in 20.13, also a consideration time, and Pan-Am

teammate Devin Howard won the 200-yard butterfly (1:49.91). Freshman backstroke competitor Riley James placed second in the 200-yard back (1:49.36) and won the

200-yard free relay by swimming another consideration time (1:20.21).

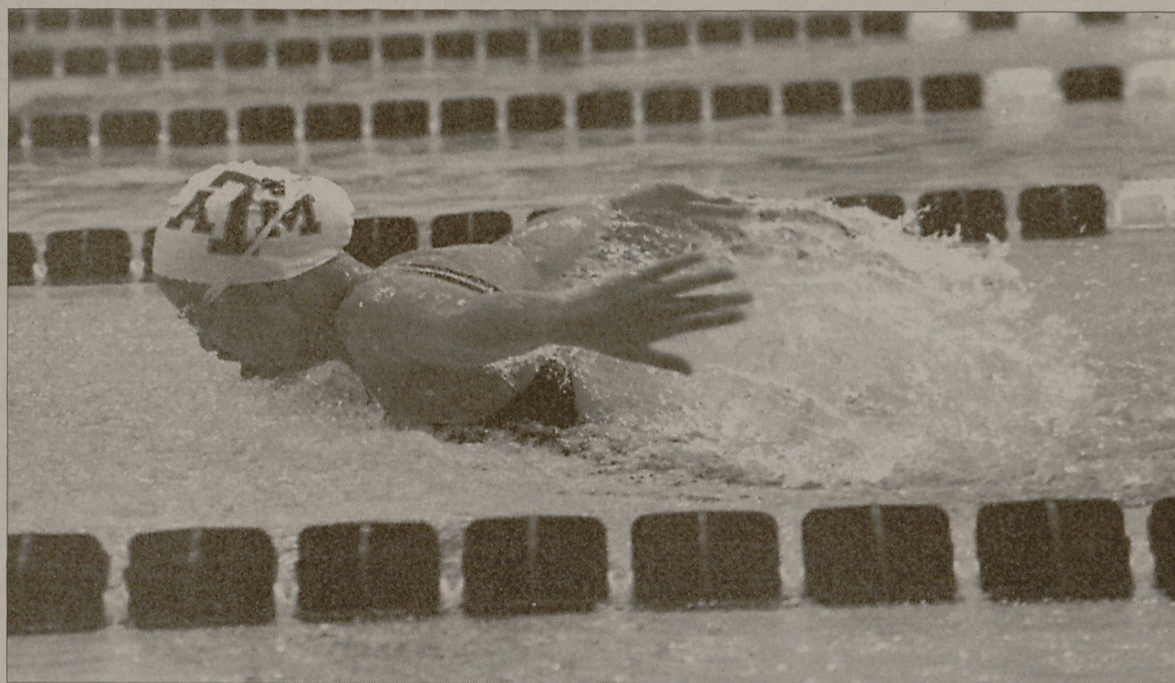
The medley relay team of James, Kappler, Colligan and Nick Tate swam a consideration time of 1:29.48 to win the 200-yard medley relay. The Aggies placed second in the 400-yard competition, as they swam a consideration time of 3:18.76.

The 24th-ranked women's team was less successful, going 0-2-1 in dual-meet competition.

The Aggies lost to third-ranked Arizona 278-107, 10th-ranked Texas 244-136 and tied Miami 184-184.

Freshman Clara Ho swam her third straight NCAA consideration time in as many meets in winning the 200-yard butterfly (2:01.76) and swam a consideration time placing second in the 100-yard butterfly (55.98). Junior Monica Stroman finished second in the 200-yard breast with a time of 2:20.31 and placed second in the 400-yard individual medley (4:26.72).

A&M's next meet will be against Texas Christian University on Feb. 5 in College Station.



A&M freshman swimmer **Clara Ho** recorded her third consecutive NCAA qualifying time in the 200-meter butterfly and another in the 100-yard butterfly Saturday in Austin.

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Swimming Results

A&M first-place individual finishes:
David Morrow (200 free)
Jerrod Kappler (50 free)
Devin Howard (200 fly)
Riley James (100 back)
Clara Ho (200 fly)

100-yard back (50.54), while teammate Keven Kehlenbach finished second (51.28).

The relay team of Morrow, James, Kappler and Kehlenbach swam a consideration time of 2:57.88 to win the 400-yard medley relay. Morrow, Kappler, Michael Colligan and Erik

2 Ags win at Sooner track meet

BY TOM KENNEDY
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The wear and tear of a season can negatively affect athletes late in a long season. Lack of competition over a long period of time also can impact performance. Track and Field Coach Ted Nelson looked to relieve both this weekend by holding his top entries out of competition.

In an effort to prevent overracing and allow other team members to gain experience, the Texas A&M Men's and Women's Indoor Track Teams traveled with partial squads to the Sooner Classic in Norman, Okla. on Saturday.

The meet, which had no team results, was done in a mixed format with some events having preliminary and final races and some events' placing based on the top performances taken from separate heats.

The Aggie women had a successful outing highlighted by sophomore Meshell Trotter's school-record weight toss of 55'1" (16.79 meters) en route to a second-place finish. Trotter eclipsed her own mark of 54'5 1/4" set a year ago.

Athletes taking home top individual honors for the women were senior Detrich Clariett in the triple jump with a leap of 41'2 1/2" (12.56 meters) and freshman Robyn Burkhardt in the high jump after clearing 5'7 3/4."

Also placing in field events were senior Kelli Schrader (3rd, 51'9") in the weight throw, junior Chimika Carter (2nd, 18'10") in the long jump, and freshman Shylla Williams (3rd, 36'8 1/4") in the triple jump.

In the running events, Carter placed second in the 55 meter high hurdles with a time of 8.05 seconds with sophomore Christina Ohaeri placing third in 8.08 seconds. Junior Ann Dwyer doubled in the 800 and 1,000-meter events to place third (2:23.00) and second (2:59.34), respectively. Senior Marisa Tuzzi accompanied Dwyer in the 1,000-meter run with a time of 2:59.99 to place third.

The men were led by sophomore Bashir Ramzy, who took second in the triple jump with a distance of 50' (15.25 meters) and third in the long jump at 22'8" (6.93 meters.)

Junior Richard McDonald placed third in the pole vault after clearing 16'8" while junior Travis Grasha rounded out a solid field event performance for the men by placing third in the weight throw with a distance of 52'1".

In running events, Kris Allen took third place in the 55-meter high hurdles at 7.52 seconds. Junior Stephen Erath ran the team's season best 3,000-meter time in 8:33.20 on the way to placing third. The men's mile relay team finished third with a season-best time of 3:17.59.



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Thrill of victory shortlived for Aggie teams



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TOP: Senior guard **Kerrie Patterson** and the A&M Women's Basketball Team lost to the University of Texas, 78-74, Saturday at Reed Arena.

BOTTOM: Senior forward **Shanne Jones** scored 20 points against the Cowboys Saturday, but it was not enough as the Aggie men fell to OSU, 66-61.



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Women outrebounded, outscored versus Texas

BY AARON COHAN
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Rebounding was the main problem the Texas A&M Women's Basketball Team had with the University of Texas Saturday.

By aggressively crashing the boards, a team can put an enormous amount of pressure offensively and defensively on its opponent. The Aggies presented neither, coach Peggie Gillom said.

"We didn't deserve to win this game," Gillom said. "Being outrebounded like that will kill any team."

Texas, behind junior forward Edwina Brown, outrebounded the Aggies by a margin of 14. Brown grabbed 13 rebounds and also dumped in 21 points to help the Longhorns to a 78-74 win.

"We let her get too deep inside," Gillom said. "Those eight offensive rebounds are unacceptable when you're trying to win a game."

After being down by seven at the half, the Aggies made adjustments to give Texas a run for their money, using defense to help jump-start poor shooting.

"Picking up our game

defensively in the second half [was important] because we knew that it was the only way to pick up the intensity," Gillom said.

The Aggies came out with an 11-4 run to tie the game at 41. The inside game was working as ju-

In addition to the scoring in the paint, senior guard Kerrie Patterson opened up her game to relieve some of the inside defensive pressure.

"Since they started to double inside, I had the opportunity to drive and help out the post players," Patterson said.

But it was not enough to help the Aggies stay in the game. A&M took a three-point lead with just over seven minutes left in the game, but UT's offensive rebounding helped the Longhorns regain the lead.

"The momentum was switched every time they were able to get off another shot," Sharpe said.

The Aggies were left with another disappointing close loss and the question of how they can close the gap in the final minutes next time.

"It's always disappointing to lose," Sharpe said. "It takes two halves of basketball to win, and we just didn't do that today."

With the loss, the Aggies dropped to a 2-5 conference record and 7-10 overall. Next up for A&M is Baylor University Wednesday at Reed Arena.

Women's Game Leaders

Points:
Kera Alexander (24)

Rebounds:
Prissy Sharpe (9)

Assists:
Brandy Jones (6)

Senior forwards Prissy Sharpe and Kera Alexander powered their way inside for some hard-earned points.

"Someone had to step up," Alexander said. "We felt like we had to be physical down low to put points on the board."

A&M men's shooting touch not enough to beat Cowboys

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The Texas A&M Men's Basketball Team fell to Oklahoma State University, 66-61, Saturday afternoon in Stillwater, Okla.

The Aggies (9-9, 2-6) jumped to a 40-29 half-time lead over the Cowboys, but could not overcome sloppy play, turning the ball over 30 times.

The Aggies shot 68 percent in the first half, thanks in part to guard Clifton Cook, who connected on eight of 11 shots for 19 points. But Cook cooled off in the second half, adding only four points to finish with 23.

Shanne Jones added 20 points on eight-of-10 shooting for A&M.

Trailing 64-61 with three seconds remaining, the Aggies attempted to run their "Victory" play, which had given them a last-second win a week earlier against Baylor University.

Luck was not on the Aggies' side, though, and Joe White's inbounds pass bounced off the scoreboard, turning the ball over to OSU.

As the Aggies cooled off in the second half, OSU warmed up, and the Cowboys came all the way back to take the lead, 52-51, with 11:45 remaining.

It was a back-and-forth affair for the next nine minutes, but the Aggies lost the lead for good when OSU guard Adrian Peterson connected from the baseline to give the Cowboys a 62-61 lead with 2:19 remaining.

Trailing by the same score with 25 seconds remaining, A&M's Cook missed a baseline jumper.

The Aggies missed on a tip-in attempt, and Jerald Brown was then called for a foul, sending OSU to the line.

The Aggies shot 53 percent from the field for the game, but connected on only seven of 20 second-half shots.

A&M Men's Game Leaders

Points:
Clifton Cook (23)

Rebound:
Clifton Cook (8)

Assists:
Clifton Cook (6)