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A&M men's swim team falls to Texas

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The Battalion

The Texas A&M men's swimming team took on the number one team in the country Saturday at the Student Rec Center Natatorium — rival University of Texas.

While this rivalry usually conjures up images of brawls between players and fans, Texas' 164-123 defeat of the Aggies was different in many ways.

For one thing, the Aggies were basically conceding defeat to the Longhorns, knowing that in a sport such as swimming, you either have the horses or you don't.

Plus, both teams were more interested in preparing themselves for the upcoming Big 12 and NCAA Championships than they were in beating up on each other.

Because of these reasons, this meet was also about experimentation with new swimming equipment by both teams — full body swimsuits and swim shorts known as "jammers."

Jammers are very much like bicycle shorts — but they are engineered specifically for competition swimming.

A&M's top performer on the day, sophomore Riley Janes, was wearing these "jammers" and they apparently worked out quite well for him as he took first place twice in the meet.

His first top finish came in the 100-yard backstroke when he clocked a time of 47.57, and later he took gold in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 44.48, while teammate David Morrow took silver by finishing a mere two one-hundredths of a second behind Janes.

Janes' time in the 100-yard backstroke was what is known as an automatic standard time, which means he automatically qualified to compete in the NCAA national meet on March 23-25 in Minneapolis.

Even though the Aggies as a team did not fare as well as they would have liked to, Janes' strong performance was not the only highlight of the day for the home team.

They started off the day with a bang, claiming victory in the opening race of the meet, the 200-yard medley relay.



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A&M freshman **Bailey Allen** swims the 200-meter breaststroke against the University of Texas Longhorns Saturday at the Student Rec Center Natatorium.

"There were many highlights," he said. "It is nice for the guys to see who they will have to go up against at conference."

On his team's performance against the best team in the country, Nash said it will work to his team's advantage.

"Fortunately we have the No. 1 team in the country in our conference," he said. "And we know that we will not see much better at NCAAs."

In the diving portion of the meet, A&M came away with one gold and one bronze.

Sophomore Jesse Even took first

place on the one-meter springboard and freshman Adam Morgan placed third in the same event.

"We did pretty well on the one-meter and had some problems on the three-meter," head diving coach Kevin Wright said. "We have three weeks to brush up on some of the areas that gave us some difficulty today."

The Aggies finish their season at 6-2 in dual meet competition and 2-1 in Big 12 competition. A&M's next meet is the 2000 Big 12 Championships at the Student Rec Center Natatorium March 2-4.

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