Thinclads Take Second At A&M

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It was a cold and windy Saturday that saw Rice in a triangular yield to a SWC championship-hungry group of farmers, 57 1/2 to 62 1/2 points. The Longhorns trailed behind with 47 points.

Mike Carter, track manager, had this to say about the loss, "A flu-like virus caused us to pull (Greg) Peters out of the 880. His times in practice were much better than the winning time (1:58.6). A first place from him would have won the meet for us. It was a bad blow."

But the Aggies were not able to weaken the Owls' feelings of potentiality.

Strong Back-up
Carter said, "What made the difference was their over-abundance of back-up men to capture third and fourth places. If we had had a larger meet, they wouldn't have beat us. They have depth, but it's the first place talent that counts in a meet like conference."

The following boys in blue took several first place honors.

George Stroup, who held up strong in the final two laps of the three-mile run, outlasted Texas' Ken Sunderland in a time of 15:27.4.

Discuss thrower, Joe Williams made a powerful thrust of 146' 10".

440 Relay
Fred Cloud, Ronney Conners, Jimmy Ellington, and Jimmy Epps' baton manipulation grabbed them a respectable 42.2 in the 440-yard relay;

After a clumsy start in the 120-yard high hurdles, Jim Wilkerson was able to regain his poise and nip his opponents in the end with a 14.1;

Gerald Hesseltine, soph pole vaulter, who won conference freshman division last year, continued to exhibit mastery over his versatile pole with a height of 12' 6";

And again Ellington, whose smooth muscle action in the 440 shot him into an early lead and, in the final seconds of the race, helped him beat off all pursuers in a time of 49.5 seconds.

Although Rice made a good showing, the real test of power will come this Saturday, when the Border Olympics at Laredo will give a truer indication of this year's conference champs.