Tech places second in State Championships


"If Ted Nevez and Mac Banks had been in better health, we would have won that meet. But overall I would say our men put forth a good effort," stated Coach Pushkin.

"We surprised a lot of people with our performance but I must say I was a little disappointed with our distance runners."

A total of five first place titles were captured by Tech trackmen. In the shot put event Scott Alexander placed first with a throw of 54' 1 1/4" and Barry White took second. White also placed first in the discus throw with a 154' 3" and Alexander took second.

Tony Fleshman jumped 22' 5" in the long jump event to take second and pole vaulter Eddie Nuttcomb cleared the bar at 14' 6" to take first place. Pushkin voiced some disappointment at the outcome of the javelin event; James Gatsch and Tom Davis placed third and fourth, respectively.

Mathan Boettcher placed fourth in the 6-Mile Run with a time of 30:57. Boettcher has been injured practically all year and was in an extremely good race for him.

The 440 relay runners ran their event at around 42.0 and came in fifth. Pushkin had looked for a better performance from runners Bob Stoner, Roger Waller, Bob Wheeler, and Mac Banks, but with Banks still somewhat injured, there was little hope for an outstanding time.

Steve Smith came away with a second place win in the mile run with a time of 4:15.3 and Richard Marquez followed in fourth place. Smith also placed fifth in the three mile run. The mile relay team placed fourth at around 3:20 with David Wright, Scott Lanciano, Mike Kacz, and Roger Waller competing in the event.

David Bolin placed first in the 120 yard high hurdles with a 14.3 and Mike Kacz followed in fourth place. Bolin has since come within .1 of a second to breaking the school record. Mike Kacz also placed second in the 440 intermediate hurdles to make a new school record with a time of 53.5, the old record being 54.3. Merle Streagle placed third in the event with a 54.5.

Mac Banks placed first in the 440 dash with a 47.5 but in the 220 dash Mac pulled his leg muscle and was out of competition for the rest of the meet. This was perhaps the biggest disappointment of all, for if Mac had finished the race and taken first in it, Tech would have placed first overall. Mac's leg muscle had not completely healed since it was last pulled in the West Virginia meet here April 2.

Due to this new injury Pushkin has voiced his fear that Banks could be out of competition for the rest of the season.