Officials Association

It is amazing that I am already writing a letter to our officials association about our upcoming indoor track and field season. It seems like only yesterday that Mylik Kerley came around the final turn of the 4 X 400 meter relay, passing the Florida athlete and winning the race and the National Championship. I have had a few teams win national titles but I will never forget the crowd and the reaction in that moment.

Winning a national championship is a very special for all involved but to have the opportunity to win at home was truly special. For our program and our officials association, that day will go down in Aggie history. Over the past year, I have had many conversations and received many letters from Aggies who attended that meet, many of whom are people who watched but really don't understand our sport. In nearly every interaction, the person told me that it was the most exciting Aggie athletic event they had ever attended. Most also said they had no idea track could be that exciting.

Both our men and women teams had a great year. Our men's team narrowly got beat by two points for the national title. Our women were competitive but not at the level we expect. We have a very good returning group of women and, with the addition of a new recruiting class, our staff is excited about the potential of our women's team this season. Our men have a solid base of returning athletes and we have also added some very good young talent.

Last season we were the indoor men's national champions, the runner-up team at the NCAA Outdoor Championships, we set six collegiate records in all. For the very first time, our men's team was named the Scholar Team of the Year by the U.S. Track & Field & Cross Country Coaches Association. Our men's team earned a team GPA above 3.0 for the very first time. Earning the Scholar Team of the Year award is a huge accomplishment for our program and our academic staff deserving of recognition.

Once again, I want to invite you to be a part of our program. As an official you are part of our accomplishments. You make our facility one of the friendliest in the country and make our athlete's proud to call it home. Your efficient work and timely direction make Texas A&M an elite destination for meets. One statement that is always made by our fans about our officials association is that you make a track meet fun to attend.

A Change This Year: Our Director of Operations, Jeremy Kenny, has resigned to pursue other opportunities away from athletics. Jeremy did a great job for our program for the last four years but I am proud to announce the return of Brian Bancroft to our program. Most of you will remember Brian as a very hard working, organized member of our staff. We will not lose a step with this transition. Please welcome Brian back to Texas A&M.

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New Assistant: I am very pleased to announce the hiring of Assistant Coach Sean Brady. Sean comes to us from Southeastern Louisiana University where he was the head coach for 17 years. Sean will coach all of our jumpers and combined-event athletes. Sean was with me 25 years ago as a volunteer assistant at LSU.

Update: They have started construction of our new outdoor track and field facility. After 14 years of not being able to host an outdoor meet, this facility will be a welcome addition to our program and for the sport of track and field.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you this season. Brian will be in contact soon.

Sincere Thanks

Coach Pat Henry

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