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# TEXAS TECH TRACK AND FIELD

MEET QUOTES

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TEXAS A&M MONDO CHALLENGE - COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS

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## HEAD COACH WES KITTLEY

### ***On the overall performance Saturday***

I felt it was really good to get to battle with these teams. All of them are top teams and it's really good for our kids to see a different level. I saw some great things today. I was real pleased with Katie [Grimes] in the hurdles. She is so consistent. She is about to, I think, bust out in New York and run some faster times. I was really pleased with our men quarter-milers. I thought they were really tough. The times weren't fabulous but they were really good, and we competed well. The 4x400 relays at the end of the meet, of course, were exciting.

Kelly [Closse] made a tremendous breakthrough today in the shot put and put herself on the national list really high on the shot put. Devin's 800-meter was by far a personal best and there were just a lot of good things.

### ***On the consistency of Katie Grimes***

No doubt. When you run consistent every week, then you give yourself a chance when you get the great competition. She wasn't really pushed today like she will be next week. Then I think she will run in the 8.20s and even better. That is what we are looking for out of everybody, the ability to run consistently.

### ***On the men's second place finish in the 4x400 relay***

It was a tough race, it was really bumpy and everyone was fighting. I thought we ran pretty smart and I thought we fought hard, you have to fight indoors. It's just a tough event. That's what I'm most proud of. We held our position a lot of times when they were trying to fast. That's the difference between winning and losing.

### ***On the improvement of Kelly Closse***

Kelly is working harder and it is showing up in her throws. She is way more focused and working harder than I have ever seen her work.

## ASSISTANT COACH DION MILLER

### ***On the performance of Katie Grimes***

I thought Katie did a great job of competing and being a leader and leading her team. She got through the prelims and we were a little bit disappointed in the actual prelim race as far as time, but she actually executed through three hurdles. We actually fixed it and we came in the warm up area and we worked on some things. For her first real competition with good competition around her I thought she did a great job of handling it and being consistent.

### ***On Katie's improvement throughout the season***

She stepped up. A lot of times stepping it up doesn't show in the time. She just went out there and won.

