

Ags find success at Relays

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The Texas A&M track and field team began the outdoor season this weekend with the College Station Relays.

After posting top-25 finishes at the NCAA Indoor National Championships, the A&M men looked sharp, finishing no worse than second in triple jump, 200-meter dash, high jump, javelin, long jump and 110-meter hurdles. Leading the way for the Aggies was senior Mike Hummel, who took first place in the 1,500- and 800-meter run.

The College Station Relays was the first meet of the year for Hummel, who did not compete in the indoor season because his eligibility had been exhausted. "I didn't know what to expect," Hummel said. "I didn't run indoor and have only been on a track twice in the off season. Most of my time has been spent in strength training."

The men dominated the 200-meter dash at the event this weekend, taking three of the top



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A&M sophomore long jumper **Anderson Smith** lands a jump on Saturday during the College Station Relays at the Anderson Track & Field Complex.

four spots. Sophomore Adam Wooten took first, sophomore Chas Stoker captured second and freshman Bryan Kelly finished fourth.

The women also placed highly, with junior Robyn Burkhardt first in high jump and senior Erica Boren first in pole vault.

With strong showings in the first meet of the season, Hummel said the young Aggie team has great potential.

"This is one of the most well-rounded teams ever, and we have depth all around," he said.

The next meet will be at the University of Texas for the Texas 4-Way on March 23.

Sooners

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phrase "Ball till I fall" in script, all on his shooting arm — McGhee is just as comfortable outside.

"He gets a little frisky with his 3 sometimes," OU coach Kelvin Sampson said, "but I've had to learn to live with his misses."

McGhee started with a 3-pointer then hit three jumpers, turning two into three-point plays, all before West had his first points. He scored 11 of OU's first 18, then broke a sec-

ond-half tie at 49 and put the Sooners ahead for good by scoring eight of their next 11.

"We just let him get off to too quick of a start," West said.

Romain Sato kept Xavier (26-6) afloat early, scoring 16 of the Musketeers' first 18 points.

West, a second-team All-American, scored only one basket the first 17 minutes, but once he found his shot, he scored 10 straight to tie the game at 40.

The Musketeers, who had won seven in a row and were 21-2 since starting 5-3, knotted it up three more times but never led.

"We missed a couple of free

throws, they hit a couple of big shots and we couldn't get over the hump," said first-year coach Thad Matta said. "The things we feared OU doing happened."

Sato, scoreless for 17 minutes after his hot start, finished with 28 points including a 30-footer to end his drought. West had 18 points and eight rebounds.

"We challenged Dave at half-time and he answered the call," Matta said.

Ebi Ere had 20 points, including baskets immediately answering the Xavier's first two ties, and seven rebounds.

Tennis

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Sophomore Roberta Spencer and senior Martina Nedorostova were unable to finish their matches because of time constraints. After moving the match inside, the teams played on three courts

instead of six which forced the match to last well over four hours. The Hurricanes were forced to concede the final two matches because of travel arrangements.

The Aggies improved to 12-2 on the season and will enter Wednesday's match against Iowa 3-0 in the Big 12.

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1-2 on the platform. Williams' win in the event secured the No. 3 spot while Petroff finished in the sixth and final spot.

On the men's side, senior Jesse Even landed in the No. 4 spot after recording top-10 finishes on the platform and one-meter springboard.

Cornhuskers sweep Aggies

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Aaron Marsden threw a complete-game one-hitter in his first start and Brandon Eymann hit a grand slam as Nebraska beat the Texas A&M baseball team, 10-0, on Sunday in a game shortened to eight innings by the mercy rule.

The win allowed Nebraska (11-5, 6-3 Big 12) to sweep the weekend series.

The Cornhuskers scored eight runs with two out. Nebraska took a 2-0 lead after three innings on Matt Hopper's RBIs in the first and third.

In the fourth, Jeff Leise's single scored Josh Birmingham and Will Bolt who reached base after A&M sophomore Kyle Parcus (1-2) hit them on back-to-back at bats.

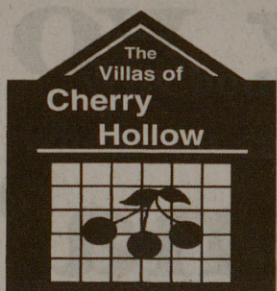
The Huskers scored five runs in the fifth, all after two outs.

Bolt singled to score Hopper before A&M sophomore reliever Ryan Warpinski walked John Groce to load the bases, setting up Eymann's grand slam that gave NU a 9-0 lead.

Drew Anderson drove in Daniel Bruce in the eighth for the final run that brought the mercy rule into effect.

Parcus took the loss after allowing four runs on three hits with two walks in three innings.

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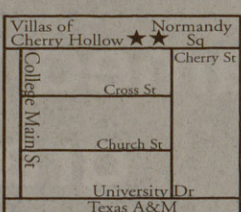
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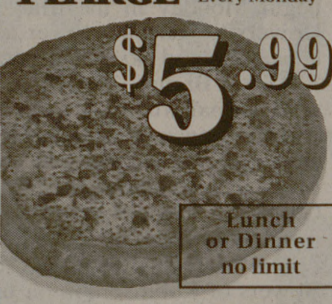


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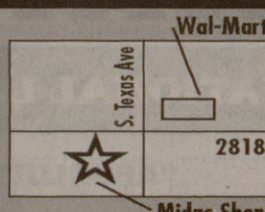


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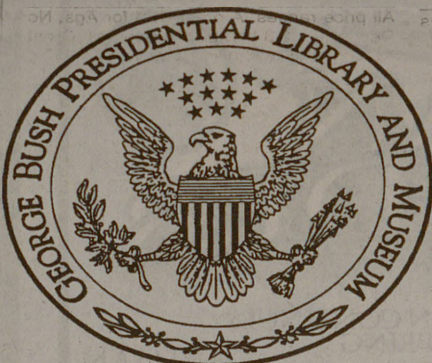
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