



AGGIE TRACK MENTOR
Coach Thomas' cindermen open home action Saturday.

Possum Walk Star Gains Momentum

Though in his first year on the Aggie varsity, John Reynolds is fast becoming the most popular player in the squad. The common chant from the fans in the late stages of a game is "We want Reynolds."

The 6-3 guard from Possum Walk has gained his popularity for his often rowdy nature and clowning around. But few fans realize the talent and potential underlying that spirit.

"I have confidence in John," Coach Shelby Metcalf says. "He's going to be a real fine ball player. Even when he was sitting on the bench and not playing, he worked just as hard as the boys ahead of him."

"Now with his improvement, we're able to play 10 men a game instead of nine. And he just keeps getting better all the time," Metcalf added.

In Metcalf's book, Reynolds is a "tremendous competitor." This is understandable when you hear

about Reynolds' five brothers and five sisters.

Basketball trainer Roy Don Wilson, the Bard of the Brazos and A&M's answer to Cassius Clay, wrote this poem about Reynolds.

The Hatchet Man

He tortted out on the basketball floor

And the fans gave out with a mighty roar.

They knew the game wasn't going to plan

When Metcalf sent in the Hatchet Man.

He ran down the court kind of rough and rowdy

And if he spoke at all, he just said "Howdy."

He travelled to the games wearing black and white

And just like Sonny, his stare was a fright.

To some he compared with Beas as the jester,

But to his teammates he was the great protector.

Folks all about inquire of his hometown,

When told Possum Walk, they seldom frown.

It is true asset to be one of his friends.

No matter what he'll stick to the end.

His talk is country and the truth is his word,

A poem of a finer guy you never heard.

Thinclads Host Triangle Meet Here Saturday

Matson Slated In Exhibition

The Aggie cindermen will kick-off the outdoor track and field campaign here Saturday in a triangle varsity meet with Rice and the University of Texas. Field event start at 3 p.m. and running events one half hour later.

In an added attraction, fantastic freshman Randy Matson will give an exhibition in his specialty, the shot put. It will be the first opportunity for A&M fans to see the state champion perform in Kyle Field.

Tossing from a new ring recently built within the stadium to give onlookers a better view, Matson will try to beat his Texas record of 62-5.

Also on the agenda is pole vaulter Fred Hanson, Rice's Olympic hopeful, who will compete unattached. Hanson cleared 16 feet several times in 1963.

Slated to run for the Aggies in the 440-yard relay are Robert Martin, Pat Mitchell, Richard Hall and Ted Nelson.

Nelson will also be seen in the 440-yard dash along with Jerry Anderson. Running against them will be Rice's Jimmy Ellington and Charles Barnhill of Texas.

Hall will run with Jimmy Tarr and Art Johnson in the 100 while Hall and Martin vie in the 220 against the Longhorns' Keith Owen, national junior college 220 champion. Gene Darby, Rice's sprint ace, will also be in that event.

Sophomore Don Kooser will go in the high hurdles against Longhorns James Cooper and Steve Sanson, and Rice's Southwest Conference winner Bobby May. May will also compete in the 440-yard high hurdles against A&M's competent John Collins.

In the mile run, Texas' Richard Romo will be shooting at the meet record of 4:08.7. The Longhorn star posted a 4:05 last season as a freshman.

A&M's big Danny Roberts will be heaving for his old meet record of 57-1 in the shot put with teammate Bill Ward. Roberts and Ward will also be in the discus along with David Glover for the Aggies.

In the high jump, Collins and Cecil Wood will perform for the Aggies. Collins holds the meet standard at 6-6½. Collins will also be in the broad jump along with Bobby Brown, A&M's SWC freshman champ, and Rice's 24-foot man, Jack Weldon.

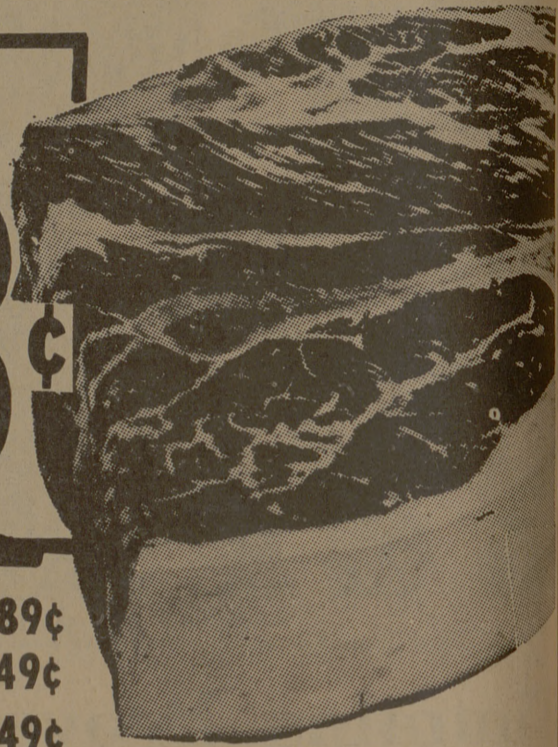
Rice will also send Warren Bratloff in the pole vault and Ed Redd in the javelin.

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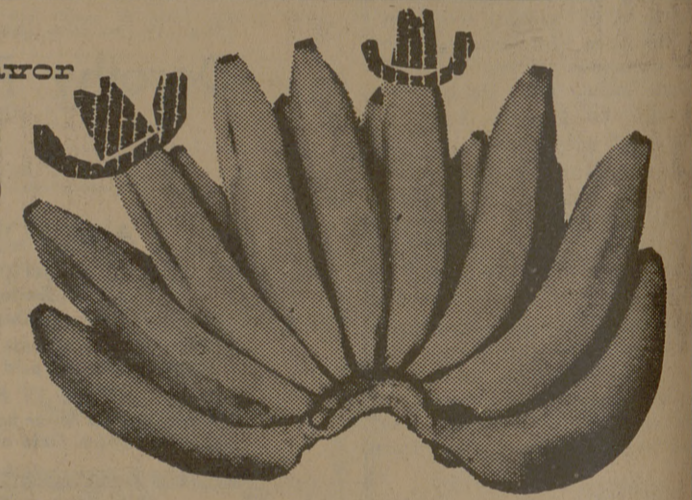
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