

Strong Field Set In Kansas Relays

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP)—A Texas squad led by middle distance standouts who pushed Missouri to two records at the Texas Relays last week headed the entries Tuesday for the Kansas Relays April 17-18.

Texas entered a 14-man team. Other team entries were Minnesota with 12 men and Ottawa, Kan. in the college class with 31.

Two veteran distance men filed in the open class. They were Hylke Van der Wal of Western

Ontario in the 3,000-meter steeplechase and Bob Schul of Miami of Ohio in the 1,000-meter run.

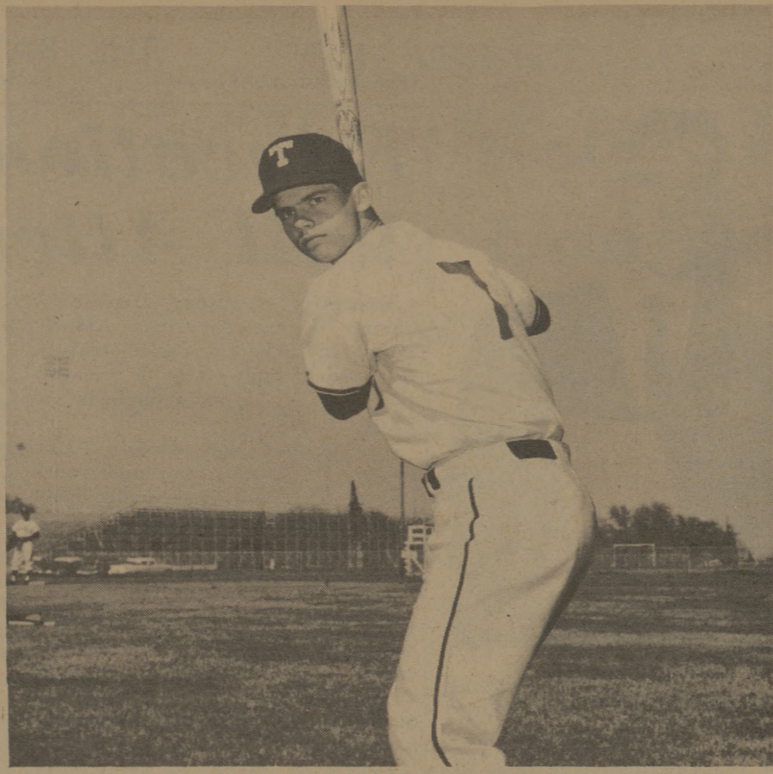
Miler Richard Romo and half miler Loy Gunter led Texas. The Longhorns also have Jim Cooper and Steve Sansom, both 14.3 high hurdlers.

Minnesota's two-mile team ran 7:41 during the indoor season. The Gophers also have two capable men in the 400-meter hurdles in Leroy Anderson and Burt Ewing, fourth in the Big Ten 330-yard hurdles last season.

Van der Wal won the Penn Relays steeplechase last spring in 9:00, well under the Kansas Relays mark of 9:12.5. This came a week after he was beaten here by Ian Studd of McMurtry College of Texas.

Baylor Edges TCU

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP)—Baylor threw the Southwest Conference baseball race into a two-way tie by edging Texas Christian 3-2 in 11 innings here Tuesday.



BAT THAT BEAT SMU
Frank Stark was sad news for Mustangs.

Stark Strafes Ponies; Aggies Pull One Out

BY JIM BUTLER
Battalion Sports Editor

SMU's baseball team learned the Stark facts of life Tuesday afternoon and decided that they were better off without them as the Aggies used a last ditch spurt to nose the Ponies at the wire, 3-2.

SENIOR FIRSTSACKER Frank Stark was the jockey that kept the Mustangs from the winner's circle in Travis Park. Stark belted a 400-foot drive over the right centerfield fence to account for A&M's first two runs, then doubled and scored the winning tally in the bottom of the ninth.

Up to that point it had been strictly a pitcher's battle between a pair of sophomore portsideers—Steve Hillhouse for the Aggies and Bob Bohren for SMU.

HILLHOUSE PITCHED his second straight complete game without giving up an earned run. He went the distance in beating Texas 5-2 with both runs the result of errors and it was the same story Tuesday. Both wins were seven-hitters.

Hillhouse struck out six and walked none in pulling his SWC record to 2-1. Bohren was nearly as effective, limiting the strong-hitting Cadets to seven safeties until the fatal ninth.

THE AGGIES threatened in the first inning when Bohren walked Jerry Ballard and Billy Crain. Ballard was thrown out trying to steal just before Bill Hancock lined a double to right center. But Bohren left the runners stranded, retiring Lance Cobb on a deep fly to left.

The Aggie bats were silenced until the fourth inning when Cobb led off with a double to the centerfield fence. Robert McAdams struck out. Then Stark smashed his home run driving in Cobb and making the score 2-0.

SMU CAUGHT UP in the fifth when Charles McCallum reached first on an error by George Hargett. After two were out, catcher J. W. Davis doubled to right center scoring McCallum. Bohren followed with a double to left field bringing in Davis.

The pitchers took control until the eighth frame. Crain singled and Cobb lined his second two-bagger to left field putting runners on second and third. But Bohren got out of the jam by striking out McAdams to end the inning.

SMU TRIED TO make their final chance a productive one getting runners to second and third with one out in the top of the ninth. Danny Thomas was safe on Hargett's second misplay, followed by McCallum's single and steal of second.

Hillhouse, showing all the poise of a Warren Spahn, got pinch-hitter Larry Jernigan to pop-up to second base and Davis to ground out.

STARK THEN LED off the last of the ninth with a double to the left centerfield fence. And Hargett redeemed himself by slashing the first pitch down the right-field line driving in Stark and giving the Aggies victory.

A&M now stands 3-2 in conference play, one-half game behind co-leaders Texas and Baylor, each

with 3-1 records. Coach Tom Chandler's Cadets are 9-5 on the season.

THE LOSS knocked SMU into last place with a 1-2 record. Hargett paced the Aggie attack with three hits in four trips to the plate. Stark and Cobb were two-for-four while Crain was one-for-three and Hancock one-for-four.

Shortstop Tom Hillary was the only Mustang to get two hits. He had a pair of singles in four trips.

CRAIN, YOUNGER brother of pitcher John Crain, made the outstanding defensive play of the game when he made a perfect throw from left field to catcher Hancock to cut down Ponies Steve Wetzel at the plate in the ninth inning.

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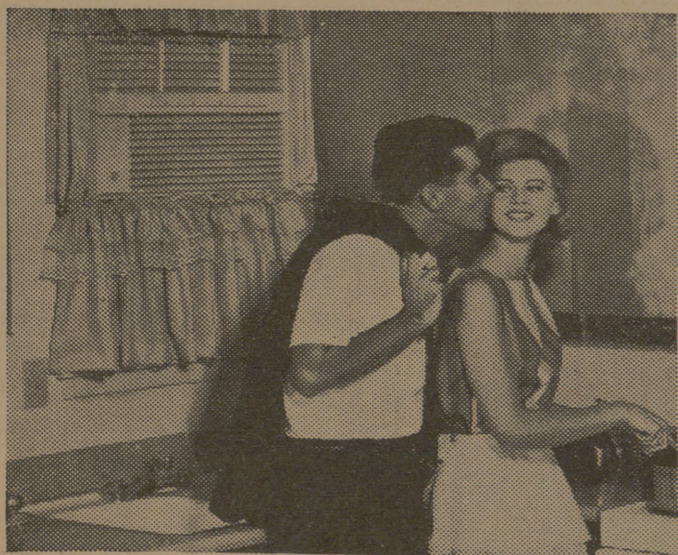
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FROM THE
Sidelines
By MAYNARD ROGERS

One of A&M's or at least the athletic department's most respected institutions, Smokey Harper of the trainer and philosopher set, has been known to be a tough and hard individual, and a guy that you have to prove yourself to before he takes any stock in you at all.

Ol' Smokey's judgment of character has carried many coaches through a lot of seasons from football to track in his 36 years in the business. And a lot of people around the sports circles have a lot of respect for the white-haired, 65-year-old talker who has worked for more schools around the country than the New York Yankees have won pennants.

Some of those schools were UCLA, Stanford, Kentucky, Alabama, Vanderbilt, Florida and Clemson. A lot of those teams went to the Rose Bowl, Cotton Bowl, Sugar Bowl, Orange Bowl and Gator Bowl while Smokey was at the helm of the tape and bandage corps. Yes, his knowledge and ability with athletes has taken Smokey to the peak in the sports world.

Not only has Harper been known to be a confidant for the boys he oversees, but as one of his colleagues put it:

"Smokey has been known to talk more boys out of injuries than any other guy in the business."

And since Smokey came to Aggieland with Paul (Bear) Bryant in 1954, his gift of gab has soothed many injuries and ailments, and has put a big fire in a lot of athletes.

Holding the confidence of coaches is another one of Smokey's attributes. A story from Harold Ratliff, Associated Press sports writer, tells about the time a certain coach got into an argument with the Bear, but the assistant was too afraid of Bryant to do much about the situation. So, he went to Smokey.

"Smokey," the assistant cried, "I'm so mad at Bear, do you know what I'm going to do? I'm going home, walk into the bathroom and lock the door. Then you watch me give that so-and-so hell."

Well, last Saturday it looked like Smokey was finally going to choke up for the cake of sentimental reasons.

It was after he was given a plaque by the Southwest Athletic Trainers Assn. recognizing his retirement this June after a long, outstanding career among athletes, at a breakfast at the Driskill Hotel in Austin. Smokey was also nominated by the trainers to the Helms All-America Foundation for his contribution to athletics. But nobody would mind him choking up for that.



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Roone Arledge, ABC vice president for sports, said Tuesday the films will be shown from 5 to 6:30 p.m. EST.

Ken Boyer of the St. Louis Cardinals led the National League third basemen in errors last season with 34.



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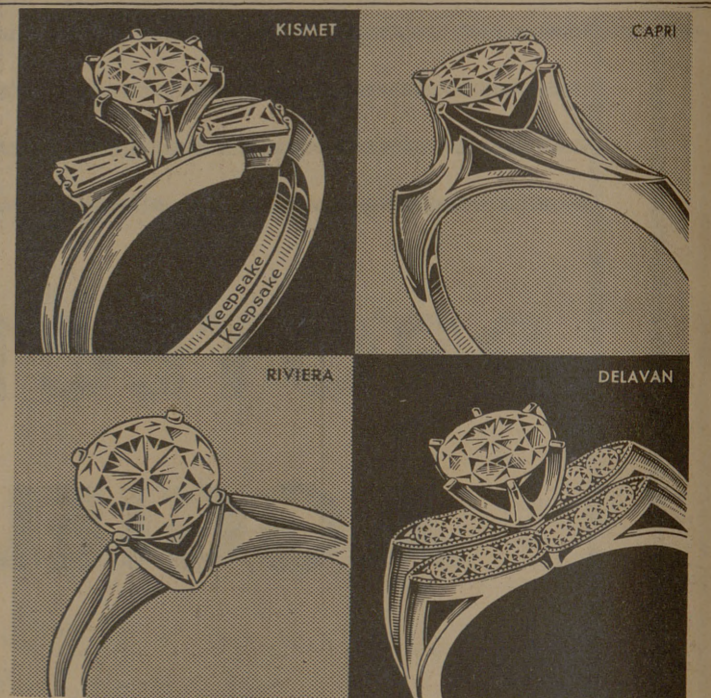
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