

Randy Destined To Join Texas Olympic Greats

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There have been 18 Olympic Games for men and 10 for women. In those great spectacles Texas has produced eight champions of whom three have won more than one event.

Texas' first Olympic champion was Babe Didrikson, the famed woman athlete who took the javelin and 80-meter hurdles in the 1932 games. She also won the high jump but was disqualified for diving over the crossbar.

The first men's champion was Earl Meadows, who won the pole vault in 1936.

Walter Davis of A&M was the next. He won the high jump in 1952.

Then in 1956 Bobby Morrow became the only Texan ever to capture three gold medals. He won the 100 and 200 meters and ran on the victorious 400-meter relay team.

Mal Whitfield, a former Texan, won two gold medals—one in the 800 meters, one on the 1600-meter relay team—in 1948. He won the 800 meters again in 1952.

Stone Jackson ran on the winning 400-meter relay in 1960 but the team was disqualified for passing the baton out of the zone. That year Earl Young, a Californian who went to Abilene Christian College, ran on the winning 1600-meter relay team.

Rafer Johnson, another former Texan, won the decathlon in 1960.

Fred Hansen was pole vault champion in 1964 with the most spectacular showing of them all—he set a record of 16 feet 8 inches.

Twice Texas athletes almost made it—A&M's Darrow Hooper lost the shot put by 3/4 of an inch in 1952; Eddie Southern was second in the 400-meter hurdles in 1956, just .6 of a second off the winning time.

This is a good showing for the state, but indications are that you haven't seen anything yet unless you wait for A&M's Randy Matson.

This is a most remarkable athlete and most remarkable young man. He may win only one event, although he might take two if he stays with plans to

also work in the discus, but what a record he could set!

Randy threw the shot an astonishing 66 feet 3/4 inches in the Olympics last year. He was only a college freshman, 19 years old. But he pitched the shot out like thousands of men have dreamed about over the years.

Yet Dallas Long, an aging veteran, bettered his throw and won the Olympics.

However, Matson got more publicity out of finishing second than Long did in winning. Long was supposed to; he was supposed to throw the shot over 67 feet. Matson wasn't supposed to get more than 65 feet and that, actually, would have been considered a great performance for so callow a person.

But Matson's showing brought comment from every quarter that here, indeed, was the fellow who some day would throw the 16-pound ball 70 feet. Even his opponents said it. Long expressed pleasure that he was winding up his competition. He couldn't imagine himself beating Matson any time in the future.

Matson is dedicated to becoming the greatest weightman the world ever has known. But he also is dedicated to the proposition that you should make friends along the way and not subscribe to the theory that nice guys always finish last.

He is most practical, too. He realizes that he can do no more in developing his form—he already has that down to perfection. The only way, then, that he can hope to continue to increase his distance in the shot is to become bigger and stronger. The way he is going, by the time of the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City, he will weigh about 280 pounds and be the strongest man in the world.

Randy is going to pay a heavy price—he's going to work harder than five ditch-diggers. There'll be four years of it but it's going to pay off at Mexico City when Matson sets the greatest record in the history of sport.

Sophomore Paces UT Baseballers Past Minnesota

AUSTIN (AP) — Sophomore Bob Oliver pitched and batted Texas to a 6-3 victory over Minnesota Tuesday to square the baseball series.

Oliver allowed only three hits the first five innings but gave up three-good for two runs in the seventh when he was relieved by Dennis Enderling.

But he had left his own margin of victory with a three-run homer in the fifth.

Texas led 1-0 going into the fourth when Oliver came up with two on. He hit a high fly ball over the fence in deep right.

Frank Brosseau, Minnesota starter, was the loser, giving up seven hits and all the Longhorns runs in five innings. Charley Thoreson finished up.

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OLYMPIAN RANDY MATSON . . . shown in Baylor meet on his best day ever.

Quadrangular Meet Ducats Now On Sale At 8 Places

Tickets for the quadrangular track and field meet among A&M, Baylor, SMU and Texas have been placed on sale at eight Bryan-College Station locations.

The Bryan-College Station Jaycees, who are sponsoring the April 9 night meet on the Kyle Field, have placed tickets on sale at these locations.

Aggeland Studio, Loupot's, the Memorial Student Center, the Varsity Shop in Townshire Shopping Center and First Bank &

Trust, Akins Men Wear, Conway & Co. and Bryan Building & Loan in downtown Bryan.

Advance tickets are priced at \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students. At the stadium the night of the meet the admission will be \$1.25 for adults and 75 cents for students.

Proceeds from the meet will go to the Brazos Valley Rehabilitation Center's Building Fund.

The quadrangular meet will feature such track and field standouts as A&M's Randy Matson in the shot put and discus, A&M's Tom Nelson, SWC champion quartermiler; Billy Foster, great SMU sprinter; top relay units from A&M, Baylor and SMU; good distance runners from Texas; A&M's rubber-legged sophomore high jumper, Mike Schrider to mention a few.

Mele Question Quickly Bugs Billy Martin

Orlando, Fla. (AP) — The quickest way to irritate Billy Martin is to ask him if it is true he is being groomed by the front office to succeed Sam Mele as manager of the Minnesota Twins should the club continue to falter this year.

"I'm in no hurry to become a manager," growled the former New York Yankee sparkplug who last October was one of the three new coaches hired in an attempt to spark the Twins.

"I'm still a young guy. I can wait. I don't think I'm ready for manager. I've got lots to learn. I'm trying to be a good coach and help Sam all I can. That's foremost in my mind right now."

Battling Billy is fully aware of the sensitive position in which he has been placed by club owner Calvin Griffith, after serving three years as supervisor of Midwest scouts for the Minnesota organization.

Martin said his ultimate ambition is to become general manager of a major league club.

"Does that mean the Mr. Griffith had better look out?" he asked.

Martin said his chief concern about this talk was the effect it might have on Mele.

Maroon Nine Bows To Ponies On Final Inning Miscues, 7-6

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With the temperature in the 40's, the Aggies dropped a close Southwest Conference baseball game to SMU, 7-6, Tuesday afternoon in Dallas.

The Mustangs bombed the Ags for 11 hits, and the Cadets contributed to their own downfall with three costly errors. The game was tied 6-6 going into the bottom of the ninth inning, when the last of the Aggie errors and a crucial call by the umpire combined to give the Mustangs the victory.

The Aggies had gone three-up and three-down in the top of the ninth when SMU sent Hugh Hackney to the plate. Relief pitcher Tommy Chiles walked him on four successive pitches, and Tommy Rubles went in as a pinch runner.

With Rubles leading off the bag, Chiles took his toe off the rubber and fired the ball to first, but the plate umpire called a balk and sent the runner to second, setting up the winning run.

Chiles fanned Stan Wetzel, the SMU centerfielder, but Harold Richardson sent a bloopster toward first base for a base hit, moving Ruble to third.

J. W. Davis, the leading Mustang hitter of the game with three hits, knocked a hard grounder to Mike McClure, the third baseman. It looked like an easy out at the plate but McClure

threw the ball into the dirt, allowing the seventh run to score.

The Aggies had jumped to a 1-0 lead during the top of the first inning when Dennis Williams scored from third on a fielder's choice hit by Lance Cobb. He had been moved to third by a play in which Alan Koonce got a base hit and went to second on a fielder's choice.

The Mustangs came back in the bottom of the first with three runs, but their lead only lasted until the top of the third. Koonce

came to bat with one out and got a base hit, putting him first. Billy Crain then connected with a double, driving in Koonce. Craine scored later in the inning on a single by McClure.

The game remained tied until the bottom of the fourth inning. Bobby Carpenter, the SMU shortstop, got a single and moved to second on a balk called Steve Hillhouse. J. D. Smith knocked him in on a double and later scored himself on an Aggie error.

In the sixth inning the Aggies rallied to regain the lead and for a while it seemed that would be the ball game. The first two Aggie batters in the inning, McClure and Fred Carlton, drew free passes to first. Then Ag catcher Ralph Batcher hit the 1-2 pitch over the field fence, giving the Ags a 6-5 lead which they enjoyed until the bottom of the eighth inning.

The Mustangs leadoff hitter in the eighth, Davis, got a single and was moved to second on a walk and scored on a base hit by SMU pitcher, Born.

The Aggies wound up with runs on eight hits. Hillhouse pitched for seven innings and allowed one hit in the eighth before being relieved by Chiles. The Ags are now 5-3 for the season and 1-2 in conference play. They meet Minnesota Wednesday and Thursday in Travis Park.

Stengel's Art Of Juggling Gets Praise

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Birdie Tebbetts of the Cleveland Indians singled out Casey Stengel Tuesday as one of the great managers of all time because Tebbetts said he changed the concept of the game and taught all managers how to deal with one of their biggest problems—complacency.

"Stengel completely changed the concept of the game with his line-up juggling," said Tebbetts during a discussion of the great managers.

"Joe McCarthy was great because he was the most patient man I ever saw. But Stengel deserves his place among the great managers of all time because he taught us if you have great talent on a club, how to keep it from becoming complacent."

Tebbetts cited the differences between McCarthy, former manager with the Chicago Cubs and New York Yankees, and Stengel, now managing the New York Mets after a successful reign as Yankee boss.

"McCarthy was so patient," Tebbetts said. "He would get the team ready and then put it out there on the field and let it play. That was his great talent."

"But he was so patient that way he lost a pennant because of it when he refused to pull Lou Gehrig out of the line-up. He said he'd never take Gehrig out until he came to him and said he couldn't play."

"Stengel's different," Tebbetts continued.

Workouts, Meet Both Postponed

Two events scheduled for Tuesday afternoon had to be postponed though for different reasons.

The start of A&M football spring training was delayed a day to finish the renovation of the intramural football field area into a suitable practice area.

Weather permitting, the drills will begin about 3:30 p.m. Wednesday afternoon and will continue through May 1.

Cold weather also forced postponement of the scheduled triangular track meet between the freshman squads of A&M, Abilene Christian College, and Baylor in Abilene. The meet has been tentatively rescheduled for April 10.

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