



FROM THE

Sidelines

By LANI PRESSWOOD

BITS AND PIECES:

The latest issue of Sports magazine contains a feature on Aggie weightman Randy Matson. Although the story provides a good resumé of Matson's career to date, the main concern of author Gary Cartwright seems to be the displaying of his journalistic brilliance.

An example of Cartwright's deathless prose: "A&M is a bleak, remote, austere military school dug in the naked plains of central Texas, an institution which somehow manages to suggest that Burt Lancaster is in there somewhere whittling a pistol out of laundry soap."

Apparently it sells magazines...

Aggie basketball captain Paul Timmins has been released from the hospital and is now resting at home. Contributions to the Paul Timmins Fund can be sent to Box BC, College Station...

Richard Barker, star of last year's second-place A&M tennis squad, is putting off his last year of eligibility until next season. The San Saba product is trying his hand at baseball this spring as a pitcher...

All the members of Hank Foldberg's football coaching staff have now relocated. All but Joel Wahlberg, who went into business in Houston, remained in coaching. Craig Randall joined the staff at LSU, A&M's first opponent next fall...

This year's Cadet baseball squad lists only one senior on its entire roster, outfielder Freddy Carlton of Tuloso-Midway. He's a good one, though; his average has been well over .300 all season...

A&M cage coach Shelby Metcalf is currently engaged in the annual recruiting wars. "This is worse than any ball game," laments the likeable mentor. The first day recruits can be signed is Thursday...

The feeling here is that four schoolboy stars really stood out this year—Ronnie Peret of Plainview, Ken Spain of Houston Austin, Bill Voight of Highland Park, and Sonny Benefield of Sweeny. Spain, a mid-term graduate, has already signed with the University of Houston; the others are still uncommitted...

In Saturday's spring football scrimmage, there were 28 players who wore maroon jerseys at various times. The breakdown shows ten seniors, eleven juniors, and seven sophomores...

Javelin hurler Dan Meadows continues to improve in his specialty. The Corpus Christi Carroll graduate got off a 213.9 toss in a meet in his hometown over the weekend, bettering his 1964 best by 33 feet. Last year's SWC meet was won by Ed Red's 229-5½ effort. Second place was captured with a 202-4½ heave...

The freshman baseballers have reeled off four victories against no defeats thus far. One of the Fish diamondmen is hurler Ken Perrin. The Sherman righthander was voted "High School Player of the Year" last season by the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce...

Max Mainord, fine center on the Fish basketball team, is now contributing his talents to track. He was the 3A state high school champ in the high jump at Greenville with a career best of 6-5.

Shot put ace Howard Van Loon is foregoing freshman track this year to concentrate on spring football. He recorded a 64-5½ heave with the 12-pound shot at Rotan last season...

Advance tickets for the April 9 quadrangular track meet here may still be obtained at eight locations, including the MSC...

The A&M-TCU football game, traditionally a daytime affair, will be played under the lights next fall in Fort Worth. The Frog encounter is the fifth game on a murderous early season schedule the Aggies will face. Four of the first five tilts are on the road, including LSU at Baton Rouge and Georgia Tech in Atlanta. Tulane replaces Houston on the Aggie schedule after next year's contest...

Tom Chandler has joined R. G. Higginbotham as the only coach to ever win two outright baseball titles at A&M. Last season's SWC champions racked up ten straight league victories en route to the crown...

Sports writers will flock to the A&M campus from all over the state the first two weekends in May. The SWC track, tennis, and golf meets will be held here May 7-8 and May 1 is the date for the Maroon-White intrasquad game, which promises to be an exciting and colorful spectacle...

A&M Quartermiler Nelson Best In School's History

By LARRY JERDEN
A&M's Sports Staff

One of A&M's most consistent point-winners in track for the past three years has been Freddie Arnold Nelson: Ted Nelson to Aggie track fans and to opponents who try in vain to match his feats on the cinders.

Nelson may have come a long way since his first track meet in the fourth grade, but one thing hasn't changed—he still wins.

In high school, he became a member of three straight state championship track teams, setting many individual records on the way.

His sophomore year on Andrew's 3A championship squad, he was on the winning 440-yard relay team, took second in the 220 and third in the 100-yard dash in the state meet.

The next year he helped set two national high school records, one in the 440-yard relay and the other in the mile relay. He ran anchor on the mile relay team, clocking a time of 46.7 in the state meet.

In his senior year he came into his own in the 440, setting a national record of 46.5. He

said that from this time on, his performances have leveled off at their present winning standard. He attributes this to "a good high school coach who really worked me to the top of my abilities."

Nelson was attracted to Aggie by R. E. Merritt, a member of the A&M freshman track team at the time and his former teammate at Andrews. After this preliminary incentive, he was attracted by what he described as "the educational opportunities and a good track team."

He got off to a great start his freshman year with a 46.6 440 at a triangular meet in Austin and a 47.2 at the conference meet, good for first place. He finished the year by running a 46.4 in the 400-meters at the Coliseum Relays in Los Angeles.

Last year he continued as a standout, setting a SWC record at the conference meet in the 440 at 46.6. He went on to take second in the Kansas Relays in the 400-meters.

This year Nelson has been plagued with difficulties resulting from a bad back. His back has thrown one leg shorter than

the other by about ¼-inch. This shorter right leg has caused cramps in his tendons and in connecting tissue in his leg.

He said he should be back at his peak in about three weeks. He describes himself at present as "in fair shape" but "I haven't run enough."

"I should have run a better quarter at Corpus (47.5), but I learned a lot," the ace-quartermiler noted. "After six years... you still learn a little bit every time."

As to the rest of the year, he said he will "run what I can... I should really start improving the rest of the year."

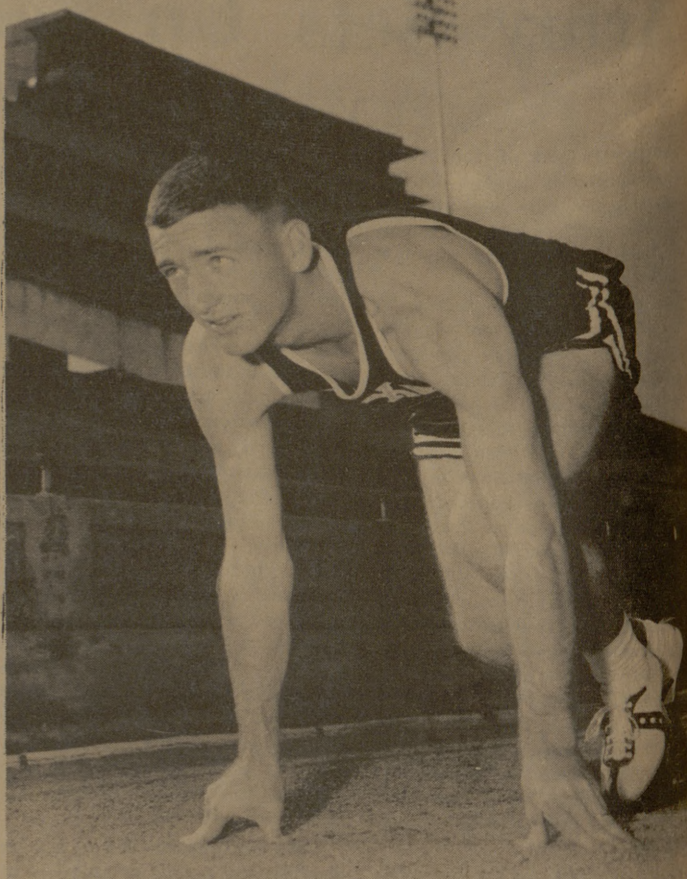
His workout schedule for the year consists of running some in the summer, easing off a couple months before school starts. In the fall he enters cross-country competition, then hits track in the middle of December.

On the track team as a whole for the rest of the 1965 season, he said, "The team should do real well... overall should really come through at the (SWC) meet." He remarked that "we have as good a chance as A&M has ever had to win it."

"What we really need is for Baylor and Texas to knock out some of Rice's points, especially in the hurdles events," he added. "Rice has also been hurting us in the mile relay, but we should be up in the money in that event at the SWC meet."

He noted the fact that the "team effort is the best we've had since I've been here."

As to the future, he said he faces the decision of whether or not to enter coaching after he leaves A&M, or remain an amateur so he can try out for the 1968 Olympic team. But, he noted, "having a family does make a difference."



QUARTERMILER TED NELSON... pointing toward SWC meet in April.

Robin's Pigeon Captures First In Local Race

A bird belonging to Robin Murray flew the 100 miles from Corsicana to Bryan in three hours and 21 minutes Saturday to win the Brazos Valley Area Racing Pigeon Club's young-bird event.

There were 250 birds entered in the race. The second and third-place birds belonged to Bob Dowling. His birds won last week's event.

Other owners of winning birds were Buddy Rhodes, J. D. Robertson, Alan Armstrong and August Novak.

The next event on the club's schedule is a 200-mile race from Dallas next weekend. The birds will be tagged Friday night at the Producer's Co-op on North Highway six. They will be sent to Dallas and will race back Saturday.

Regular club meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at the Co-op at 7:30 p.m. and the public is invited.

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Goal Of 15-20,000 Set For Grid Event

Plans have been set in action to attract a crowd upwards of 15,000 for the Maroon-White intrasquad football game May 1 at 7:30 p.m. in Kyle Field.

Attempts will be made to import high school bands and athletic teams within a 70-mile radius, and a girls drill team such as the Kilgore Ringerettes to provide halftime entertainment. The Aggie Band and A&M's 1965 foot-

ball recruits are also scheduled to be on hand.

The Aggie Quarterback Club has made the game a special project. In a meeting with local news media at noon Thursday, club president Mike Barron spelled out plans the organization has made to build up interest.

The 125 members of the club will visit surrounding towns and speak before school assemblies, civic clubs, and other groups. Letters will be sent to school superintendents within a 70-mile radius inviting their bands and athletic teams to attend.

The Athletic Department will attempt to secure the services of the Kilgore Ringerettes or a similar group and will provide transportation for Coach Gene Stalling's new recruits, who will be presented to the audience.

There will be an admission price of \$1 for everyone over high school age. The A&M "T" Association is handling the on-campus sales and will receive the proceeds from the game.

Jim Willenborg, "T" Association president, will formulate plans for advance ticket sales at a meeting of the group Wednesday night.

Pistol, Rifle Teams Mark Match Wins

A&M pistol and rifle marksmen won trophies at National Rifle Association sectional matches held over the weekend.

A&M's top four-man team took first place in a close three-way intercollegiate pistol match at Arlington State University. The Aggies and Arlington's top team tied with scores of 1072 of a possible 1200 points in regular shooting. In a rapid fire match to break the tie, the Aggies scored 374 of a possible 400. Arlington fired 373 points. Oklahoma State University also was entered.

A&M's riflemen captured the second place trophy for aggregate points in rifle competition at the University of Texas. The University of Houston fired 1093 of the possible 1200 points for first place. The Aggies scored 1059 points.

Team Captain Carl E. Long was high pointer for the A&M riflemen. He fired 278 of a possible 300. As sophomore Marion Thompson racked up 274 points.

The Aggies sent five four-man teams to the match entered by 27 teams and 103 individual shooters.

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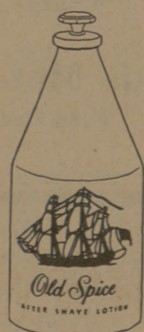
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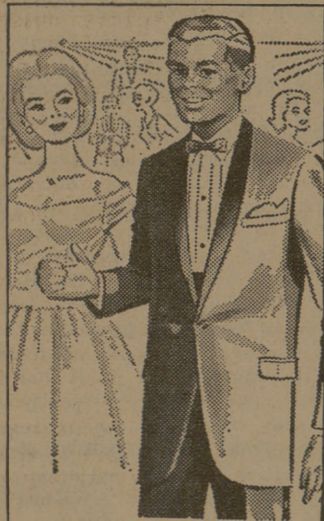
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