



FROM THE  
*Sidelines*  
By LANI PRESSWOOD

The longer you think about last weekend's Texas Relays the madder you get.

It seemed like everything short of cancelling the shot put altogether was done to keep Randy Matson out of the limelight.

Of course any such plan is doomed to failure. The giant Aggie sophomore propelled the iron ball to a distance only a paltry inch shy of the world's record and made Sunday morning sports headlines all across the state.

Now then, what if Matson had thrown the shot a couple of inches farther? Would it have been accepted as a new world's mark?

Of course not. Why would anyone expect a mark set in the Texas Relays to be accepted as an official record. After all, it's only the most famous and most prestige-filled meet held in Texas.

The throw wasn't official because the shot arena didn't have an iron border around it. I don't suppose it makes any difference, but meets in Laredo, Houston, and Corpus Christi this year have all had one and have all met the necessary specifications. The meet in Kyle Field will also have a border but the Texas Relays somehow wasn't able to muster one up.

Matson was informed of the deficiency before he threw. Thus he entered the shot ring with the incentive-destroying knowledge that the throw wouldn't count.

On top of this, a marker was placed on the field which was supposed to represent the distance of the world's record. Randy's throw landed on the other side of it but another measurement was taken and it showed the distance to be slightly short.

And Darrell Royal managed to get his two cents in too. Plans were originally announced to move the shot arena to the middle of the field in order to allow more of the spectators a clear view. Royal, however, chose to exercise his veto power and overruled Texas cinder coach Jack Patterson, one of the most respected track figures around.

Why was the majority of the crowd deprived of seeing the man who is well on his way to becoming one of the greatest athletes ever produced in Texas?

Because Mr. Royal didn't want the hallowed turf of his football field marked up. After all, football season is only six months away.

**Ag Baseballers Battle Frogs In Fort Worth**

The Aggie baseball squad travels to Fort Worth this weekend for a crucial two-game series with the TCU Horned Frogs.

A&M goes into the first game Friday at 2:30 p.m. with an 8-5 season record. They are 3-3 in the SWC while the Froggies are 0-5.

The Ags belted TCU 8-4 in Travis Park in the first meeting of the two clubs March 27. If they do defeat the Frogs, it will be the first time since 1962 that they have beaten them in Fort Worth.

Mike McClure, Ag third-sacker, is leading the club in hitting with a .390 season mark. He is followed by Mike Arrington as .368 and Alan Koonce's .360.

In the slugging department Alan Koonce is leading with four home runs and two doubles. Billy Crain has rapped three doubles, a triple and a home run for the season. Koonce and McClure lead in RBI's with 15 and 12, respectively.

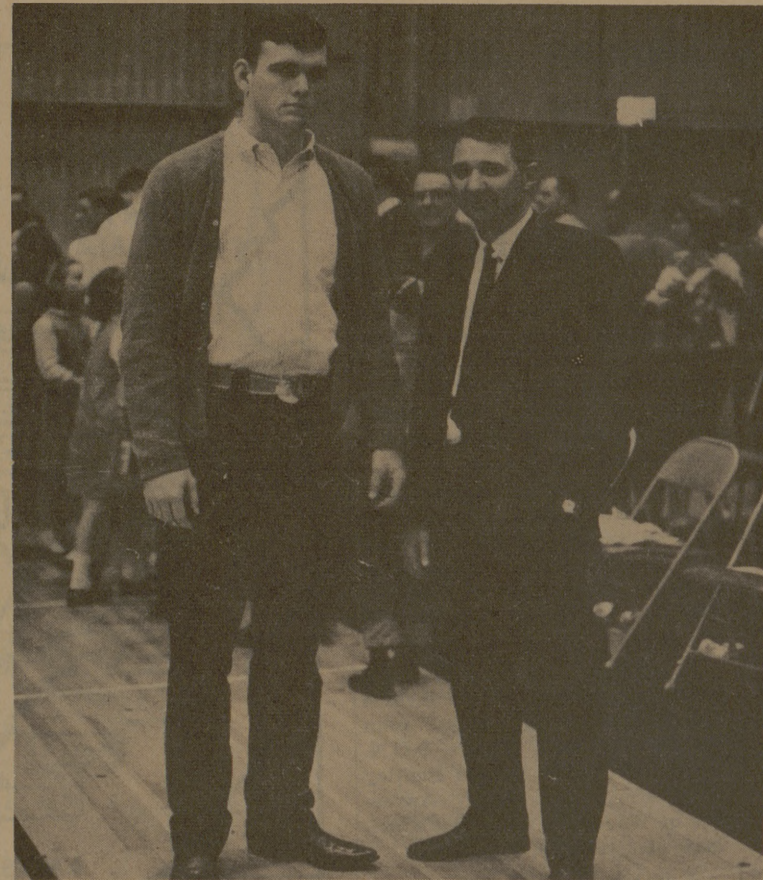
For this weekend's games, the Aggie infield should consist of Crain at first, Lance Cobb at second, McClure at third and Mike Arrington at shortstop. The outfield will probably be made up of Neal Thompson, Chuck Maltiz and Koonce. Ralph Beckner is the Ag catcher.

The big three on the mound for the Aggies are Steve Hillhouse, Tommy Chiles and Billy Crain. Two of these three will start against TCU. Chiles is leading the pitchers with a 4-1 record, Hillhouse is 3-1 and Crain has won one and lost two.

**Beasley 9th In U.S.**

John Beasley, the SWC's record-setting point leader in 1965 basketball, finished ninth in the nation, according to final NCAA statistics.

Beasley scored 619 points in 24 games for a 25.8 average. Leading scorer was Miami's Rick Barry, who notched 973 points during a 26-game season for an average of 37.4.



JACK LANGLEY AND SHELBY METCALF... schoolboy recruit shown during February visit to A&M.

**2 More Schoolboy Cagers Signed By Aggie Coaches**

Aggie cage coach Shelby Metcalf has inked two more high school recruits, Brenham's Billy Barnett and Houston's Jack Langley.

"The best high school player that's been in this area in the seven years I've been here."

This is how Metcalf describes Barnett, a 6-3 gunner who averaged over 26 points a game last year and broke the all-time Brenham scoring record.

Barnett, who can play either in-

side or outside, was signed by assistant coach Jim Culpepper in Brenham.

Langley is a 6-9, 240-pounder from Galena Park North Shore. Langley played basketball in junior high but received a kidney injury in his sophomore year during football season and hasn't competed in any sport since.

He was signed because of his potential cage ability and will play with a special kidney brace at A&M.

**Golf, Net Squads In Road Matches**

The A&M golf and tennis teams find themselves on the road this weekend in SWC competition.

The Cadet golfers meet Arkansas in Fayetteville while Coach Omar Smith's tennis team takes on the Houston Cougars in Houston Friday. Saturday the netmen have a match with Texas in Austin.

Hoping to rebound from Monday's 6-0 defeat by Texas Tech, the golf team will use junior Doug Dyer, senior Jeff Andrick, and sophomores Lee McDowell and John Buffin.

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