

ANOTHER RECORD FOR MATSON Randy Matson follows through after hurling the discus for a new NCAA record in Bloomington, Ind., Saturday. After setting an NCAA record in the shot put Friday, the Texas A&M strongboy threw the discus 197 feet. (AP Wirephoto).

## Mighty Matson Heads For AAU

Randy Matson, the pride of Texas A&M, has added two more prestige records to his steadily mounting list and sets his sights on the summer international circuit with the AAU meet in New York Friday and Saturday.

The Aggie weightman, who holds the world record in the shot put, picked the NCAA record in both the shot and discus last week in the NCAA meet in Bloomington, Ind. Matson heaved the ball 67-1½ and spun the platter 197-0.

Both performances were well over the previous bests of  $62-4\frac{1}{2}$  and  $190-1\frac{1}{2}$ . Matson missed last year's meet because of a leg injury.

Now Matson advances with the other collegiate champions to the AAU meet where the first two finishers in each event will qualify for the American team which will compete against Poland July 15-16 in Berkeley, Calif., and against Russia July 23-24 in Los Angeles.

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Matson was one of several top collegians who were freed to compete by the national mediation board which is arbitrating the squabble between the AAU and NCAA. The AAU had originally ruled that any athlete that took part in the NCAA meet would be barred from competing in the AAU meet.

But Theodore Kheel, head of the mediation panel appointed by Vice President Hubert Humphrey, ruled that all athletes would be eligible for the AAU.

Matson's most serious competition in the shot will come from Oregon's Neil Steinhauer and veteran Parry O'Brien. Southern Cal's Gary Carlson and Arizona State's Jon Cole will be threats in the discus.

Other top-ranked collegians participating will be Kansas miler Jim Ryun, San Jose State's premier sprinter Tommie Smith, Nebraska 100-yard dash champion Charlie Green and Washington State's Gerry Lindgren, winner of the three-mile run and six-mile run in the NCAA meet.

Ryun, who recently set a world record in the half-mile, will be aiming for the world mark in the mile against five other sub-four minute milers led by Dyrol Burleson, Bob Day and Jim Grelle.

## **Astroturf Outfield Will Be** Ready For Series With Phils

The entire Astrodome playing field, excluding the dirt infield and cinder warning tracks, will be covered with Astroturf, the man-made grass, by the time the Astros meet the Philadelphia Phillies on July 19, it was announced by Judg Roy Hofheinz, president of the Houston Astros.

"The Astroturf has really worked out better than we expected, and I think everyone, with the possible exception of Leo Durocher, likes the playing surface," Hofheinz said. "We will now be able to convert from any known event to another event in less than 24 hours without harming the condition of the playing

A total of 90,000 square feet of the Astroturf is now being zippered together in a Houston warehouse in preparation for its installation during the baseball allstar break. Thirty thousand square feet is already installed in the infield and foul territory.

The installation of the Astroturf outfield is expected to take about five days. But first the 14-foot wide sections, some as long as 221 feet, have to be fitted with zippers. The sections are matched with their connecting section, then coded so that the

right sections get together when the field is finally laid.

"It's just like working a big jig-saw puzzle," said Red Dozier, the Astros chief of man-made fields, bull rings, portable mounds and what-have-you. "We had to construct a home-made roller out of an old electric sweeper in order to roll these big sections up."

The grain of the Astroturf outfield will be going toward home plate which will make bigger bounces and slower hops than those on the infield, which has the grain at a 45-degree angle to home plate.

A third transition to the Astrodome field will take place when the field is transformed to foot-

## Rea to Judge Local 4-H Horse Show Friday

Ronald Rea, show chairman of the Aggie Rodeo Club, will judge the 5th Annual Brazos County 4-H Horse Club County Show Friday night at the Brazos County Arena, formerly the Bryan Saddle Club Arena, at 7:30 p.m.

Rea will judge two halter classes, showmanship, western pleasure, reining, pole bending and

barrel racing for the show. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

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