

Matson Performance Tops Tri-Meet

By JERRY GRISHAM
Randy Matson missed setting two more world records by the grand total of four inches Saturday afternoon in a triangular track meet between A&M, Baylor and Texas Christian at Kyle Field.

IN THE SHOT put, the event in which Matson is already the world's best, the Aggie giant came within two inches of his own world mark of 70-7½ as he twice threw the 16-pound sphere 70-5½. A third throw went 70-0.

The six throws from the shot put ring were: 70-5½, 68-5, 70-5½, 70-0, 68-7½ and 69-5½. Only five times in the history of the sport has the shot sailed over the

70-foot line and three of those times were Saturday.

In the discus, Matson shattered the existing American record of 210-6 with a fling of 213-9½, two inches short of the world record of 213-11½.

ON HIS FIRST throw the discus landed 203 feet 2½ inches from the discus ring and only about five feet from the rope fence which separated the spectators from the discus-throwing area.

The second throw sailed even farther, 204-2.

"Come on, Randy," yelled one excited spectator. "Hit me in the head with the next one." Meet officials decided that as the Aggie hurler was getting the range

he just might do it, so the ropes were moved back to give Matson more room.

On the third throw the plate sailed straight and high and then sliced down in a nose-dive, 213 feet 9½ inches from its launching pad. If the excited fan had remained standing where he had been, he might well have gotten his wish. As it was, several in the watching gallery took to their heels when they saw the saucer diving to earth so close.

THE THREE remaining throws were: 206-7½, 195-6 and 200-5. The broken American record of

210-6 was set by Jay Silvester June 5, 1965, in Long Beach, Calif. The unbroken but severely bent world record of 213-11½ was set in December of 1965 by Ludvik Danek of Czechoslovakia.

Matson has owned the collegiate mark in the discus since 1965 when he sailed the discus 199-7½. That mark stood until this year when the Pampa strongman began breaking the records almost as fast as he could make them.

In a triangular meet in March he upped the mark to 200-7½. Last week he again set a new record of 201-1 in the Texas Re-

lays before breaking it four times Saturday.

MATSON'S PERFORMANCE was the frosting on a track meet which took the cake as one of the year's best.

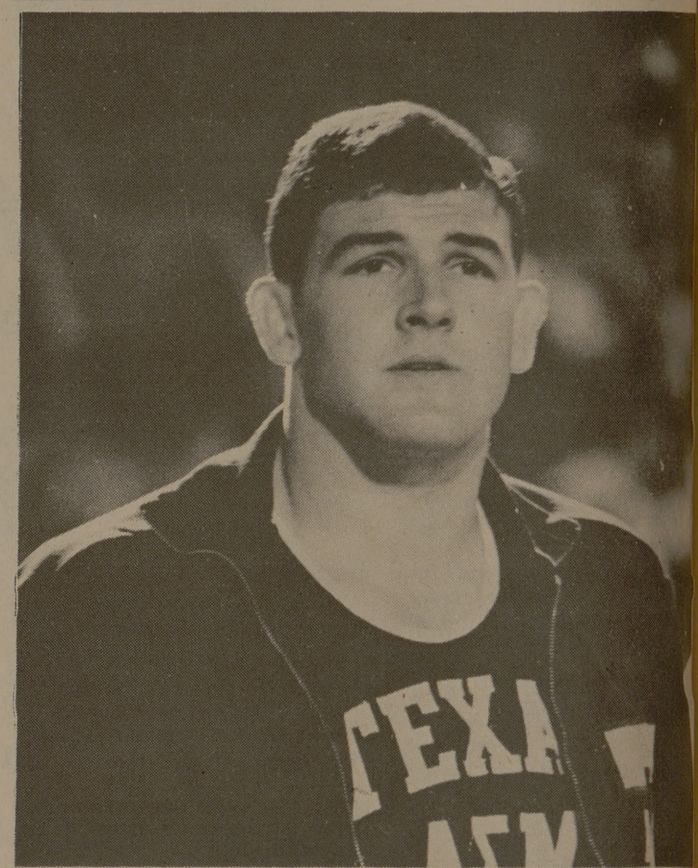
The Baylor Bears won the Saturday meet as they took both relays and eight other events for a total of 86 points. The Aggies came in second with 71 points and TCU was a distant third with 10.

For the second week in a row Henry Rollis broke the A&M pole vault record as he moved to second place in the conference this season with a first place winning 15-3.

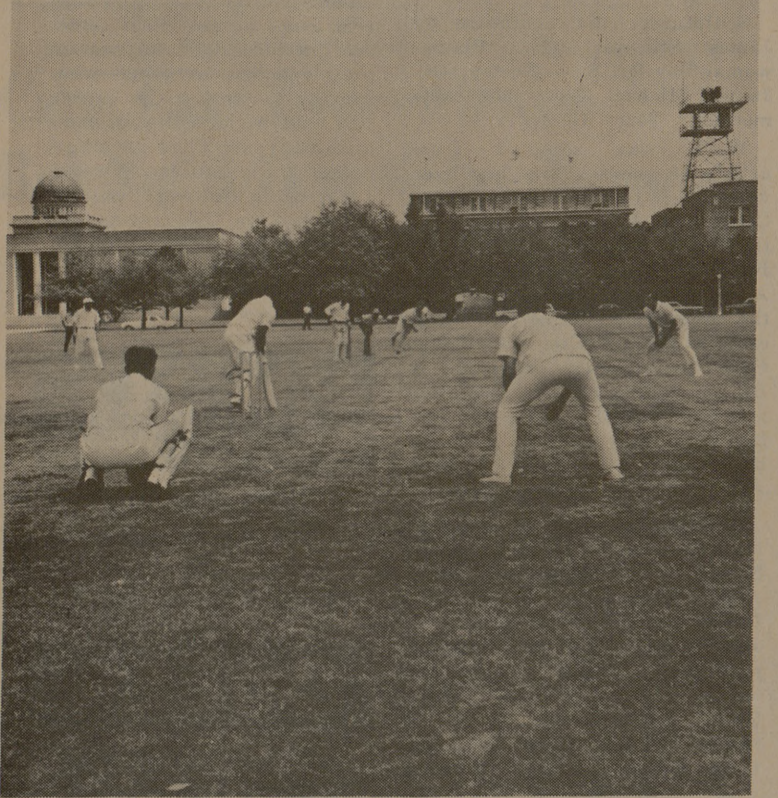
Baylor's Stan Curry set a season high of 6-9¾ in the high jump and Mike Hoffman also of Baylor equaled the conference record of 21.2 in the 220-yard dash.

DEWARD STRONG won the 120-yard high hurdles for the Aggies with a time of 14.4 and Steve O'Neal was tops in the broad jump with a leap of 23-1½. Both wins were season highs for the two Aggies.

Mike Hoffman of Baylor was high point man in the meet as he accounted for 12½ of the Bears' points.



RANDY MATSON The 6-6 Pampa athlete added new honors to his already long list over the weekend with a record-breaking discus throw and three shotput tosses over 70 feet.



BATSMAN UP! The A&M Cricket Club hosted Dallas and Houston teams Saturday in a three-way match played on the drill field.

Spring Sports

Golfers Take Lead In Southwest Conference

The Aggie golfers blanked the Texas Christian Horned Frogs, 6-0, Friday in Fort Worth to move into first place in the Southwest Conference.

A&M'S LEE McDowell was top man in the match as he shot a two-under-par 68. The team's score was even par. Wade, A&M, beat Steve Smith, 2-1; John Buffin, A&M, beat Steve Russell, 4-3; McDowell and Wade beat Wheelis and Merritt, 6-5; and Archer and Buffin beat Smith and Russell, 3-2.

TENNIS The Aggie tennis team split with the Southern Methodist netters, 3-3, on the Aggie courts Saturday.

PETE FAUST was the leader of the Aggie attack as he defeated Craig Parson, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4, in singles. Marcus Beleck of the Aggies beat Mustang Stanley Baker, 6-2, 6-2.

The third Aggie victory came as Faust teamed up with Joe Tillerson who has been out of action for three weeks because of

illness, to win the number one doubles match against Baker and Parsons, 6-3, 6-4.

The Fish netters swept three matches from the SMU freshman squad to push their season record to 8-2.

FISH BASEBALL THE FISH baseball team lost a close 4-2 decision to the Rice Owlets Saturday afternoon and then were blasted 10-4 Monday by a visiting Blinn Junior College squad.

In Saturday's loss, the losing pitcher was Boyd Hadaway, while the Owlets' Ownby was the winner.

IN MONDAY'S game the Blinn batters got to the Fish pitcher, Dave Benesh, for 12 hits while the Aggies could garner only seven.

Boyd Hadaway and Ronald Foust were responsible for four Aggie hits, with each connecting for two.

The Aggies committed two errors and Blinn was charged with one.

Aggies Win Third Straight In 6-4 Victory Over Houston

By GARY SHERER Scoring twice in the eighth inning, the Aggies went on to a 6-4 victory over the Houston Cougars at Houston Monday afternoon.

THE WIN gives the Aggie nine a 12-6 season record and was their third straight victory. The triumph completed a successful stand at "Space City, U.S.A." for the Aggies, as they had beaten the Rice Owls 4-3 and 8-6 on the Rice campus Friday and Saturday.

The eighth-inning rally came on some charity from the Houston defense. Richard Backest led off the inning with a bunt single. Reliever Bob Sanders then lifted a pop fly to second-base man Ronnie Baker who dropped the ball in hopes the infield fly rule would be called. Unfortunately for Baker the required two or three runners were not on the bases. Backest was thrown out at second but Sanders was safe at first.

AFTER MIKE Arrington popped to third, Chuck Malitz walked. A passed ball advanced the runners to second and third and Lou Camilli scored Sanders with a single. Malitz came on to the plate and scored when the Houston catcher let another ball get away.

Sanders picked up his fourth win of the year, though he had to survive a rough sixth inning. Sanders came on in the sixth after starter Ricky Schwartz had been removed for a pinch-hitter in the fifth inning.

In the sixth, the Cougars put

men on first and second with a walk and a single. After the next batter flew out to left, Tom Paciorek, Cougar left fielder, hit a line drive to center. Malitz, trying to make a shoe-string catch, let the ball go through and Houston tied the game up at 4-4.

WITH THE GAME tied, it was Sanders game to win or lose and he made the most of the opportunity, setting the Cougars down on just one hit the rest of the way.

Drawing first blood, the Aggies plated three runs in the first inning. Arrington was on second base after a Cougar error and came home on successive singles by Malitz and Camilli. An infield out and a single by Bob Long brought home Malitz and Camilli.

The Aggies scored again in the sixth, but Houston kept chipping away at the lead and finally deadlocked the game in the sixth.

Houston and the Aggies will have a rematch at Travis Park Wednesday night beginning at 7:30. The game will be the Maroon and White's second night game of the year.

As mentioned, the Aggies topped Rice Friday and Saturday on the Owls' home field.

THE DOUBLE WIN puts the Aggies right in the thick of the Southwest Conference race, while the Owls were all but eliminated. The Aggies are now 4-3 in the SWC and only a game and a half behind league leading Texas (5-2) and a half game behind Southern Methodist (6-3).

In Friday's game, a two-run rally in the ninth inning gave Maroon and White a 4-3 victory. Sanders was again the stopper for the Aggies as the Blinn junior struck out Rice's Jim Reed with the bases loaded, the ninth to pick up his third win of the year.

Backest was the batting hero when his third hit of the game scored the two winning runs.

Ricky Thompson, who started the Friday contest almost as a goat of the game. A seventh-inning pitch was a little too hard and Rice pitcher Ronnie Hess had belted it over the wall to give the Owls the lead at that point.

THOMPSON WAS relieved of the goat horns though by Backest's clutch hit.

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