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Shot-Put

Rogers Tries For Olympic Team

Buddy Rogers of Texas A&M has high hopes of being an olympic shot-putter this year— and wise observers say he's a good bet to make the U. S. team. Where, it might be asked, does that leave A&M's other shot-putter, a fellow named Randy Matson, who also is shooting for the olympics?

Matson, always a gentleman, has offered to help Rogers but notes he's showing "good form" on his own. The world record-holder would likely lend a helping hand under any circumstances,

but it so happens he and Rogers are headed for different olympics. While Matson is going to Mexico City for the Summer Olympics, Rogers will go half-way around the world to Tel Aviv, Israel, for the "wheel chair olympics," or the Paralympics, as the event is known officially.

THE JUNIOR agricultural journalism student has been paralyzed from the waist down since a 1962 auto accident while in the Air Force. But he hasn't let the disability slow him down.

One of Rogers' big problems,

he contends, is that he has more interests than time. His shot-put training, for example, has suffered because he's been too involved with basketball. He just returned from Chicago where he played in a tournament sponsored by the Paralyzed Veterans of America, an organization he serves as national sports coordinator.

Rogers, also a hunting and fishing enthusiast, admits he's not setting the world on fire as an outdoorsman.

"Been hunting four years and hadn't gotten a deer yet—and not many more fish," he quips.

Rogers also "picks" a little guitar.

HIS CHIEF interest, however, is competitive sports. While concentrating on the shot, he also hopes to represent the U. S. wheelchairers in the 100-yard dash, the mile, discus, slalom (an obstacle race) and as a member of the basketball team.

Before the 25-year-old League City native starts packing his bags for the November Israeli trip, however, there's some stiff competition a head for him in June at New York's National Wheel Chair Games, which doubles as the olympic tryouts.

But Rogers has seemingly come too far to be whipped now. He made up his mind during a long year in a hospital that he wasn't going to let life pass him by.

"This is the way it is," he emphasizes, referring to his injury. "I can't change it, so I have to make the best of it."

"CAN'T STAY" around in bed and have people wait on me all my life," Rogers adds.

He cites that old saying, "You can always look around and see somebody in worse shape." He's quick to note he's seen lots of people in worse shape through his PVA work.

Rogers attended the University of Houston until mid-term. Asked why he transferred, he replied: "I just wanted to be an Aggie."

Although he thoroughly enjoys athletics, he has a secondary motive for keeping active.

"If I ever should walk again," he explains, "I need to keep my body in as good a shape as possible."

Rogers is realistic, however, about his chances.

He figures he has a much better chance of winning a gold medal or two in the olympics.

Guardsmen Camp In Senator's Stadium

By JAMES R. POLK
 WASHINGTON (AP) — Battle-clad soldiers occupied the stadium where baseball's annual presidential opener was to have been played Monday.

"It feels very odd," said Pfc. Pete Richert, who only a year ago was pitching the traditional opener for the Washington Senators in the same stadium.

Richert, called to duty with the National Guard, is one of more than 11,000 soldiers patrol-

ing Washington to enforce order after three nights of racial violence following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

THE SENATORS have postponed the American League opener against the Minnesota Twins at least until Wednesday as the nation mourns the slain civil rights leader.

The Wednesday date still was not a certainty as troops stood guard around the stadium.

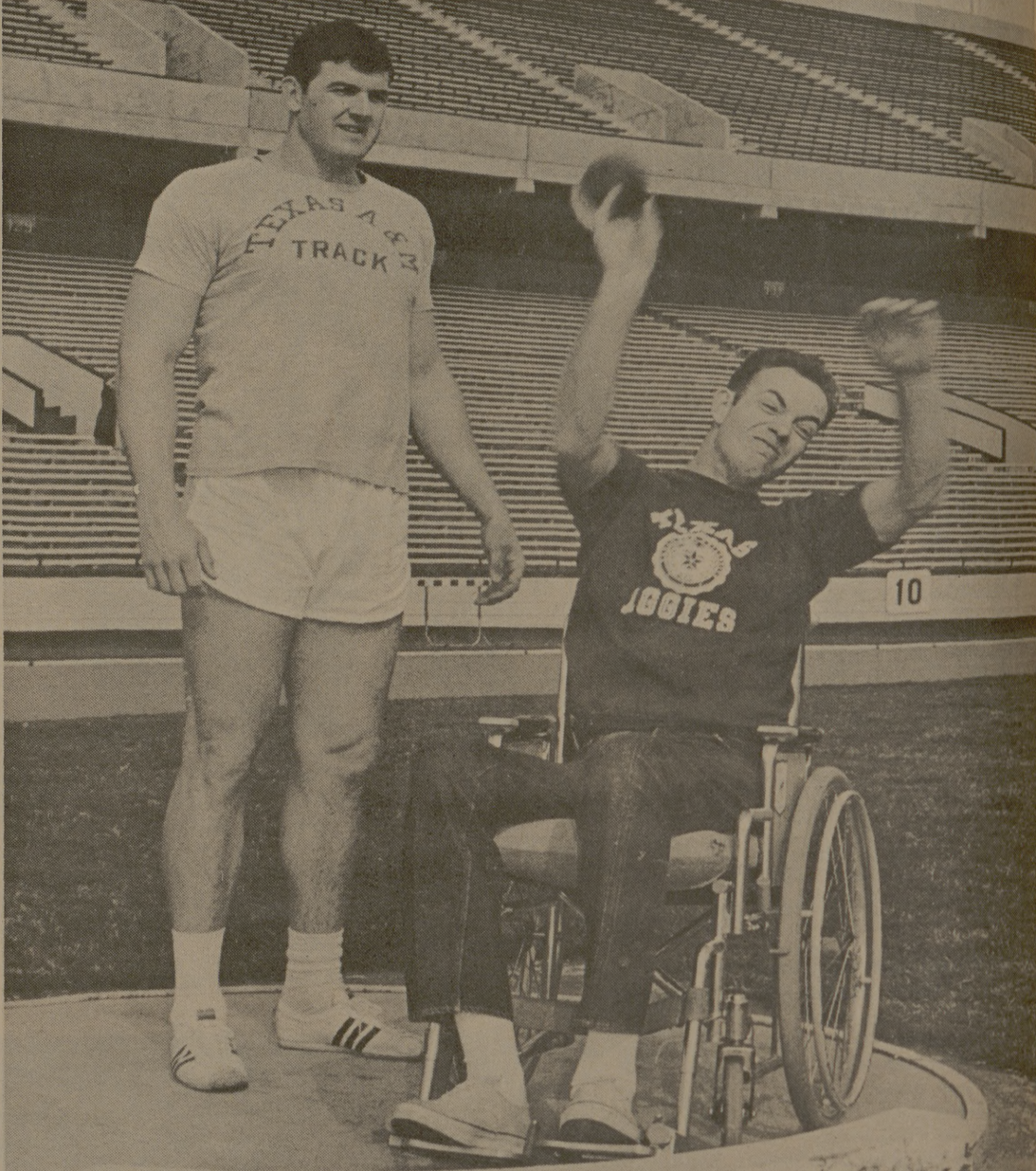
Field kitchens were set up in the concrete runways beneath the right field stands. Guardsmen in combat gear lined up for mess. Parking lots were clogged with jeeps and troop trucks.

Richert said, "There should have been 45,000 people and the President or the Vice President here for a happy day. Instead you have to be here under these circumstances. It's not fun."

THE PITCHER, traded to the Baltimore Orioles in the second month of the 1967 season, caught a flight to Washington from a spring training stopover in Atlanta on a single hour's notice when the guard was called out.

For Richert and the other troops, sleep has been where they find it. "We sleep on the floors wherever you can find a spot," he said. "It's amazing how comfortable you can make a floor."

The Oriole strikeout artist doesn't know yet how long he'll be on duty. "Until it clears up, I guess," he said. "You have to be here."



A&M SHOT-PUTTERS SHOOT FOR OLYMPICS
 Buddy Rogers of Texas A&M gets off a shot as fellow Aggie and world champion Randy Matson checks his form. Rogers is training for the "wheel chair olympics" in Israel, while Matson has his sights on the Summer Olympics at Mexico City.

British Jet Crashes, Burns; 4 Passengers, Stewardess Die

LONDON (AP) — A British jet airliner carrying 126 persons caught fire on takeoff Monday, began to fall apart in the air, then returned to a flaming crash landing at London Airport. Four passengers and a stewardess were killed.

Officials said many of the 121 who survived jumped free in the split second after the plane touched ground following its four-minute horror flight.

An engine fell from the Australia-bound plane before the crash landing. Seconds earlier the

aircraft had flown over a busy shopping center.

Moments after take off, the commander of the British Overseas Airways Corp. Boeing 707 reported fire in one of the plane's left engines. He circled for an emergency landing and the plane burst into flames, sending up a cloud of black smoke.

SURVIVORS scrambled out emergency doors or slid down escape chutes as fire trucks and ambulances roared up.

BOAC said an engine of the same plane caught fire on take


off from Honolulu on a flight to Tokyo late last year. The plane was stopped before it left the ground and there were no casualties.

Sir Giles Guthrie, chairman of the government-owned airline, said the company would conduct its own investigation in addition to the government inquiry.

"I shall be trying to find out why the fire extinguishers were not working, why the fire warning system was not working and why the engine caught fire," he said.

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