

High School Sprinter Runs 8.2 100??

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AUSTIN (AP) — High schooler Herman Alexander tied the district record of 9.6 in the 100-yard dash prelims last Friday, then smashed the world record with an 8.2 clocking in the finals. There was a slight wind at his

back.

Still, there seemed to be no accounting for the phenomenal time. Two or three other boys in the race also broke the world standard of 9.1.

Head Judge Jimmy Munson said Tuesday that one of the timers looked at his stop watch, blinked, then walked over to a

second timer and said, "Say, what did you get?"

"I'm not going to tell you," the second timer replied.

The first timer turned to a third timer, who spoke first: "I'm not going to tell you either."

They measured the track. From start to finish it was 85 yards.

The rule book says when the judges goof the race will not be rerun. So Alexander and the second place finisher, Reagan High School's Ralph Dunlay, go on to regional finals.

This cut out Charles Roberts, Alexander's teammate at Anderson High School, who placed third and is convinced he could

have beaten Dunlay in the final 15 yards.

Roberts regularly beats Dunlay in the 100, according to his coach, and went on to beat Dunlay in the 220 Friday. So he will get to go to the regional meet, too.

Munson explained that the 100 usually is run south to north be-

cause of the prevailing southerly breeze. Friday night, a norther was blowing, so they turned the race around to give the runners the wind at their backs.

The judges lined up too close to the start.

There, for a little bit, Herman Alexander was the world's fastest human.

Two Wrestlers Set A&M Marks

Mike Haggerty and George Rehak set A&M school records Saturday at the YMCA Weight Lifting State championships at Baytown with Haggerty's performance good enough for the state championship in the 132-lb. class.

Haggerty, who weighs 124 lbs., lifted 375 pounds on three lifts.

Rehak won second in the 148 lb. class with a lift of 555 pounds on three tries.

Dan Lewis participated in the 181 lb. class and Dick Owen in the 198 lb. class at the meet.



FROM THE PRESSBOX

by Richard Campbell

Take a dark colored pen and circle this Saturday, April 18, because in the Aggie track record book it could very well become a red letter day.

Stop watches beware because an Aggie thinclad squad which just could be the best in A&M history will host a quadrangular meet with TCU, Rice and Arkansas scheduled to compete. This current edition of Maroon and White holds two school records and have tied one world mark already as they prep for the Southwest Conference Meet tabbed for Houston this season on May 1 and 2.

Don Kellar, a junior college transfer from Mesa, Arizona JC, holds the new Aggie standard in the 440-yard intermediate hurdles with a 50.6, also one of the best in the country this year. The mile relay unit composed of Kellar, Harold McMahan, Marvin Mills, and Curtis Mills have already run a speedy 3:08.4 outdoors two weeks ago in the Texas Relays and that was without Willie Blackmon, who is suffering from a pulled hamstring. Blackmon was a member of the Aggie indoor team that clocked the fastest relay time ever run inside in the Astrodome Federation Meet early in the season.

The 880-yard relay unit made up of Donny Rogers, Rockie Woods, Curtis and Marvin Mills tied the world record in the event with a 1:22.1 clocking in the Texas Relays. The 440-relay team with Scotty Hendricks, Woods and the Mills brothers have the best time in the nation thus far with a 39.7, also set in the Texas Relays on the new Tartan Track in Memorial Stadium.

With performances like these, the Aggies are the odds-on favorites in the conference meet with Texas and Rice also expected to have shots at the title should the Maroon falter. What makes this prediction even stranger is the fact that A&M will have depth in many events, just the opposite of last year when Rockie Woods and Curtis Mills were forced to compete in too many events because of the lack of that depth. In the high jump for example, the emergence of Marvin Taylor has apparently increased the intersquad rivalry to produce the best leapers in the conference. Taylor has jumped 6-9 but Ben Greathouse has also profited from the competition because he has also soared 6-9 to lead the conference. John Taylor has jumped 6-7 to tie for third in SWC action.

This appearance will be the last for the Maroon and White tracksters in Kyle Field and thus it will be the last time for many to see one of the strongest units that Coach Charlie Thomas has ever assembled.

Happily, baseball at A&M does not have to take a back seat to track because the 1970 Aggie baseball team is currently undefeated in conference play with a 9-0 mark. The nine wins have all come in succession with three-game sweeps over Baylor, SMU, and Rice. But the toughest of the games are yet to come with series scheduled against Tech in Lubbock, TCU in College Station, and Texas in Austin. The Texas series could be the key to the conference throne room for the heavy-hitting Aggies because the Longhorns were ranked third in the nation in the last poll while A&M was sixth. Texas relies on the superb pitching of Burt Hooten, James Street, and Larry Hardy and the power hitting of outfielder David Chalk, All-SWC as a freshman.

Hitting is not the only area where the Aggies shine because the best two pitchers right now in the conference both wear A&M uniforms. Doug Rau, a junior, has a brilliant 0.38 earned run average and has a perfect 6-0 record. He is followed by senior Dave Benesh with a 1.24 era and sophomore Bruce Katt with a 1.50 mark. Rau has 56 strikeouts in 47 innings and Katt set a conference record with 19 whiffs in one game against SMU earlier this season.

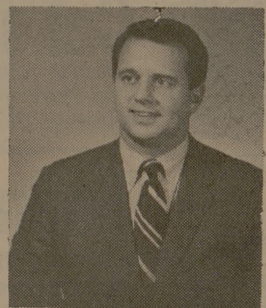


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Top NBA Rookie A Surprise?

NEW YORK (AP) — Lew Alcindor, who is making Milwaukee more famous for basketball than beer, added to his trophy collection Tuesday when he was unanimously voted the Rookie of the Year award in the National Basketball Association.

There was little doubt that Alcindor would win the award voted by writers and broadcasters following a rookie season in which he turned the last-place Bucks into a second-place team now battling the New York Knicks in the Eastern Division final playoffs.

He averaged 28.8 points a game during the regular season, second only to Jerry West of Los Angeles; was third in the league in rebounds with a 14.5 per game average, and led all NBA centers in assists with 337.

"Nobody of his age has comparable talent," said Willis Reed, the Knicks center who was voted

the league MVP award and currently is in a head-to-head duel with Alcindor in the playoff series. "He has the ability, he has the speed and he's agile."

The 7-foot-1 center, meanwhile, accepted the award graciously, pointing out that he had not set any personal goals during his first year, but hoping he had improved throughout the rugged schedule.

"I'm very happy about winning this award," Alcindor said. "The challenge of playing against the best basketball players in the world has been a tremendous experience. I didn't set any personal goals because I didn't want to be disillusioned if they didn't materialize."

"I'd like to think I've improved in every way. And I only hope our club can get past New York into the finals."

The Bucks trail the Knicks 2-0 with the series headed for Mil-

waukee and a third game Friday night.

Alcindor pointed out that he has been using his hook shot, which he virtually discarded while leading UCLA to an unprecedented three straight national college championships, more consistently as a pro because opposing players had tried to force him away from the basket.

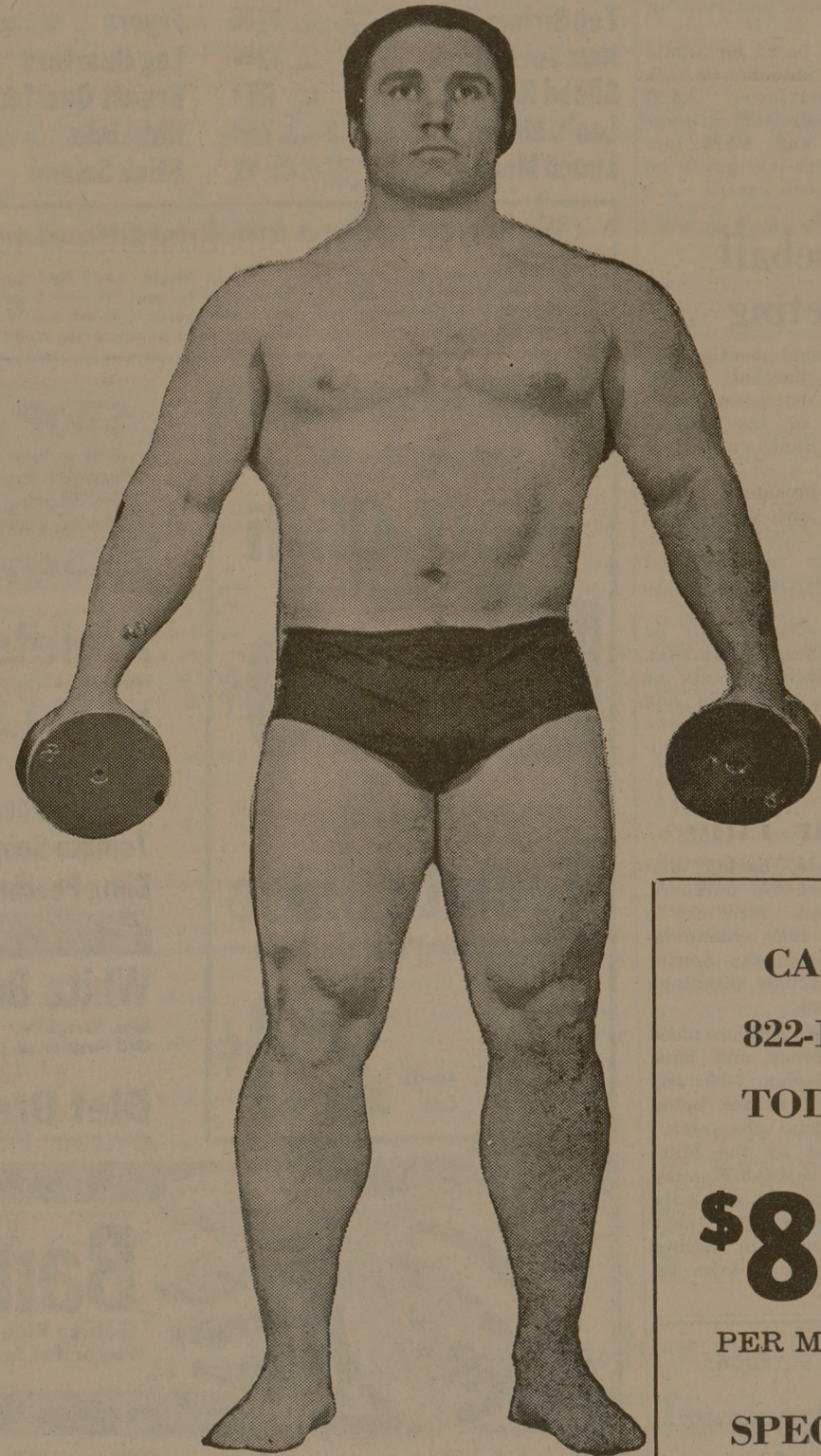


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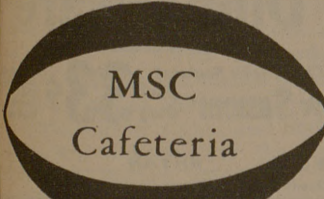
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