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Tracksters Shine, Owls Win

By Richard Campbell

Texas A&M took all of the flashy races Saturday night but the Rice Owls piled up points in the field events to edge the Aggies in a mild upset in a quadrangular meet in Kyle Field.

Rain fell for most of the meet soaking tracksters and spectators alike and at times making the footing for the pole vaulters and some running events treacherous. The speed-to-burn Aggies captured both sprints and tacked on victories in both relays but the depth-minded Owls swept the pole vault and broad jump to eke past A&M, 73 points to 72½.

The other two teams, Texas Christian and Arkansas hardly figured in the overall meet as they could notch but 18½ and nine points respectively.

Rockie Woods bested his freshman nemesis Marvin Mills for the first time in the 100-yard dash but he had to blaze to a 9.3 reading to do it, the best in the SWC this year. Mills finished second in 9.4 and Scott Hendricks and Donny Rogers both were timed in 9.6 to give A&M the top four places. Woods also produced the top time for the SWC by winning the 220-yard dash in 20.9. Rogers and Hendricks tied for third in 21.4.

Curtis Mills zipped to an expected win in the 440-yard dash but he was hardly pressed and clocked a relatively slow 46.8.

With a first place by Ben Greathouse in the high jump at 6-9 and Ronny Lightfoot's 54-9¾ shot put win, the Aggies led for most of the meet until the results of the pole vault and broad jump were announced. The Owls took the first four places in the long jump and the first three places in the pole vault to get the points they needed to shade the Ags.

But this unexpected performance by the Owls failed to take the shine off the Aggies' two

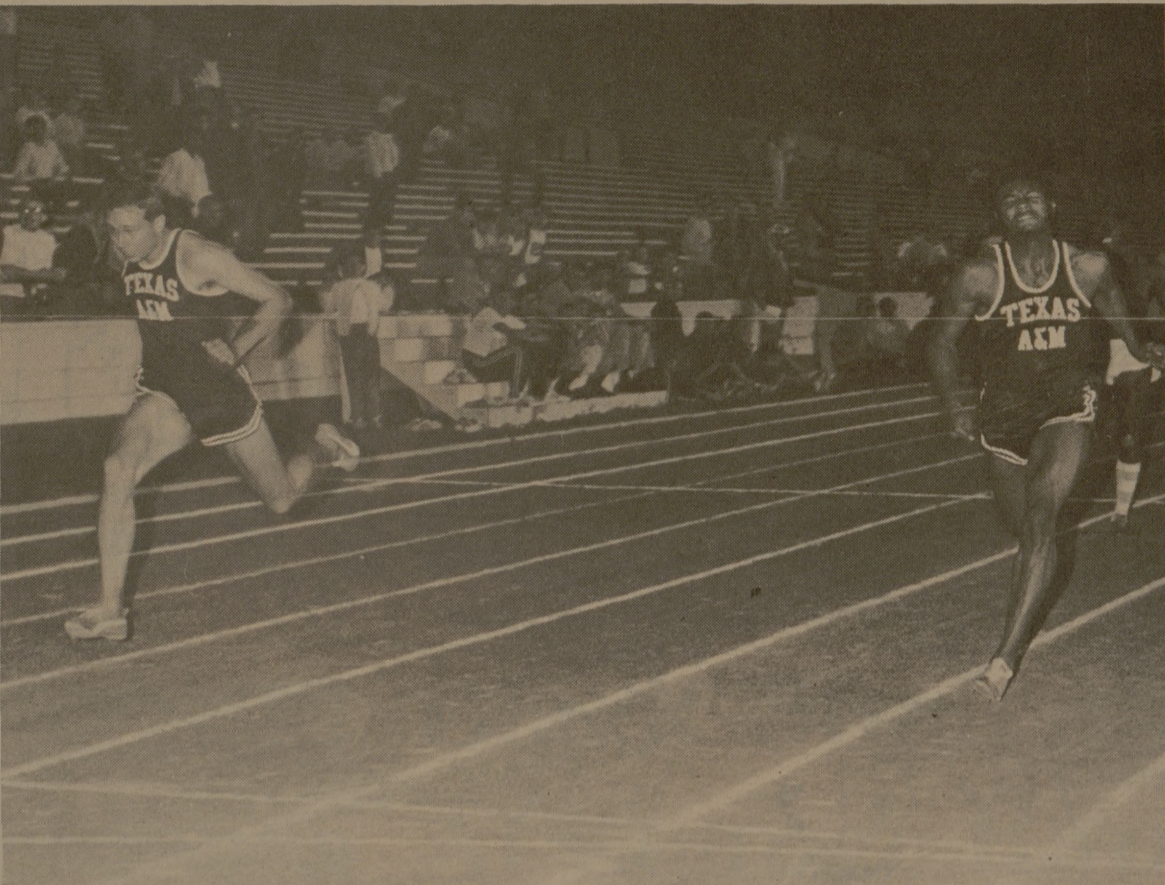
relay units, especially the mile relay quartet. Don Kellar led off the race and kept A&M within striking distance as he came home trailing Rice by only five yards and handed the baton to Harold McMahan. McMahan, after a gruelling battle in the pole vault where he finished

fourth, dropped the Aggies ten yards off as he gave the stick to Marvin Mills. The younger Mills brother made up eight on Rice's Chip Grandjean as he slipped the baton to anchorman Curtis Mills.

This Mills brother, who is the world's record holder in the 440-

yard dash, gave Bill Askey a run for the money as he poured it on and finally passed him on the final turn and outsprinted him to the tape as the Aggies posted a 3:09.7.

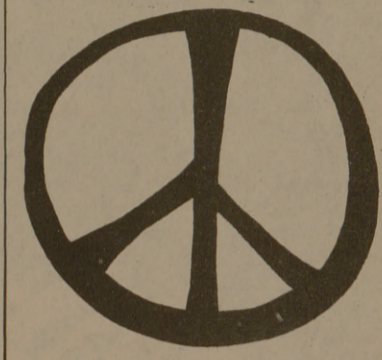
This weekend the Aggies will be participating in the Drake Relays.



WOODS IN 9.3—Aggie sprinter Rockie Woods breaks the tape in 9.3 seconds to edge teammate Marvin Mills timing at 9.4. The Aggies swept the sprints and relays but were nipped at the final scoring by the Rice Owls, 73-72½. The Aggies will compete in the Drake Relays this weekend. (Photo by Mike Wright)

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Netters Tie Horns, 3-3

Omar Smith, the Aggies tennis coach, kept his perfect home record intact against the University of Texas as his netters rose to the occasion Saturday to tie the Longhorns, 3-3.

No Smith-coached Aggie squad has ever lost to Texas on A&M Varsity Courts since he came to the campus in 1960.

The matches were played in intermittent drizzle and the footing at times was less than perfect. Dickie Fikes turned in an

impressive performance for the Aggies as he won his singles match over previously No. 1 ranked Longhorn Avery Rush, 6-1, 4-6, and 6-1.

Bruce Crumly lost to the present Longhorn ace John Nelson 6-2 and 6-2 while Tommy Connell dropped his match to Texas' John Mozola, 6-4 and 6-3. Lawton Parks of A&M downed Rick Murray, 6-2 and 6-4.

In the doubles action, the Aggies managed to gain a split.

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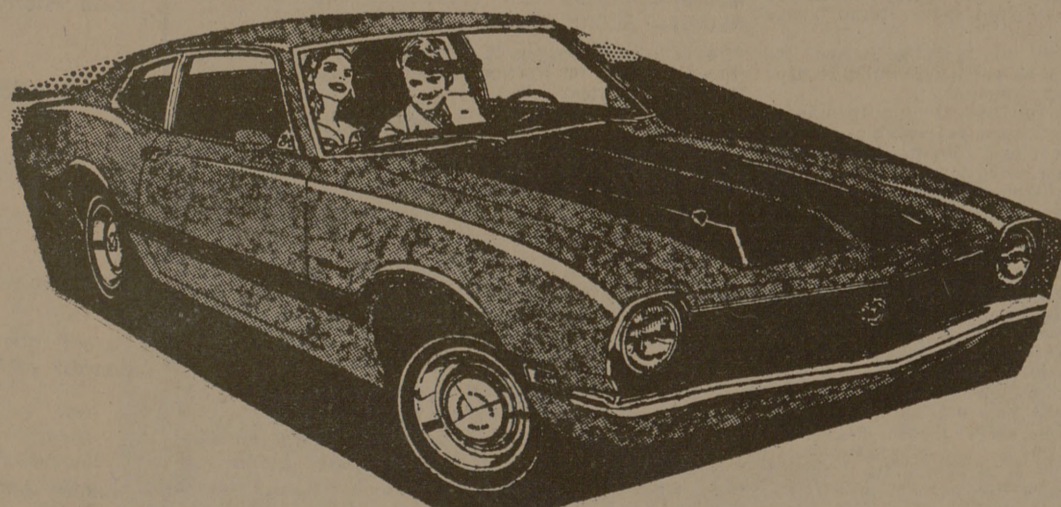
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