

Relievers, ninth-inning heros spur Aggs to sweep

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Getting superb relief pitching from Pat Jamison and Charlie Kelley, and clutch hitting when it counted, the Texas Aggies kept the pressure on the Texas-Austin Longhorns by sweeping the Baylor Bears in a three-game series at Waco Friday and Saturday.

The Aggies took a pair of games Friday with two ninth-inning rallies, 7-5 and 8-2, and then turned the bats loose for a 10-5 win Saturday. A&M is 9-0 in

SWC play and leads the defending champion Longhorns by three games in the loss column.

Jamison picked up his second win of the season with two innings of relief in the second game Friday and blanked the Bears for another inning and a third Saturday, gaining his eighth save of the season. Kelley won his sixth game in relief of Bruce Katt in the first game Friday and then struck out the side in preserving Jamison's victory in the second.

The Aggies unleashed 39 hits

in the series, with R. J. Englert spearheading the attack with seven hits. Butch Ghutzman had two home runs among his four hits and Jim Sampson had two hits in each game.

Ghutzman and Chris Sans provided the Aggies with a 4-0 lead with two-run homers in the second but the Bears nibbled and pecked until they took the lead in the bottom of the fifth, 5-4.

A&M tied it in the sixth on a single by Sampson following a walk to Hodge. Hodge stole third and scored when the throw was high.

That sent the game to the final inning tied, but the Aggies won it when Larry Smith singled in Ghutzman, who had doubled, and Englert crossed the plate on a ground out after doubling.

The Bears took a 2-1 lead into the ninth of the second game, having scored twice with the aid of wild throws by Paul Czerwinski on pickoff tries. A&M's lone score was aided by a dropped fly ball by centerfielder Johnny Dodgen.

In the ninth, the Aggies got the adrenalin flowing with a clutch single by Sans with one out, followed by a double by Carroll Lilly to keep the rally popping.

But it was another dropped fly ball by Dodgen that allowed Sans to score from third and ruin an outstanding pitching performance by Baylor freshman Ricky Fox. Then Englert won it with a bases clearing triple. He scored on a double by Smith, and Hodge finished off the seven-run inning with a homer over the centerfield wall.

The Aggies rapped out 16 hits Saturday scoring in six of their nine allotted turns at the plate to bang out the win. Lefty Jackie Binks became a 4-game winner hurling the first seven innings and leaving with an 8-3 lead.

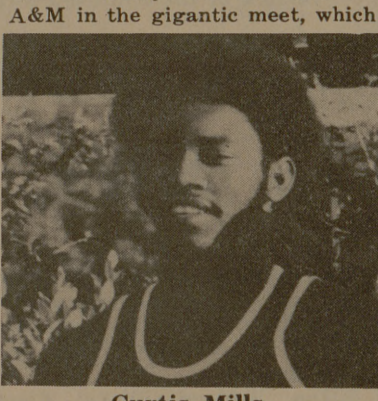
Ghutzman gave the Aggies a 1-0 lead in the first inning with his second homer of the series. They built it to 3-0 in the second before the Bears tied it 3-3 in the fourth.

Sampson drove in the go-ahead run in the next inning and the Aggies built from there on a triple by Jimmy Hacker and singles by Binks, who had three hits, Englert and Smith.

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A dropped baton during the mile relay marred the finish, but it didn't seem to bother the people voting for the outstanding team, as the Texas Aggies won the honor for the second year in a row at the Texas Relays.

Exciting victories in the 440 and 880 relays did the trick for A&M in the gigantic meet, which

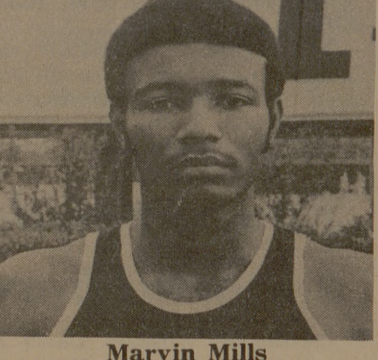


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included high school, girls, junior college, college, and university division teams competing in Austin's Memorial Stadium.

A year ago, the foursome of Donny Rogers, Rockie Woods, Marvin Mills, and Curtis Mills tied the world record in the 880 relay at the Texas Relays, then broke the mark a few weeks later.

This wasn't quite the same Friday night, as the Aggies ran the race in 1:22.7, a full second over the world record. The team ran in the same order, and the winning margin came on Marvin's out-



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standing 220, giving Curtis a 20 yard lead for the anchor leg. The elder Mills won by 30 yards in a walk.

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Nobody left the stands before the mile relay, as it was to be the highlight of the day. The opening leg lived up to the billing, with everyone passing the baton at the same time. Disaster struck the Aggies here, though,

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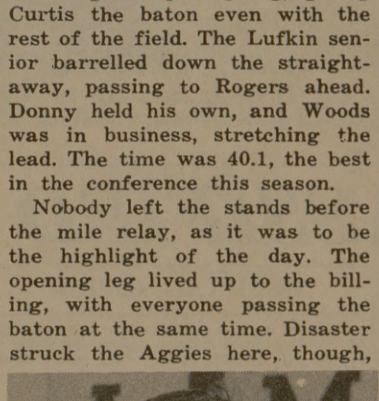
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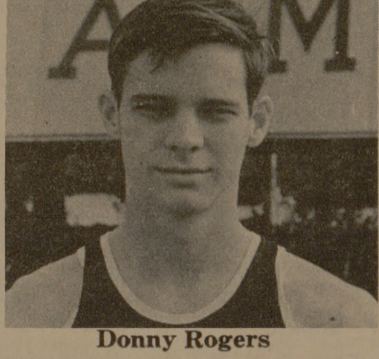
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as the handoff from Robert Brew to David Morris was dropped, and the latter had to take the time to run back and pick it up.

By the time he finished his leg, A&M was well into last place,

Maroons win scrimmage 30-0; Herring suffers broken leg

The injury bug continued to strike the Texas Aggies' spring training camp Saturday when running back Pat Herring, a sophomore from Beaumont, suffered a broken leg in intrasquad scrimmage on Kyle Field.

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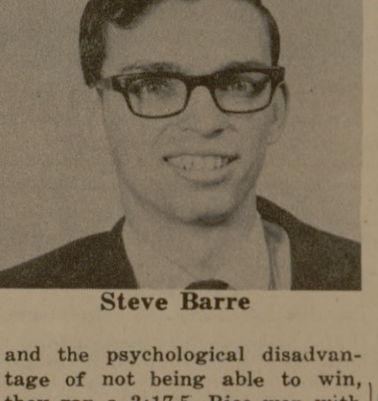
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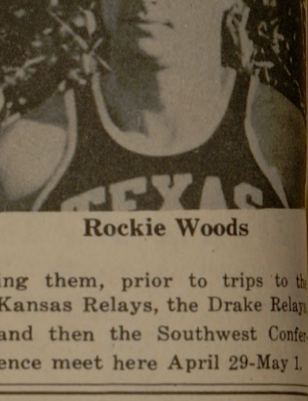
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The next action for Coach Charlie Thomas' thinclads comes Saturday in Houston. Rice is hosting a quadrangular meet, with A&M, Arkansas, and TCU meet-



ing them, prior to trips to the Kansas Relays, the Drake Relays, and then the Southwest Conference meet here April 29-May 1.

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