

880 relay returns to scene of record

By JOHN CURYLO

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It's quite a big deal when a world champion returns to the place he set his record to run the event again, but it's even bigger news that the foursome of Donny Rogers, Rockie Woods, Marvin Mills, and Curtis Mills are back at the Drake Relays this weekend.

The Texas Aggie 880 yard relay team set its mark in Des Moines, Iowa, one year ago, getting their names in the record book by circling the track twice in 1:21.7.

This should be the headline event, but the sprint relay team of Steve Barre, both Mills, and Woods will probably attract just as much attention, having run a 39.9 last week at the Kansas Relays. Also last week, the 880 relay unit matched the second best time ever in the world, 1:22.1. It would not be surprising to see a near record performance this week. Both of these relay units set new meet records at Lawrence.

The relay-strong Aggies of Coach Charlie Thomas will enter the 480 yard shuttle hurdle relay, the mile relay, and the sprint medley relay. All of these teams could be contenders, so it should be a good day for A&M.

Edgar Harvey, Gary West, Rogers, and Woods make up the shuttle hurdle relay team, with David Prince as the alternate.

Rogers, Marvin and Curtis, and Willie Blackmon will be in the sprint medley relay, which consists of two 220s, a 440, and an 880. This race should be a treat for those who want to see Curtis run, since he holds the world record in the quarter mile.

But his real talent shows through and the most excitement is generated when he anchors the mile relay. He will be preceded in the event by Robert Brew and Don Kellar in the first two legs. The third runner will be either Marvin, David Morris, or Blackmon.

Several individual performers will be entered, too. Marc Black will throw the javelin. He is currently second in the conference. Black broke the school record with a throw of 236-0 at Lawrence.

Another athlete who set a new

school mark at the Kansas Relays is Harold McMahan. He will be pole vaulting, fresh from a 16-6 leap last Saturday. He, too, is second in the league, behind Rice's Dave Roberts.

The 440 hurdles will be run by Morris and Prince. Morris is

fifth in the conference with a 52.9. Prince's best of the season is 53.2.

Marvin Taylor and Ben Great-house, two of the best in the conference will be in the high jump, while distance ace Frank Ybarbo will run the mile.

This will be the final meet prior to the conference get-together next week in Kyle Field. Texas and Rice are hot on the Aggies' heels, and the Drake Relays will serve to prepare all the athletes for the one that counts. A&M has had fine results in

the big meets so far, winning the outstanding team award at the Texas Relays and re-writing the record books last week. Another good day would give the maroon thinclads the momentum needed for the successful defense of the conference title.

Rugby team set for Austin match

By MICHAEL RICE
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The undefeated first squad of the Texas A&M Rugby Club will be playing for all the marbles this Saturday as it meets the tough Austin Rugby Club at 3 p.m. on the drill field.

While the Austin club will be fielding a very experienced team, A&M will be placing its hopes on men who really are new to the game.

The Austin club will be carrying a two-year record of no defeats, except for this past weekend when the Aggies provided them with their first defeat.

Making fewer mistakes proved to be the deciding factor in the outcome of the game, as the Ags pieced together a total of nine points while blanking the favored Austin Club.

Roger Boos, coach of the A&M I squad said he felt the game was much closer than the score seemed to indicate because both teams have tremendous forwards and backfielders.

One of the outstanding players of the last game, 5'7" Gary Junot, provided the fans with fantastic plays and tackles. For example, Junot lifted a 200 pound man who was thundering down on him completely off the ground and felled him with unbelievable speed.

This Saturday's game promises to be the most exciting of the season thus far for the Aggies. Austin, trying to live down its loss to A&M at its own tournament, will be out for blood. This will also be their last chance to win the championship of the Texas Northern Rugby Division.

If the Aggies defeat Austin, they must win the remaining two games to keep the division lead. A loss to Austin means an automatic division title to the Austin

club. This game will really be the most crucial for the Ags.

Five members of the A&M II squad have been nominated for membership on the Texas All-Star Rugby Team. They are team captain John Rayton, who plays at scrum half; Bob Elmore, forward; Mark Fisher and Gene Anderson, centers; and Andy Scott, left wing. The A&M team is de-

pending most heavily on the efforts of these five as they all have tremendous speed and skill in ball handling.

Others to be playing Saturday are Junot, at full back; John Gunn, left wing; Butch Preston, fly half; Steve Sturman, left prop; Alan Hines, hooker; Don Barr, right prop, Phil Tyber and Bill Scherle, locks; and Donnie

Robertson and Brian Marshall, wing forwards.

Before this match, the A&M II team will meet Austin's second team in a game slated to begin at 1 p.m.

Sunday, the first team will again play a game here against the rugby team from St. Edward's of Austin.

Saturday at 8 a. m.

Water polo clinic here

By MICHAEL RICE
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A water polo clinic sponsored by the Texas A&M water polo team will begin Saturday at 8 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum under the direction of swimming coach Dennis Fosdick.

The clinic is being backed by the Texas Interscholastic Coaches Association, which has indicated it wants to begin water polo competition among Texas high schools this coming year.

There will be three nationally and internationally known coaches at the clinic to talk to coaches from New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas. Several other schools in the Southwest Conference will be represented by their respective coaches.

Bob Gaughran, a former Pan American and Olympic water polo player, will lecture on developing a water polo program, individual offensive techniques, and the goal keeper. He is swimming coach and athletic director at Santa Anna Junior College in California.

The second lecturer is Art Lambert, also a Pan American and Olympic water polo player, who will be speaking about how to

condition and train a water polo team, and how to drill a team defense with the proper positions and movements. Lambert is the co-author of a book with Gaughran about water polo, entitled "Playing and Coaching Water Polo."

Fosdick played water polo under Lambert when Lambert was a graduate student in California. He said he feels Lambert is a great innovator of new ideas and techniques about water polo, as he is very knowledgeable about the game.

Lambert is coach of the swimming and water polo team at De Anza College in California, which is favored to win the water polo championships at the Pan Am Games this year.

The last well-known speaker for the clinic is Bob Lee, who is the last word in water polo officiating in the United States. He coaches at Awalt High School

in California, which has had one of the top water polo teams in the country for the past fifteen years.

He also is an international officiator and trainer for American teams.

He will speak about the proper techniques and interpretations of water polo rules. He also will discuss coaching on the high school level.

After the clinic, there will be a water polo game between the Aggies and the University of Texas Longhorns, scheduled to begin at 5:45 p.m.

Leading the Aggies will be All-American Fred Meyers, an outstanding shooter from San Mateo Junior College in California. Also slated to start for the Aggies will be Mike Hicks, Steve Prentice, Steve Henry, Mike McClellan, Gordon Taylor, and Steve Sonnenberg, who will be the goalie for the Aggies.

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