

Ag trackmen set 7 school records

Despite a weird assortment of injuries that resulted in their losing the SWC track championship to Rice by the scant margin of a half-point, the 1971 Texas Aggie track squad set seven school records, two SWC records, produced the SWC meet's high individual scorer and won five SWC meet events. Yet, the season was not a success because they did not keep their SWC title.

Etiekie Woods, who scored 17½ points in the SWC meet for top individual honors, set a SWC record in the 120-yard high hurdles with a 13.7 clocking. Ben Greathouse set a SWC record in the high jump with a 6-11¼ leap.

The other five school records came in the three-mile run (Frank Ybarbo, 14:16.7); Mile relay (Robert Brew, Marvin Mills, Don Kellar, Curtis Mills) 3:08.0; Sprint medley relay (Alan Swagerty, Marvin Mills, Curtis Mills, Willie Blackmon) 3:17.8; Javelin (Marc Black, 236-0); and pole vault (Harold McMahan, 16-6).

There were any number of things that could have given the Aggies one more point and the championship in the SWC meet.

Sophomore sprint ace Marvin Mills pulled up lame in the Fri-

day qualifying and thus was sidelined for action the rest of the way. He was capable of winning the 100 and 220 and running a leg on the mile relay team. Senior Curtis Mills, the world's best in the 440, pulled up lame in the 220 and thus didn't finish that event nor was he able to anchor the mile relay.

Then, javelin thrower Marc Black, with a season's best of 236 for a new school record, broke three bones of the index finger on his right hand when he slammed the javelin into the ground to keep from fouling on his second attempt. He still threw 220-11 for third place on his fifth throw.

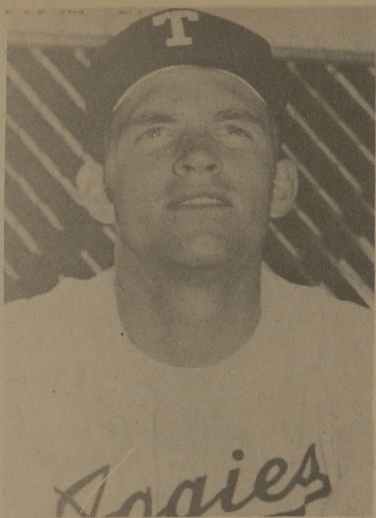
Longhorns lead batting stats

The Texas Longhorns fashioned the highest batting average in Southwest Conference history (.333), in claiming their 46th league championship—and a traitor to his class was the man mainly responsible.

Walt Rothe, who had labored as a pitcher for most of his Longhorn career, switched to the outfield this season and led the league with a .485 average—second highest ever in Southwest Conference competition. Baylor's Mickey Sullivan hit .519 in 1954.

While Longhorns finished 1-2-3-4 in the batting race and now point toward the NCAA playoffs, pitchers from Texas, Texas Tech and Texas A&M won the mound honors.

Tech's nifty sophomore, Ruben Garcia, posted a torrid 0.71 average and allowed an all-time minimum of only 3.20 hits per each nine innings pitched. He was joined among the pitching leaders by the Texas duo of Burt Hooton, most wins, 7, and most strikeouts, 74—and Donnie Horne—best record, 5-0.



Dave Elmendorf

Record for wins but still second

For the second straight year, the Texas Aggies set a school record for baseball victories, and still finished second in the Southwest Conference.

The 1971 Aggies overcame numerous obstacles, such as injuries to coach Tom Chandler and star players Dave Elmendorf and Billy Hodge, to post a 31-9 season record. Last year's team had a 25-9 mark.

The team set several records, including team batting average (.304), hits (384), doubles (70) and triples (24).

Elmendorf, an All-America candidate in centerfield, finished as the team batting champ with a .402 average for the full season and .371 in conference play. Nine others finished above the .300 mark for the season—R. J. Englert .367, Hodge .355, Jimmy Atterbury .346, Carroll Lilly .333, Larry Smith .333, Chris Sans .307, Jim Sampson .302, Butch Ghutzman .301 and pitcher Charlie Kelley .333.

The pitching staff was led by Kelley and Paul Czerwinski, each with seven victories. Kelley had one loss, Czerwinski two. Charlie Jenkins and Jackie Binks finished with 5-0 records.

Chandler loses six seniors from the squad—Elmendorf, Hodge, Sampson, Smith, Czerwinski and Pat Jamison.

Elmendorf: Truly an All-American

Texas A&M's Dave Elmendorf is an All-American, in every sense of the word.

The 6-1, 190-pound graduate—that's right, graduate—goes beyond the adjectives normally used to describe someone with Elmendorf's ability.

The word "graduate" was emphasized because Elmendorf received his B.A. degree May 8, 1971. The Houston native was graduated with honors despite being a starter for four years in both football and baseball and never going to summer school. His grade point ratio was 3.6 on a 4.0 scale in the ultra-tough School of Economics.

Elmendorf was named to the Associated Press All-America team as a safety in football, but there are plenty of football All-Americans. He is a strong candidate for All-America honors in baseball, but there have been plenty of baseball All-Americans. How many, though, earned their degrees on time while not merely participating but excelling in two major sports?

A fleet centerfielder, Elmendorf batted .402 for the season and led the team in triples, homeruns and runs batted in, despite missing two weeks in the middle of the season after getting hit in the eye by a line drive during batting practice.

When the season ended with the Aggies winning a school record 31 games, Elmendorf was voted team captain by his teammates and shared the Most Valuable Player Award with R. J. Englert.

Al LaMacchia, scout for the Atlanta Braves who drafted Elmendorf out of high school, summed up Elmendorf's baseball talents

this way: "He's a five-way player. That's how many ways he can beat you—with his glove, with his speed, with his arm, with a single, or with a homerun."

If Elmendorf is named to the All-America team when the coaches meet in June, he will be the first A&M athlete ever to earn All-America honors in two sports.

Elmendorf plans to be a corporation lawyer, but law school may have to wait awhile. He was drafted

ed third by the Los Angeles Rams of the NFL and first by the New York Yankees of the American League, the third time he has been selected in the pro baseball draft.

That Elmendorf turned down a lucrative offer by the Boston Red Sox in order to complete his degree work and play out his eli-

gibility is another insight into the kind of man he is.

He has been praised by sportswriters for his conversational ability as well as his athletic ability. And his academic prowess has earned him a \$1,000 NCAA post-graduate scholarship and a \$500 scholarship from the National Football Foundation.

Aftermath wins Faculty-Staff bowling title

The Aftermath, a team representing the A&M Math Department, defeated the Handicaps Monday night 4-0 in a rolloff to decide the Faculty-Staff Bowling champion at the Memorial Student Center Lanes.

Captained by Carter Lyons, a math instructor, the math team took the playoff, which matched the first half champs against the second half champions.

Other members of the championship team were Dr. J. J. Malone, professor; Danny Parker, instructor, and Larry Guseman, assistant professor, all of the Math Department.

Members of the Handicaps, who took the second half title were Dr. Merrill Sweet of the Biology Department, captain; Dr. Bo. Williams of the A&M Research Foundation; Karl Kuchnow, assistant professor of the Biology Department, and Andy Anerson of Recreation and Parks.

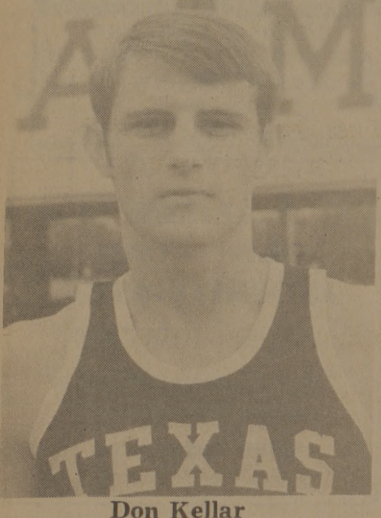
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