

Aggie tracksters fall short in Border Olympics finals

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For coach Charlie Thomas and the Aggie track team, Laredo was not to be "The land of milk and honey."

A&M, which shined like a star after Saturday morning's preliminary events, fell by the wayside when it came down to the finals at the 40th annual Border Olympics. The tracksters took a lackluster fourth place finish with 53 points after a string of bad luck.

Rice and Texas fought it out for the team trophy with the Owls getting the nod having a total of 110 points to 101 for the Longhorns. North Texas State, who was not highly thought of before the meet, copped third with 66.

The margin of victory for Rice came on six first place finishes and three seconds compared to only three blue ribbons and two seconds for Texas. Rice had a decided advantage in the field events, scoring 36 points to the Longhorns' 18. A&M had 16.

After the prelims, it looked as though A&M was going to make a run for the money having qualified at least one performer in each running event.

The finals began with the 440-yd relay, the Ags qualified second, and the team of Billy Porter, Doug Brodhead, Steve Barre and Donny Rogers hit the tape in first place with a time of 41.0 which was good for first place.

But this was to be A&M's only blue ribbon finish.

In the 880-yd dash, both Willie Blackmon, who qualified first and Horace Grant were wearing the maroon and white in the finals. Blackmon, with a bad start, had second place cinched, until he let up at the finish line and was nosed out to settle for third in a time of 1:53.0. Grant, who qualified ninth, won sixth place.

Brodhead got a smooth handoff and brought the Aggies back into the lead. Blackmon ran the final leg, was boxed in, and A&M had to settle for fourth in a time of 3:13.9. TCU took the event with a 3:13.6, while Rice and Texas finished with times of 3:13.8 for second and third.

Another downfall was in the 220, where A&M again had three qualify. Mills and Porter had to lay out, and Rogers took sixth.

In the 440-yd intermediate hurdles, David Prince was "feeling great" and in second place going into the ninth and final hurdle.

"I was feeling so good that I took only 14 steps between the two hurdles (usual procedure is 15-17) and hit it," he said.

Prince finished last and collected no points.

There were some high points, however. Harold McMahan cleared 15'-0 on his first jump in the pole vault for third place, and Phil McGuire cleared his personal best of 6-10 in the high jump taking second place.

Brodhead led the Aggies by scoring 11½ points, finishing second in the 440-yd dash and running on both relay teams.

High point man for the meet was Mike Cronholm of Rice with 16 points while Gary Kafer of Baylor, who won the high jump with 7-0, was voted the outstanding athlete of the meet by the media present at the classic.

TCU finished fifth with 43; Lamar 36, Baylor 32, SMU 32, Houston 15 and Texas Tech 10.

"I was real pleased with the way Doug Brodhead ran," Thomas said. "I also thought Phil Mc-

Guire did a good job in the jump."

Friday, at a luncheon given the San Antonio A&M Club, son told the audience of about that A&M is in the midst of being a good track team.

After the meet, Nelson echoed nearly the same statement as felt, "Some of the kids are the brink of doing well. Mar and Wayne Mills have been working toward winning the events and are beginning to get into shape and working hard."

Marvin Mills has had a bad and has been held out of his specialty (440-yd dash) until he healed and has been running shorter sprints. Thomas said that Mills has expressed a desire to run the 440 next weekend in the triangular meet with L and Rice in Houston.

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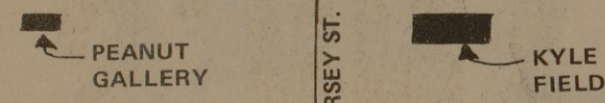
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Bearcats win two from A&M baseballers

By JOHN CURYLO
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The Sam Houston Bearcats managed to quiet the Aggies' bats Saturday, and the result was a sweep of the doubleheader, 3-2 and 3-0.

In the two games, A&M got 11 hits, while Sam Houston had 12, but the Aggies committed five errors, and the Bearcats had one. The two teams are scheduled for a 1:00 p.m. twinbill here Wednesday.

SHSU pitcher Ray Norrell kept the Aggies under control for six innings, and his teammates unloaded for two runs in the fourth to give him a comfortable edge. The Bearcats scored on a double, a single, a stolen base, a wild

pitch and an error and another double.

In the A&M seventh, Sandy Bate got on on an error by the shortstop. The next batter, third baseman Jim Hacker, hit a long drive that crashed the 365-foot marker in right-center field for a triple, scoring Bate. Hacker dented the plate on Carroll Lilly's base hit, and A&M left two men on base when Ricky Clements came in to relieve Norrell two outs later.

The Bearcats won the game in extra innings, though, when Terry Roach doubled and Sammy Montau walked. First baseman John O'Leary doubled to end the game with Roach's run.

Ironically, the losing pitchers Saturday were the Aggie aces, Charles Kelley and Bruce Katt. Kelley came in for the eighth inning of the first game, while an unearned run tagged Katt with the loss in the second game, which he started.

Roach was the man again, driving a base hit between third and short in the second inning. Montau attempted to sacrifice him to second, but Katt motioned toward the lead runner before firing to first and threw it away. The run scored on a play in which two errors were committed.

Sam Houston put another tally on the board in the fifth frame, with David Woolley walking, be-

ing sacrificed to second, getting to third on a wild pitch and scoring on a sacrifice fly.

They did the trick again in the last inning, when Jimmy Pitts walked. He got to second base on a bad throw in a pickoff attempt. A sacrifice moved him to third, and he scored on a hit by Paul Leggett.

The Bearcats are 2-4, having lost to Texas in Austin the week before playing the Aggies. A&M is 3-3, with wins coming in three of four games with Iowa State last week.

Second game
A&M 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Sam Houston 0 1 0 0 1 1 1 1

Winning pitcher — Ray Norrell; Losing pitcher — Bruce Katt (1-1).

First game
A&M 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 2
Sam Houston 0 0 2 0 0 0 1 3

Winning pitcher — Ronnie Kainer; Losing pitcher — Charles Kelley (1-1).

Hits—A&M 6, SHSU 4. Errors—A&M 4, SHSU 0. LOB—A&M 5, SHSU 6. Doubles—A&M (Ghutzman), SHSU 0. Doubles plays—(SHSU) Terry Roach, John O'Leary.

NBA owner says merger idea bad

WASHINGTON (AP)—A bill to allow the two warring pro basketball leagues to merge is "unethical, immoral and perhaps unconstitutional," a part owner of a National Basketball Association team said Monday.

Testifying before the Senate antitrust and monopoly subcommittee, Marvin Kratter said that minus two basic conditions, "no reasonable business purpose would be served" by the absorp-

tion by the NBA of the comparatively newly-formed American Basketball Association.

Kratter, a former owner of the Boston Celtics and now representative of the Golden State Warriors, said, "Along with four other teams in the NBA, the Golden State Warriors were op-

posed to the proposed merger . . .

"The entire underlying purpose of the merger, in my opinion, was designed to eliminate the high-price, cutthroat competition for the services of the emerging 'super-stars' coming from the colleges and universities, and as a method of retaining the existing

reserve clause portions of the present day player employment contracts."

Kratter said he feels the option clause and the common draft "will quickly fall by the wayside, thus eliminating "the two basic business reasons for the merger."

Bill Bradley, star forward of the New York Knicks, said the NBA players will agree to a common draft with the rival ABA if the leagues will give players complete freedom after their first two years.

Bradley said the players do not want a merger, but if one was necessary, it should include the players' offer since they are the people most affected.

Pro football, Bradley said, allows a player to play out his option and, theoretically, sign with any team he chooses. However, the team that signs the "free agent" has to compensate the former team. This, in effect, Bradley said, binds a player to only one team since no other club wants to pay the high price of compensation leveled by the NFL.

Earlier Monday, football star John Mackey, president of the National Football League Players Association, said a merger would virtually enslave players.

He noted the monopoly enjoyed by professional football limits only players in moving from team to team, permitting coaches to move freely.

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Nicklaus pulls out Doral win, passes Palmer on money list

MIAMI (AP)—Jack Nicklaus managed to pull his sagging game together in the final few holes Monday to win the rain-delayed Doral-Eastern Open Golf Tournament and vault past idle Arnold Palmer into first place on the all-time money winning list.

The 32-year-old Nicklaus managed only a two-under-par 70 in the twice-delayed final round, but it was good enough for a two-stroke victory, his second of the year and 36th of his remarkable career.

He picked up \$30,000 of the \$150,000 purse and boosted his all-time total — he's in his 11th pro season — to \$1,477,200.86. Palmer, 42 in his 18th year, had led the all-time list for a decade but slipped to second at \$1,471,226.83. He did not compete this week.

Nicklaus finished with a 276

total, 12 under par on the water-logged Blue Monster Course at the Doral Country Club.

Lee Trevino and veteran Bob Rosburg tied for second at 278. Trevino matched par 72 in the cool and cloudy weather and Rosburg, the surprise winner of the Bob Hope Desert Classic last month, closed up with a 68.

Sam Snead, a 59-year-old star from another era of golf, made a big run and finished alone in fourth at 279. Just three strokes off the pace, Snead, paired with Nicklaus in the last twosome, had a 72 with one birdie and one bogey.

Julius Boros, a 52-year-old veteran, Australian Bruce Crampton and newcomer George Shortridge were next at 280. Shortridge had a 68 while Boros and Crampton matched 69s, Crampton falling back with a bogey on the final hole.

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