

# Aggies off to El Paso for meet

By BILL HENRY  
A 21-man Aggie track team goes to El Paso Saturday for a triangular meet involving the Aggies, Texas Longhorns and the University of Texas at El Paso. The Aggies aren't completely healthy yet, but their physical status has improved over the past few weeks.

Sprinter Marvin Mills and hurdler Scotty Jones still are hampered by hurt knees but the rest of the squad appears to be rounding into good shape. Neither will compete this weekend.

"We hope to have everyone well by the conference meet," head coach Charley Thomas said. "That is what we're aiming for, at least."

The Aggie coach has had his troubles this season due to the fact that his team has not been at full speed at any track meet. At each one, some of the team members were out for various reasons.

## Ghutzman, R. J. picked by team

Three Texas A&M seniors were honored by their baseball teammates in special balloting Thursday, according to coach Tom Chandler.

Butch Ghutzman, a four-year letterman who played on Aggie teams which won 104 games, was elected captain of the 1972 team which posted a 27-13 record. Ghutzman played his high school ball at Houston Bellaire.

The Most Valuable Player Award went to R. J. Englert, a senior from Big Spring. Englert hit .394 in his Aggie career and had a .420 average this season.

Karl Bystrom, a senior from San Angelo, was voted the Wally Moon Award as the most improved player. Bystrom finished the season as the No. 2 Aggie hitter with a .343 average.

At Saturday's meet, UTEP will be the favorite due to the tremendous showing it has made at big meets this spring.

Last week at the Drake Relays, Ken DeBernardi, UTEP weightman, took both the shot put and discus championship and was the only double winner at the meet. He has also taken both first places at the Texas and Kansas Relays, which have pitted the best in the nation against each other.

UTEP has also set the fastest time in Texas in the 440-yard relay in a time of 39.5, which is quite close to the national record.

Texas holds five SWC best marks and has a chance to give the Miners a run for the team title.

Ricky Yarbrough holds the fastest mile time with a 4:06.2, freshman Randy Lightfoot has

## Athletes sign with aggies

Two track stars and a baseball pitcher have signed letters of intent to attend Texas A&M, Aggie coaches announced Thursday.

The tracksters are hurdler Keith Bucy of Odessa Permian and long jumper R. C. Grice of Houston Worthing. Bucy, 6-3½, 165, posted a 14.1 in the high hurdles in the regional meet. He is an outstanding student who was salutatorian of his graduating class which number more than 600. Grice, a 5-10, 150-pounder, has one of the state's top long jump marks with 24-2.

The pitcher is David Lockett, a 6-4, 190-pounder from Cleburne. The big righthander paced his team to the District 15-4A north zone title. He also lettered in football as a quarterback.

run the fastest 120-yard high hurdle time of 13.6, Ed Wright leads the conference in the 440-yard dash with a 47.3 and Wyatt Tompkins has the highest mark in the pole vault at the meet with a 7-1.

The Longhorns also hold the top time in the mile relay with a team of Robert Primeaux, Byrd Baggett, Craig Brooks, and Ed Wright with a 3:08.3.

Texas holds the favorites' position for the SWC meet to be held in Fayetteville May 22-23.

A&M's best chances come in the 100-yard dash, 880-yard run, 220-yard dash and the 440-yard relay.

The Aggies should be competitive in both the 120-yard high hurdles and the 440-yard dash.

Following the triangular in El Paso, the Aggies return home to host a quadrangular meet with SMU, TCU and Baylor on May 13.

## Derby favorites

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—Riva Ridge, who has tasted defeat only once in the past 10 months, heads a field of 16 in Saturday's 98th running of the Kentucky Derby, one of the most exciting two minutes in the world of sports.

The pride of the Chenery family's Meadow Stable, winner of seven stakes races during the same period, was rated Thursday as the 9-5 favorite to win first prize money from a pot of \$182,800, second richest in Derby history.

The Churchill Downs handicapper named Mrs. Maribel Blum's Hold Your Peace as the probable second choice at 3-1 of the more than 100,000 fans who will be on hand for the race.

No Le Hace, J. R. Straus' winner of the Louisiana and Arkansas derbies, was listed as third choice at 5-1 with Paul Mellon's Rokeby Stable racer, Head of the River, next at 6-1. Head of the River won the Everglades Stakes on April Fool's Day, handing Riva Ridge his first defeat in nearly a year.

Then comes the Southwest Conference meet in Fayetteville on Monday and Tuesday, May 22-23.

The Aggie entrants, by events, at El Paso:

100-yard dash—Billy Porter, Donny Rogers, Gerald D'Ambrosio.  
220-yard dash—Porter, Rogers, Marvin Mills.

440-yard dash—Robert Brew, Doug Brodhead, Wayne Mills, Alan Swagerty.

880-yard run—Willie Blackmon, Horace Grant, Dennis O'Brien.

1000-yard run—Pat Bradley.

Two-mile run—Frank Ybarbo.

120-yard high hurdles—Scotty Jones.

440-yard hurdles—David Morris, David Prince.

440-yard relay—D'Ambrosio, Porter, Swagerty, Rogers.

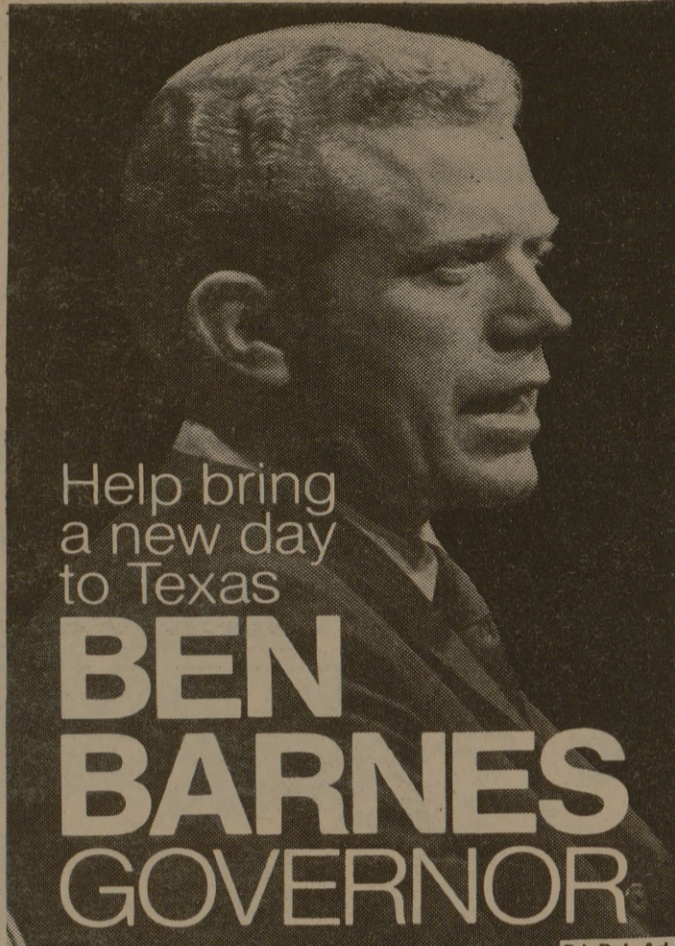
Mile relay—Brew, Grant, Blackmon, Brodhead.

Discus—Tim Brown.

Long jump—James Johnson.

Pole vault—Harold McMahan, David Peterek.

High jump—Marvin Taylor.



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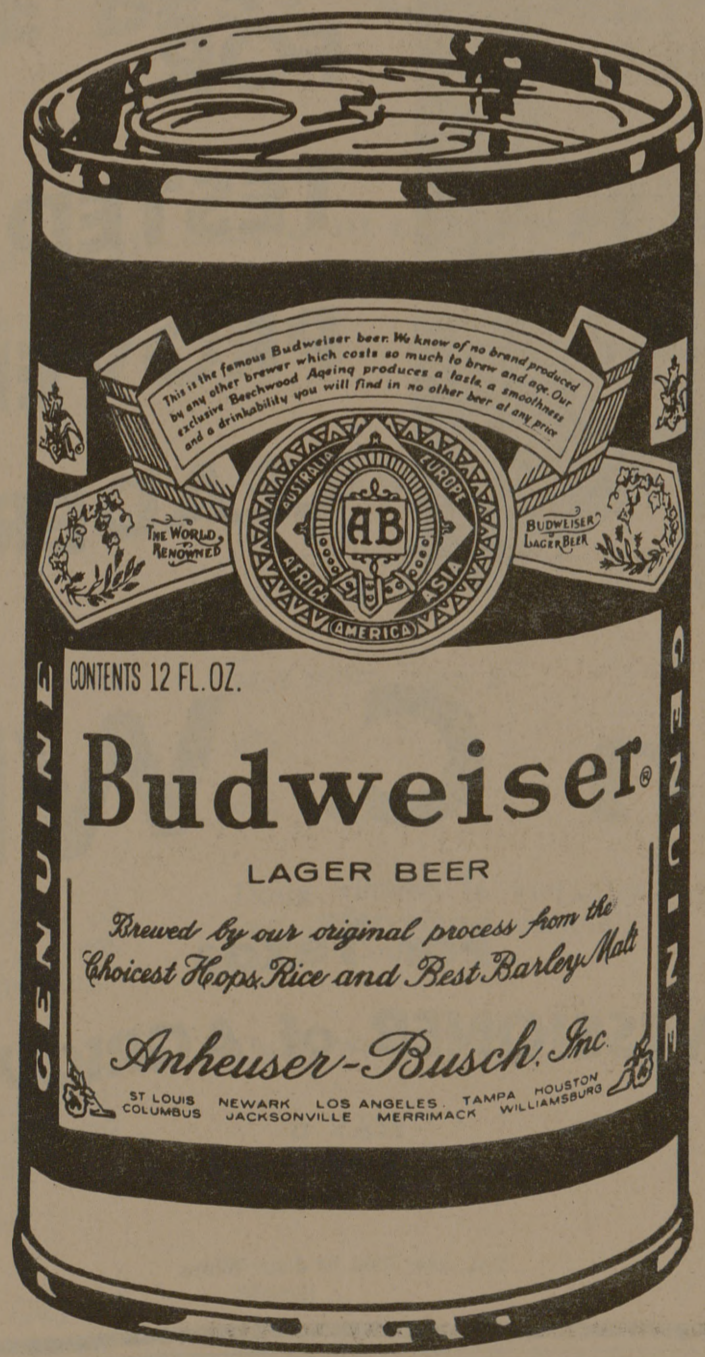
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