

# Australian Freshman Has 'Jolly Good' Record

## Adrienne Beames Holds Twelve World Records

By LYNN KENNEDY

"Jolly Good" is the sports record of A&M's only freshman co-ed from 'Down Under' (Australia, that is). Her name is Adrienne Beames and her hometown is Melbourne, Victoria. She holds seven world's best times for long distance road running and five world's best times for track running. She is also a former Victorian squash champion and is ranked second in Australian squash competition. In addition she represented Australia in junior interstate tennis.

Adrienne is a P. E. major and she wishes to become a physical education teacher and coach women's athletics. She said, "I would like to coach long distance and cross country running and I plan to give talks at women's track clinics to promote women's track and running in the U. S."

Adrienne is not completely new to the states. She toured the U.S. in 1970 for four months to gain experience in cross-country running. She entered six major meets from southern California to Washington, D.C. and she participated in the third International women's cross-country championship which was run at Frederick, Maryland.

Adrienne also has an interest in opera singing. She was a finalist for two years running in the Sun Aui Contest. This is a contest which allows the winner her choice of scholarships to study opera in Europe.

Her father is a sports journalist for the Age in Melbourne and her mother is a classical singer-pianist. She said, "I have gotten my interest in sports from my dad and my interest in music from my mother."

Before Adrienne decided to return to school she was a private secretary to the Dean of Engineering at Monash University in Melbourne and she also worked as an executive secretary for the Conzinc Corporation in Melbourne. "In Australia the skilled secretary is a prestigious position

and very well paid. There is a difference in status and money between the girl Friday and a private secretary," she said.

She also added that her secretarial experience was very helpful in school because she can take lecture notes in shorthand.

According to Adrienne the educational system in Australia is much more difficult. She said that you are given comprehensive quizzes at the end of nine months and if you flunk two courses you are out. "If you flunk one course you may carry it next year," she said, "however, there are no small quizzes during the year to chart your progress."

She wanted to come to A&M because she knew it was a fine school. She is here on scholarship sponsored by the Southwest Houston A&M Club and she will represent the Aggies in women's cross-country and road races sponsored by the Physical Education Department. She said that she has always had a strong interest in sports and she is looking forward to developing skills in the other sporting activities sponsored by the P.E. Dept.

Her training schedule includes running 16 miles a day—about six to eight miles in the morning and eight to 10 miles at night. She says that anyone who wishes to condition for cross-country events should start out with the shorter distances and then gradually work up to the long runs. She said, "Running is like anything else, you get out of it what you put in and the only way to be great is to practice hard and try your best. Those that do this and have a little natural talent will always come out on top." She has a strict diet consisting mostly of health foods.

She said she doesn't like the humidity of College Station weather and she misses the big city life of Melbourne.

She hasn't made up her mind whether or not she will return home to teach and coach or if she will stay here in the States. She said a lot will depend on the job possibilities.

She is currently listed in Guinness Book of Records which may be a first for A&M's coeds.

Her trainer back home is Fred Warwick who is a former middle and long distance record holder and a prominent masseur in Melbourne. He has coached Bill Hooker, 400m hurdles, George

Perdone, 24 hour record holder, both of recent olympics, and professional runner Harold Downes, who runs the mile in under four minutes.

Her world's best times include: four miles 21 mins. 52 secs., five miles 28 mins. 20 secs., 10 miles

57 mins. 23 secs., 15 miles 1 hr. 29 mins. 33 secs., 16 miles 1 hr. 38 mins. 8 secs., 20 miles 2 hrs. 06 mins. (marathon 26 miles 385 yds. 2 hrs. 46 mins. 30 secs.) These records were all set during July and August of 1971 in Victoria, Australia. 1 mile 4 mins. 28.8

secs. and 5000 meters 15 mins. 48.5 secs. both set in Sydney, Australia in January, 1972 and five miles 27 mins. 35 secs., six miles 33 mins. 09 secs., 1,000 meters 1 mins. 8 secs. All set in Adelaide, Australia in January of 1972. Adrienne is 31 years old.

## Houston Fires Bill Peterson Oilers Can Third Coach in Three Years

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ Associated Press Sports Writer HOUSTON (AP)—Houston Oiler General Manager Sid Gillman fired Coach Bill Peterson Monday and assumed the head coaching job himself in an effort to pull

the reeling Oilers out of a 16-game tail spin.

"We are in a winning business," Gillman said in announcing the dismissal of Peterson, who led the Oilers to only one regular season victory in 19 games as head coach. "There is no excuse for failure in our business."

Gillman said the decision was made after Sunday's 48-20 loss to Denver, Houston's fifth straight defeat this season after a 1-13 year in 1972.

Peterson, who came to the Oilers with what he called a lifetime contract last year, had been rumored on the way out Sunday night when a player, who asked not to be identified, said it was common knowledge among the players that Peterson had been fired.

Gillman, who formerly coached at San Diego and Los Angeles, becomes Houston's eighth coach in Oiler history and the third in as many years.

"We tried to do everything we could to aid Bill," Gillman said. "I think we've spent more money on various programs than most teams in pro football in hopes that we could get this thing turned around."

Gillman took charge as general manager March 2 and announced he had no desire to do any coaching again. On Oct. 3, prior to a 31-26 loss to Los Angeles, Peterson said he had asked Gillman to help out with the offense.

Gillman had been in charge of the Oiler offense the past two weeks. He has been stationed in the press box during games where he called many of the plays.

"I just wanted to be general manager," Gillman said. "But when you're 1-13 you've got to do something. I'm no Messiah that can come in and turn this thing around. I do hope, though, that we can at least give our football team the respectability that it should have."

Oiler owner K. S. "Bud" Adams said the decision was entirely Gillman's. Asked about Peterson's contract, Adams said it would be honored. "Bill is not being fired, he's just being relieved of his duties as head coach," Adams said. "We will continue to honor the agreement. I don't know if he would work in some other capacity or not."

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Gillman guided the Los Angeles Rams to an NFL Western Division championship in his first season as a pro coach in 1954. During his 16-year pro coaching career, he compiled a 116-83 record and earned a reputation as a hard-nosed coach.

When Gillman took charge of the Oilers in March there were rumors he would soon step into Peterson's job too. After Monday's announcement, Gillman again said he never sought Peterson's job.

"I want it understood that didn't come to the Houston Oilers with the idea that I was going to become their head football coach," Gillman said.

## Conference Play Set for Golfers

DALLAS (AP) — The third annual Southwest Conference fall golf tournament will be played Wednesday and Thursday at Brookhaven Country Club with the University of Houston expected to be the team to beat.

Winners will be determined in match play, four ball and team ball in the tournament.

Four-man teams from each of the nine SWC schools will play 27 holes each day starting at 8 a. m.

Texas swept all three divisions last year but has lost ace Ben Crenshaw to the professionals.

Houston sophomore Bobby Brow was the medalist last year at Oak Cliff Country Club in Dallas with a 217.

## Ag Water Polo Finds Defeat

The Aggie Water Polo team again traveled to compete this last weekend. Wednesday they met the Texas Tech Red Raiders and continued on to Albuquerque, New Mexico, for the Lobo Tournament held there.

In the Tech game the team controlled play throughout with Doug Adamson leading the A&M scorers with six goals. Final was 17-6.

Brigham Young University lost to the Ags in the first game of the University of New Mexico tournament. With a 14-8 score, Lester Hamann led the team's scoring with five points.

Air Force Academy defeated A&M in the next game, 12-4. Hamann, offensive strong man, was injured leaving the team without leadership on which to base an effective offense.

Lobos also beat the Ags, 17-2. Again it was the matter of no

peg on which to hang the responsibility with Hamann out of action.

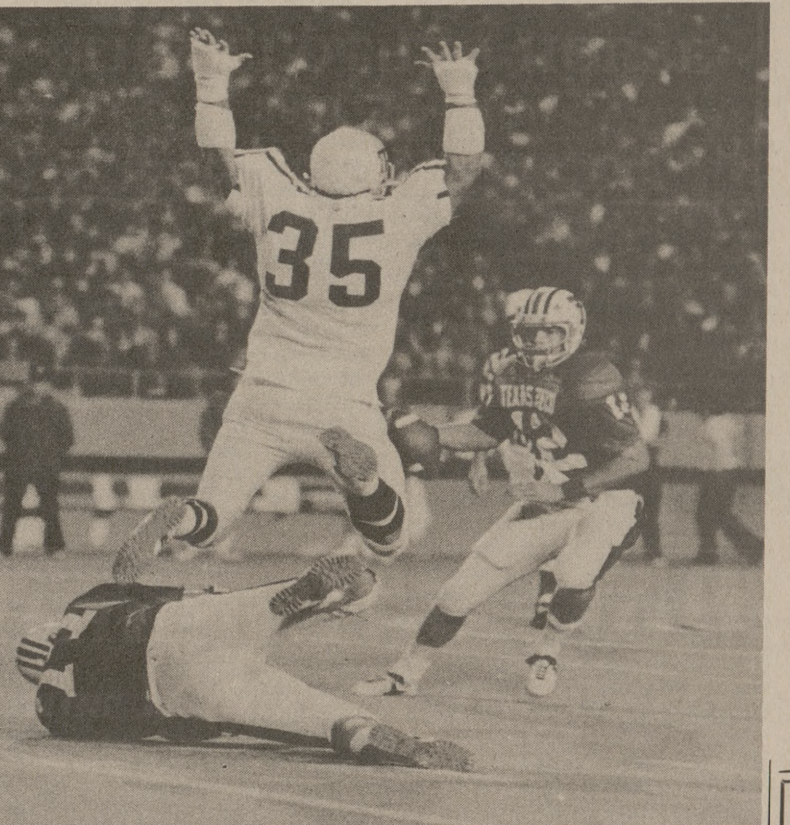
In the final game, which the Ags fourth overall for the tournament, two overtimes were called. The deciding overtime became A&M's downfall as Mike takes became the determining force. The final was Air Force 12-10.

Two more A&M teams were in the Lobo Invitational, the "B" and "C" teams. Both lost their first two games: "B" to New Mexico State, 6-5, and Colorado University, 13-6; freshmen to University of New Mexico, 24-2, and Arizona State, 6-3.

Freshman Don Reeser made first team on the all-tournament team, while Paul McKinzie and Kevin O'Brien made second team. "A" classification. Goalie Steve Engle was selected for "B" team.



WORLD RECORD HOLDER Adrienne Beames is caught during her daily workouts at Kyle Field.



UP AND OVER goes A&M's Paul Hulin (35) in chase of Texas Tech Quarterback Joe Barnes. The Aggie defense held the Raiders to 216 yards total offense but A&M lost 28-16. See story page 7. (Photo by Rogger Mallison)

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