

Aggies limp to Texas Relays

Injuries weaken A&M chances in prestigious meet

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A severely weakened A&M track squad limps into Austin this weekend for the Texas Relays mainly wishing to avoid further injuries.

A rash of muscle pulls and strains have plagued the Aggie cindersmen the past three weeks with the top five sprinters on the squad all suffering from muscle ailments.

Charles Dawson and Gerald D'Ambrosio will rejoin the squad after a week's layoff to nurse sore hamstrings. Dawson is slated to run the 100-yard dash while D'Ambrosio will run the opening 220-yard leg of the sprint medley relay.

Also running on the relay team will be Doug Brodhead, running the second 220; Horace Grant, handling the quarter-mile chores; and Ron McGonigle, taking the final two laps. Grant is making a comeback after being sidelined with a back ailment earlier in the year while McGonigle ran a 1:53.7 half-mile last week, showing he is no longer hindered by ruptured blood vessels suffered the first weeks of the season.

Scottie Jones, although injured last week in Baton Rouge, will run the 120-yard high hurdles, owning a best time this year of 13.7. Shifton Baker will also compete; his best time being a 14.1.

Baker is also entered in the

440-yard intermediate hurdles along with freshman Craig McPhail. Baker's best time this season is a 53.0 while McPhail has turned in a 52.9.

Bill Newton, still nursing a three-week old knee injury, will compete in the javelin. Newton has a best throw of 217-3 but has been unable to get past 200 feet since his injury.

High jumpers Phil McGuire and Don Riggs and pole vaulters David Peterek and Brad Blair are oddities on the A&M track squad

—they are all perfectly healthy. McGuire has cleared 6-10 feet this year, one of the top marks in the state, while Riggs has been over 6-8 four times. Blair has a 15-6 vault as his best effort while David Peterek has cleared 15-0 six times this season.

Craig Carter will compete for the Aggies in the shot put with a 54-0 top mark.

Harold Davis, Sam Dierschke, Grant and Brodhead will make up the Aggie mile relay team, possibly A&M's strongest entry.

SMU shuts out Aggie tennis team

The A&M tennis team lost their third conference match Tuesday to tough SMU, 7-0.

The Aggies' record in conference play fell to 9-19 with the loss.

No. 1 Aggie seed Bill Wright lost to SMU's George Hardie 6-4 in the first set, came back to win the second 6-3 but lost out in the third set tie-breaker.

Tim Vann beat A&M's Bill Hoover in straight sets, and Aggie Dan Courson lost to Joe Edles also in straight sets, 6-2, 6-4.

The loss was only Coursons fourth this season against 16 wins.

In the fourth match David Bohrnstedt beat Charles Emley of A&M, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

Richard Walthall defeated Tom Courson in the final singles match 7-6, 6-3.

In doubles Hardie and Vann beat Dan Courson and Hoover in split sets, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

Wright and Emley lost to Edles and Adi Kourim in the second doubles.

Gridders try passing game

Quarterbacks David Walker, Mike Jay and David Shipman, fought a swirling, gusty wind Wednesday as the Texas Aggies concentrated on their passing game.

Walker ran the first offensive unit while Jay and Shipman alternated on the second team.

Split ends Mike Floyd and Robert Verde, tight ends Richard Osborne and David Greeno were the main passing targets although some of the receivers came out of the backfield.

There was no contact work and while the offensive units went against the third defense at one end of the field, the first two defenses worked against the third offense with quarterbacks Carl Menger and Kent Ballard handling the passing.

The Aggies will practice again Thursday and then will stage their second scrimmage of the spring Saturday afternoon.

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Kevin's Korner



By KEVIN COFFEY, Sports Editor

Old ball parks, like old soldiers, don't die, they just fade away. At the end of this baseball season, Clark Field, home of the Texas Longhorns, will fade away as UT opens a new stadium in 1975.

This new facility, combined with the 'Horns proposed basketball coliseum, recently-renovated Memorial Stadium and olympic swimming pool will give Texas athletic facilities unequalled in the United States.

Somehow I will be sad to see Clark Field fall. Someone will probably make it into a parking lot. This home where Texas has dominated Southwest Conference baseball for years has had many a great moment.

Lou Gehrig hit a home run over 600 feet to lead the New York Yankees to a 3-6 win over Texas in 1924. It cleared the scoreboard and carried across Red River Ave. The ball finally landed where gardens that surround the LBJ Library now stand.

Texas has won 46 conference baseball crowns including the last seven in a row. The Aggies are next in line with 10 titles.

Clark Field may be of some advantage to Texas. It is almost unique. Only 300 feet to right field, UT heavily recruits left handed power hitters. They managed to find some good ones over the years. Huge chalk cliffs blossom up in center field and run to foul territory in left.

Those cliffs give opposition outfielders a hard time to say the least. Many balls land on the plateau between the cliffs and fence and bounce around like a silver marble in a pinball machine.

The ancient park has a good chance to go out in style. It looks like the final series and perhaps the final game played there will decide the conference title winner.

Texas and the Aggies lock horns in Austin on April 26 and 27. A&M holds a slim one-game lead in SWC play as they head for the home stretch. Friday A&M plays Tech in Lubbock and then catches Rice at home before heading to Austin. Texas has this week off then visits TCU.

A&M is currently crippled. Mike Schraeder is lost for the season with a ruptured spleen. Fred Russ and Paul Miller missed yesterday's game due to illness. All three were starters. Luckily, Russ and Miller are expected back in the line-up Friday.

The Aggies looked like they would run away with the conference until Houston pulled a surprise last weekend. Texas threatened to lose the final game of their series with Baylor but Keith Moreland hit a two-run homer with two outs in the ninth to give UT a 6-5 win. The Horns are now within 34 percentage points of A&M.

It looks like the team that wins 2 of 3 in Austin will cop the conference. It just may take a 20-4 record to take home the laurels. A&M is 13-2. UT stands 15-3.

Unless something very drastic and unforeseen happens, the grand old park is in for a wild ending.

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