

# Texas Relays provides stiffest competition

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Providing the weather holds, the Texas A&M track team will face its sternest test today and tomorrow as it competes for the crown of the 48th annual Texas Relays in Austin's Memorial Stadium.

The Aggies have been rained out of two of their last three meets and their return to action this week could not come against better competition.

A&M will once again have the chance to go against national out-

door champion, Southern Cal and indoor winners University of Texas at El Paso. The Maroon was scheduled to go against the two last weekend in Dallas but again the weather interfered.

Every Southwest Conference school will participate in the Relays as well as every Big-8 university. Five teams from the Southeastern Conference will make the trek to Austin plus many indepen-

dents. In all, 42 universities and 27 colleges will compete for the title of Most Outstanding Team. Hundreds of junior college, high school and women's teams will also be present.

10:00 p.m. Only five events will be run Saturday, with the four-mile relay starting at 1:45 p.m. and the final race, the mile relay, getting underway at 5:10 p.m.

## Batt sports

# First football scrimmage scheduled for Saturday

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The Texas Aggie football team will hook it up for their first scrimmage of the 1975 spring practice, Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

Kyle Field will be filled with action Saturday as the public will get their first glimpse of the 1975 Aggies and their brand new offense. The Maroon will be running the T-Bone with wishbone and I-formation variations keeping with the triple option theory.

There will be some interesting battles going on the field as some positions are up for grabs. Henry Tracy and Dennis Swilley will be vying for the center spot left vacant by Oiler draftee Ricky Seeker. The position of middle linebacker will be hotly contested for by transfer Robert Jackson and two-year letterman Grady Wilkerson.

The kicking game will also receive special notice from the coaching staff as they look to the placekickers for a replacement for Dallas free-agent Randy Haddock. Punter Mark Stanley, who averaged 42 yards per kick last season, Lee White and Robert Stringer are prime candidates to handle the placekicking chores. Head Coach Emory Bellard has also voiced his admiration for Tony Franklin, an incoming placekicker. "He (Franklin) has excellent credentials and holds the Interscholastic League (high school) record with a 58-yard field goal," said Bellard.

The Ags will be entering this scrimmage with the most experience of any Bellard-coached A&M team. With 41 of 54 lettermen returning the Maroon will field a strong, deep, senior team in Saturday's scrimmage. The players looked well drilled in their first three days of spring practice and should have an action-packed scrimmage.

The No. 1 offensive line will be: Carl Roaches, split end, Richard Osborne at tight end, Dennis

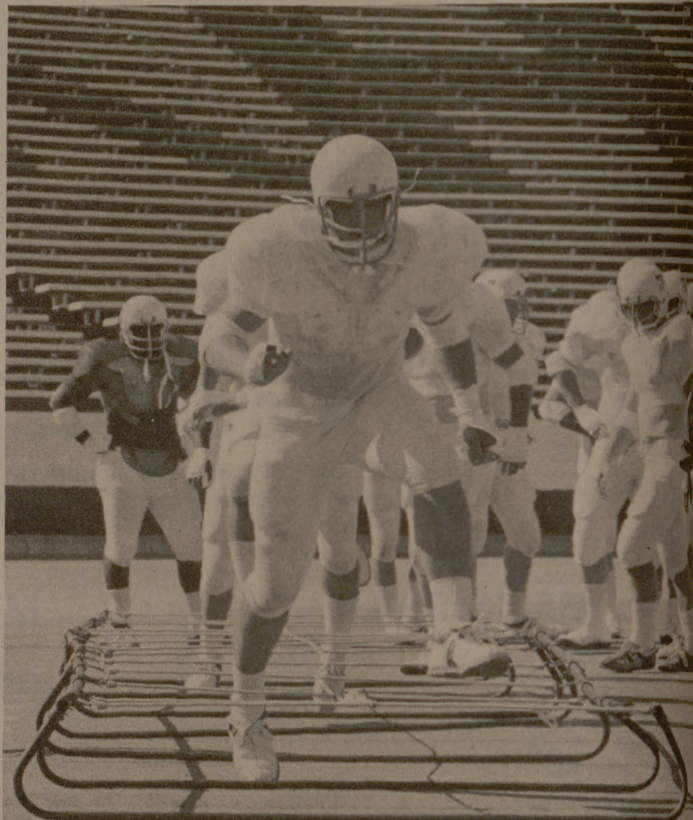
Smelser and Glenn Bujnoch at the tackles, Bruce Welch and Billy Lemons at the guards and Tracy or Swilley at center.

Setting up the new backfield formations will be: Bubba Bean and Skip Walker at the halves, Bucky Sams at fullback and David Walker the man under.

On defense, Tank Marshall, Blake Schwarz, Jimmy Dean and

Edgar Fields round out the front wall. Ed Simonini and Garth TeNapel provide a wealth of talent as the outside linebackers with Wilkerson or Jackson holding down the middle.

The secondary will have William Thompson and All-American Pat Thomas at the corners with a pair of Williams' Jackie and Reggie at the safeties.



Guard Bruce Welch leads the linemen through the ropes. (Photo by Chris Vre)

# Golf team makes journey to Nacogdoches match

Fresh off a fourth place finish at the prestigious 17-team Morris Williams Invitational at Austin last

weekend, the Texas Aggie golf team travels to Nacogdoches this weekend.

The Aggies will compete in the 36-hole Stephen F. Austin Tournament tomorrow and Sunday.

Aggie Coach Bob Ellis has exempted two of his players from qualifying this week. The two are Steve Whiteside and Monte Schauer while the rest of the squad will play 54 holes to qualify for the remaining three positions.

In Austin last weekend, Whiteside, the sophomore from Midland finished third in the individual standings with a 220 for 54 holes, three shots off the pace of Houston's Dan Gillen.

Schauer had a 227, while Clay Dozier finished at 234, Craig Schurbusch 238 and Larry Gorzycki 240.

## Astros vie with Texas in 3 games

HOUSTON (AP)—The Houston Astros and Texas Rangers bring spring training to the Astrodome Friday with the first game of a three-game series for the Texas major league championship.

However, it may be hard to tell which is the home team.

Former Houston schoolboy phenom David Clyde will be on the mound for the Rangers against Astros starter Tom Griffin. Ferguson Jenkins and Jim Bibby will pitch for Texas in games Saturday and Sunday.

Astros Manager Preston Gomez hasn't decided on his starting rotation past Friday night.

The Astros also may play the game without second-year outfielder Greg Gross, who injured his finger sliding into third base in Wednesday's exhibition game in Florida.

Houston, which won the three-game series in the Astrodome last year, has a 12-15 exhibition record compared to Texas' 14-12.

Five world record holders are entered in special invitational events. Dwight Stones, the stellar high jumper, and Dave Roberts, the man who recently set the pole vault mark, are two of the big names. Shot putter Al Feurbach and hurdler Jim Bolding will also display their talents. Women's star, Francie Larrieu, will run the mile.

The Aggies are still hindered with an injury problem. Six of Coach Charles Thomas' thinclads are still questionable. The ailing include Sam Dierschke, Scottie Jones, Robert Harris, Horace Grant, Adolph Tingan and David Peterek. However, Grant, Tingan and Peterek are scheduled to compete.

Hurdler Shifton Baker is leading the Aggie tracksters in point accumulation with 39½ points. Behind him are javelinist Bill Newton (31 points), distance man Bruce Smith (26¼), quarter miler Doug Brodhead (25¼), halfmiler Tingan (17½), dashman Charles Dawson (16¼), pole vaulter Brad Blair (16), weightman Frank West (15), high jumper Lynn Byrd and long jumper Tom Owen with 14 points each.

Baker currently leads the SWC in the 120-yard hurdles with a 13.8 clocking and is third in the quarter hurdles at 52.5. Blair leads the league with his record-setting vault on 16-7 and Newton is on top of the heap with a 228-5 lance toss.

Two other Aggies rank in the top six of the conference pole vault standings, giving A&M three men in the first half dozen cast in the event. Peterek and Pat Ruehle are fifth and sixth respectively.

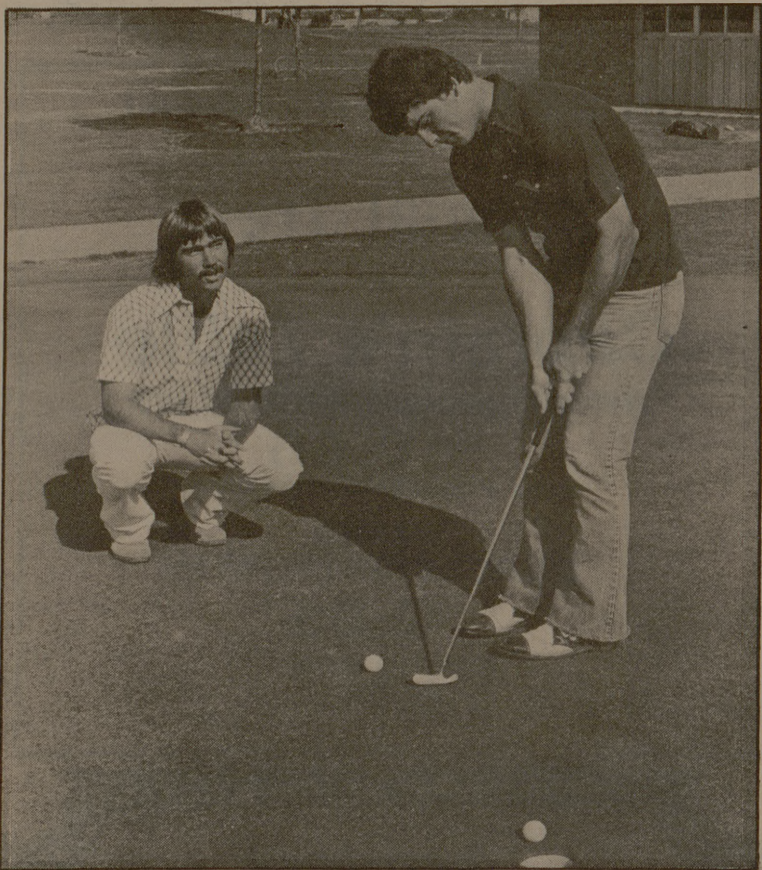
Byrd is third on the high jump list with his 6-10 leap and Owen also rests third with his 23-10½ long jump. Jones is still third in the 120 hurdles although he has not competed since February. Brodhead and Tingan are also third in their events with a 47.6 quarter for the Aggie captain and a 1.52.4 for the Ghanan halfmiler.

Smith is fifth in the three-mile with a 14.10.0 while the Aggie mile relay quartet (Chuck Butler, Brodhead, Baker and Tingan) is second in the league at 3.12.2.

The Relays will provide a premature glance on how the Aggies stand as compared to other SWC teams. Since all conference teams will be present, it will be a sneak preview of the upcoming conference meet held May 23 in Lubbock.

A&M will take a week off with an open date before traveling to Waco for a dual meet with the Baylor Bears May 18.

Preliminaries for the field events started at 9:30 a.m. today and the running events began at 9:10 a.m. and continue through



Top golfers Monte Schauer (left) and Steve Whiteside (right) take practice putts. (Photo by Kevin Fotorny)

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