

Rice hosts A&M for 3-game series

By STEVE MARTAINDALE

Still riding high from a 4-3 upset of previously undefeated Texas, the Rice Owls will be at home this weekend to host Texas A&M in Southwest Conference baseball action.

The Aggies, currently tied with Texas for the lead, will take a 29-10 season and 12-3 conference record into the series. Rice is 5-7 in SWC play.

Rice, behind the pitching of Allan Ramirez, broke the Longhorn's 34-game winning streak last Sunday, a collegiate record. The scheduled seven inning game went 14 innings with Ramirez pitching 13 of them, striking out 12 batters. He set the conference record for strikeouts in a season last spring with 86.

Ramirez is expected to meet the Aggies in the Saturday opener at 1 p.m. The series starts on Friday with a single game at 3 p.m.

The Aggies took two of three

games from Baylor in College Station earlier in the week. The Bears handed A&M their worst defeat of the season when they shut out the Ags in the series final game, 8-0.

Two Aggie records will be on the line this weekend.

Catcher Buster Turner will carry a 16-game hitting streak into Houston, attempting to catch the record set by Robert Bonner last year (19).

Turner, in the opening game with Baylor, hit the team's 37th home run, tying a record set in 1961. The next Aggie homer will break that record.

Turner and centerfielder Mike Hurdle lead the team in home runs with seven each. Hurdle has the best batting average with a .357, followed closely by Turner's .355.

Mark Thurmond will enter the Aggies' sixth SWC series as the team's leading pitcher. Taking a 9-8 nine inning win over Baylor in the first game, Thurmond raised his season record to 8-0.

A&M track squad travels to Austin meet

Olympic stars highlight relays

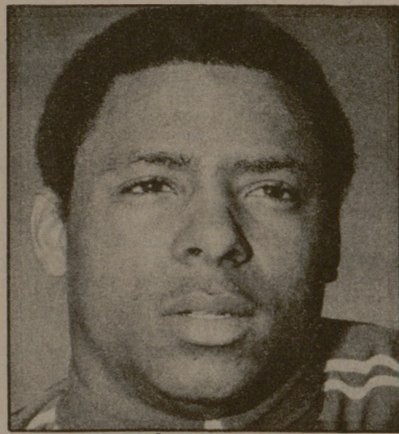
By PAUL McGRATH
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The 50th running of the Texas Relays may well resemble a small-scale Olympics.

More than 10 Olympians will spice the field as the Relays celebrates its golden anniversary. As if the competition wasn't tough enough, also present will be 12 National Collegiate Athletic Association indoor champions.

Texas' Johnny Jones and Canadian Paul Craig both of whom competed at Montreal, will be among the favorites in the sprints and distance races respectively. Jones owns the nation's fastest time in the 100-yard dash this year with a 9.21. He also has run a 20.6 in the 220-yard dash.

Jones will be challenged by Arizona's Dwayne Evans, a bronze medal winner in the 200-meter dash at Montreal. Arizona State's Herman Frazier brought back some gold from Montreal as one member of the United States mile relay team and will probably anchor the Sun Devil quartet at the Relays.



Johnny Jones

The distance races include several former Olympians. In addition to Craig, Arkansas' Irish Leprechaun, Niall O'Shaughnessey and Kenyan Wilson Waigwa of the University of Texas-El Paso, two of the world's fastest milers, will duel head to head. Brigham Young's Henry Marsh, who competed in the steeplechase at the Olympics, will compete in that event at the Relays.

Olympians also add sparkle to the field events with Canadian Olympian Jim MacAndrew competing in the long jump. Frenchman Patrick Abada, now at UTEP and a fourth place finisher at Montreal, will compete in the pole vault and Canadian teammate Greg Joy may compete in the high jump depending on the condition of his neck injury.

The Texas Relays, perennially held in Austin's Memorial Stadium,

will host over 200 teams in the six divisions: university, collegiate, junior college, high school, collegiate women and high school women. More than 70 teams are entered in the university division.

Each of the nine Southwest Conference schools, along with track powers UTEP, Arizona, Arizona State, Kansas, Kansas State, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Arkansas State, Wisconsin and Minnesota will be represented.

The Texas A&M track squad, coached by Charles Thomas, will not take a full team of 28 athletes to Austin, allowing several to rest their injuries.

Shifton Baker will compete in the high and intermediate hurdles, facing his toughest challenge of the year in the quarter-mile race. Baker thus far is undefeated in the intermediates this season with a best time of 51.56 and a career best of 50.6.

Baker will be A&M's only competitor in the individual running events. Lynn Byrd will compete in the high jump; Reggie Jamerson in the long jump; Frank West in the shot put. Brad Blair and Jerry

Strong are slated for the pole vault and Steve Stewart and Tim Scott will compete in the discus.

The Aggies will enter five of the seven relays. In the sprint medley, Philip Steen and Sam Dierschke will run the 220-yard legs with Ron McGonigle and Karl Figgs handling the 440 and 880-yard legs.

Chuck Butler, Jamerson, Steen, and Dierschke will run in the 880-yard relay. The Aggies' top 220 man, Ray Brooks, has a leg injury

and will miss this week's action.

Jim Brannen, Tom Glas Vogt and Tony Wheeler will compete in the two-mile relay. Wheeler in the 880, Butler 440, Lane Mitchell in the 110, Vogt on the mile leg.

Some of the finals events run tonight at 7:30 p.m. Remaining finals will start at 8:00 p.m. Saturday. All of the races will be in meters except the mile relay.

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Rutherford, Johncock duel again in tomorrow's Texas Grand Prix

By BO GRIFFIN

Saturday, April 2, in College Station is the date for the Southwest's fastest race, the Texas Grand Prix.

The Texas Grand Prix is a 200 mile United States Auto Club National Championship Race for Indy cars.

It is one of only 13 such races held, two of which are held at the Texas World Speedway, for the Citicorp Cup and approximately 3 million dollars in prize money.

The Texas Grand Prix is a preliminary for the world famous Indianapolis 500 and is the fastest such preliminary with speeds of up to 210 miles per hour.

There are only eight speedways in the United States holding such events and the Texas World Speedway is the only such speedway in the greater Southwest.

Some of the top-notch USAC drivers vying for the win on Texas ground are Houston's A. J. Foyt, a three-time Indy 500 winner and six-time National Champion; Ft. Worth's Johnny Rutherford, the 1974 winner of the Indy 500; Bobby Unser, twice an Indy 500 winner and twice National Champion; Roger McCluskey, the 1973 National Champion; Al Unser, twice an Indy 500 winner and 1970 National Champion; Gordon Johncock, the 1973 winner of the Indy 500.

Qualifying runs for the pole position in the Texas Grand Prix will start at 12:30 p.m. Saturday and end at 2:30 p.m. The Grand Prix itself will start one hour later.

The track will be hot, and tem-

peratures may flare as they did between Rutherford and Johncock in last Sunday's Phoenix 150 which ended in a fist fight.

People spending Saturday night in the speedway infield will be entertained by a live on-stage performance by Augie Meyers and the Western Head Band beginning 7:30 Saturday night.

Texas World Speedway is located seven miles south of the College Station City limits on Highway 6.

General Admission tickets sell for \$10 and are sold on a first-come-first-serve basis. Reserve tickets cost \$15, \$20 and \$25. Tickets to the Texas Grand Prix are good for admission for all events.

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