

Dave Ogrin

Golf recruit places fifth in national tournament

Texas A&M's golf future took on a brighter hue this week as one of its top recruits — Mark Taylor of Rockford, Ill. — finished fifth in the 52-player field of the High School Athletic Coaches' Association all-America tournament at Williamsburg, Va.

Taylor, whose high school dropped the sport of golf his senior year, was picked as the state representative by Illinois

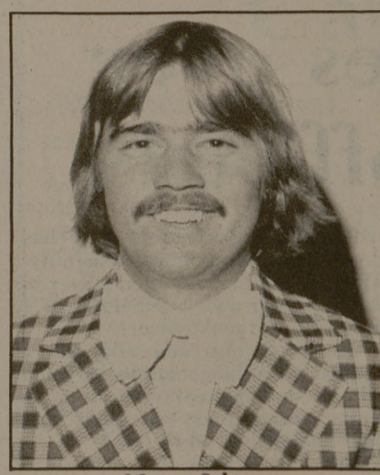
coaches. He had rounds of 71-72-78 to finish six strokes off the winning score at the Kingmill Golf Club course.

The field consisted of one player from each of the 50 states and one from Washington D.C. and Puerto Rico.

Texas A&M golf coach Bob Ellis said that Dave Ogrin, a sophomore-to-be, has been invited to play in the Sun Bowl All-Star Tournament next De-

cember. Ogrin and senior Monte Schauer were honorable mention all-Americans for the Aggies this past season. Texas A&M was runner-up to eventual national champion Houston in the Southwest Conference race.

The Cougars had Ed Fiori make the first-team all-America squad while John Stark and David Ishii were named to the second-team. Mike Booker and Ron Kilby were honorable mention for Houston.



Monte Schauer

Marathon swimmer concludes journey

United Press International
NEW ORLEANS — His eyebrows bleached blond from the sun and his nose peeling, Wayne Thompson hauled himself from the Mississippi River Tuesday in the heart of the French Quarter at the end of a long journey.
"What'd you do?" shouted a little boy, seeing television crews, photographers and reporters.
"I wish I knew," he smiled.
Thompson, an insurance salesman from Portland, Ore. and a physical fitness buff, finished a 1,684-mile jaunt down the Missouri and Mississippi rivers he started on May 5 at Yankton, S.D.

He was escorted by a Harbor Police launch for the last leg and greeted by about 200 persons at the Moon Walk across from Jackson Square.

"I'm just tingling all over, I'm so darned exhausted," Thompson said as he teetered on rocks at the edge of the water.
"I don't like to fight it. The Baton Rouge-New Orleans route just takes everything out of you mentally. I'm just totally sapped right now."

Thompson swam 1,776 miles down the Mississippi last year in a Bicentennial swim. He used a different route this year to eclipse a record set in 1930 by Fred P. Newton of Gainesville, Tex., who swam 1,826 miles down the Mississippi in

176 days. Thompson's trip took 60 days.

For the last few hundred with shoreline spectators and quietly, Thompson was cheered by passengers on the excursion S. S. President, which pulled up front of him, and the steamship Natchez.

After he climbed out of the water and kissed a friend, Lee D. Metairie, La., Thompson bled out at his feet. He said he was plagued by a low river which made swimming much tougher than last year.

"I couldn't have picked a year in the last 40 years to do this," he said. "A couple of years ago I wanted to kick it and say 'next year,' but this is one of those things if you wait for another year you're going to be waiting the rest of your life."

Thompson said he was particularly with marathon swimmers, but next year to paddle the Mississippi in a canoe or take a 5,000-mile bicycle ride.

The town where he Monday night, La Place, La. invited him to visit next year, Mardi Gras.

"We'll just drive or fly for that," he said. "Not in 1978 you're not going to see me on a river — unless I ice skate."

Barney and Lloyd pull upset . . .

United Press International
HANNIBAL, Mo. — Barney and Lloyd, two frogs from the nearby Mississippi River, have foiled California-bred Buffalo Bob's bid for the Triple Crown of frog jumping.

Buffalo Bob, owned and trained by William Steed of Sacramento, jumped 13 feet 1 inch to finish a dismal third at the holiday weekend frog meet.

Barney, owned by Jody Wilson of Hannibal, took first prize with a jump of 16 feet 4 inches and Lloyd, owned by Seth Arnold of Hannibal, was second with a leap of 13 feet 10 inches.

None of the 125 entrants approached the record of 20 feet 2 inches.
Buffalo Bob won the 21st annual Mark Twain Memorial Jump in Hartford, Conn., in June after capturing the Calaveras County Calif. contest in May.

The first jump is known as the Kentucky Derby of frog-leaping and the Hartford contest is considered the Preakness because it is held on

the same day as the horse race of that name.

Thus, Buffalo Bob was able to win the Triple Crown with tory at Hannibal, where the most Stakes' of frog jumping is held.

The three contests are in honor of Twain, who grew up in Mississippi in Hannibal, where a reporter in California and author in Connecticut.

Buffalo Bob just didn't respect the special prodding from the er. Steed, who calls himself dean of Croaker College, is goading his charge to greater heights by stroking Buffalo Bob with peacock feather prior to a jump.

Steed says that's designed him thinking about girl frogs.

Although Steed's main effort was unsuccessful, his Austin frog, Boulder, put on a display of strength.

While on his back, Boulder a miniature barrel weighing and one-half pounds with bed feet.

Two men split stone skipping title . . .

United Press International
MACKINAC ISLAND, Mich. — Two young men shared the title in the Mackinac Island Stone Skipping Tournament Monday, but sharing the trophy was a bit difficult.

Jim Kolar Jr., 19, of Birmingham, Mich., and Glenn Loy Jr., 22, of Grand Rapids, Mich., both managed to make their stones skip 24 times in the foggy waters of Lake Huron, tying the world record set in 1975 by Warren Klope of Troy, Mich.

First prize in the annual stone skipping event on this tourist island was a year's supply of famed Mackinac Island fudge and a trophy fashioned from a 75-pound rock.

Tournament officials offered pair a hammer and a chainsaw to split the rock in half, but the winner's arrived at a more diplomatic solution. Loy took the rock and Kolar took the wooden stone plaque attached to it.

Sport Shorts

ing opportunities outside the university that I should explore."

The Texas A&M Canoe Club came away with a pair of victories at Kerrville recently.

Mike Schively and Trevi Holt took first in the mixed aluminum category while teammates John Bugge and Kay Edwards captured the mixed fiberglass event.

The race covered nearly 18 miles, extending from Hunt to Kerrville. All races were timed, with the competitors leaving the starting line at two-minute intervals.

The Aggies won \$160 for their efforts, but as they are amateurs, they donated the money to the Texas Canoe Racing Association to be used to help finance the state's representative to the national meet. The Texas A&M club currently is the top contender for the rights to go to the national meet in New York.

The Aggies almost had first in the men's aluminum with Robin Harris and Terry Stanford. The two were leading their race when disaster struck at one of the seven portage points. Stanford had a stick puncture his foot while carrying the canoe cross-country. Although they continued the race, they were unable to maintain their lead.

The next race for the A&M club will be the Southwest Regionals on July 16-18 in Neber Springs, Ark.

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