

Aggies win minus Mosley and Dickey

By SEAN PETTY
The Texas A&M men's track team had a point to make Saturday and made it beyond the shadow of a doubt.
The Aggies wanted to prove they could win a track meet without the services of Mike Mosley and Curtis Dickey, two of the team's top point getters. Mosley and Dickey are involved in spring training with the Texas A&M football team.
Well, the Ags did win the Dallas Invitational Track meet, beating two powerful teams, University of Houston and Oklahoma University.
The first event in the running finals was a setback to the Ags when Phillip Steen pulled up because of a cramp. Steen was running the final leg of the 400-meter relay with the Aggies in second place when he had to stop running. Oklahoma won that

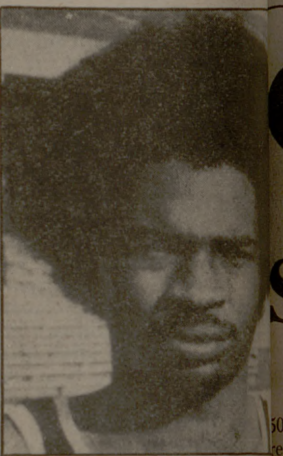
event and assumed the lead with Houston a close second and A&M third.
From then on everything started to go well for Aggie thinclads.
The Ags started by placing three in the top six of the discus. Steve Stewart had the best effort placing second with a toss of 180 feet 2 inches. Tim Scott took third with a 177-foot-4-inch throw. Randy Scott placed sixth with a throw of 160 feet 5 inches.
The Aggies kept cutting away at the leaders by scoring in more of the field events. Ron Keys placed fifth in the high jump with a 6-foot-7-inch leap. Pat Ruehle managed to overcome the 20 mph wind and finish third in the pole vault with a vault of 16 feet 7 inches. Mike Newsom threw the javelin 204 feet 6 inches to take third in that event.

David Roger placed fifth in the triple jump with a jump of 46 feet 2 inches. Finally, Randy Scott placed third in the shot put with a 54-foot-3-inch toss and Tim Scott placed fourth with a toss of 53 feet 5 inches.
Then came the running events where the Aggies had only one first place, but had enough depth to overcome Oklahoma by the end of the meet.
In the 110-meter hurdles Billy Busch ran a 13.89 to place third and qualify for the national meet. Kent Figgs placed fourth in that event with a time of 14.02.
Ray Books placed third in the 100-meter dash with a time of 10.04.
Then came the 400-meter dash where the Ags made their move. Before the race A&M was one point behind Oklahoma, 75-76. The Ags

had four men make it to the finals. Arthur Williams won the event with a 47.09 clocking, running the final 100 meters into a 25 mph wind. Leslie Kerr placed third with a time of 48.21 and Vernon Pittman placed sixth with a time of 49.21.
The Aggies increased their lead with Billy Busch and Kent Figgs scoring in the 400-meter hurdles. Busch took second with a time of 53.27 and Figgs placed fifth in a time of 53.99.
Senior captain Manfred Kohrs captured two seconds to help the Aggies. Kohrs finished a step behind Oklahoma's Randy Wilson in the 1,500-meter run in a time of 3:54.95. Hen then placed second in the 5,000-meter run in a time of

15:18.57. Lane Mitchell took sixth in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 3:58.26.
Tony Wheeler and Tom Glass finished third and fourth, respectively, in the 800-meter run. Wheeler ran a 1:52.19 and Glass ran a 1:52.92.
Although the Aggies had scored points throughout, Oklahoma was still in striking range and after the 200-meter dash where the Sooners placed third and fourth to A&M's second, the team championship came down to the 1,600-meter relay. Ray Brooks, who had the best day for the Aggies had a 21.13 in the 200-meter dash, ran the first leg of the 1,600-meter relay team and placed third in the 100-meter dash.

Brooks gave the Aggies a slight lead after his leg, handing off to Vernon Pittman who was almost knocked down by the man from Oklahoma. Pittman gave the baton to Arthur Williams who opened up the Aggies lead going into the final handoff. Williams gave the baton to Leslie Kerr who ran an excellent leg fighting off Oklahoma's Randy Wilson down the final stretch into the wind. The Aggies finished with a time of 3:12.90. The Aggies also have one of the top 1,600-meter relay times in the nation.
The Aggies wound up with 129 points to Oklahoma's 124 while Houston had 108. SMU had 85, Oklahoma State 46, East Texas State 25, North Texas State 9.



Pro baseball — at Texas A&M

By DAVID BOGGAN
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Local fans of Texas baseball are in for a treat tomorrow when one of the state's leading university teams squares off with one of Texas' professional clubs.
The Aggies of Texas A&M, ranked eighth in the nation, will host the Houston Astros as part of the continuing festivities in newly opened Olsen Field.
Does it sound like a mismatch? Well, maybe it is, but the Aggies are eager to play the Astros.
"The team is just thrilled to play on the same field with the Astros," A&M coach Tom Chandler said. "This is a great thing for college baseball. This kind of exhibition game really promotes our program."
The Astros will play the University of Houston tonight. They will spend the afternoon in College Station tomorrow before leaving for Cincinnati to meet the Reds in their season opener.
Chandler took the Aggies to Florida in 1974 to play the Kansas City Royals minor league team, but this will be his first match-up with a major league club.
"I'm really looking forward to it," the Aggie coach said with a grin. "The Astros are a fine ball club with

great speed.
"I think the fans will see a good ball game. Houston will be bringing in their front line players. The fans will get to see great stars like Cesar Cedeno, Roger Metzger, Bob Watson and Jose Cruz, who was the Astros' Most Valuable Player last year.

I believe."
Chandler plans to let his entire pitching staff get a chance to strike out a professional baseball player by rotating his pitchers freely.
"I will start Thurmond," Chandler said. "Then I'll let Pieczynski pitch for two innings. Then I'll play

Ross, McWilliams, Pocke, possibly Swanson and Melton. "I'm looking for the Astros to add. Tickets for the game will be on sale in the Athletic Ticket Office. The game will begin at 1:30 p.m. tomorrow afternoon.

McMath out for season?

By RENE' PEVOTO
Shelton McMath, who has started for the Aggie baseball team in right field the last two years, may be out for the rest of the season. McMath had torn cartilage on the inside of his knee that required surgery. He is expected to be out for six to eight weeks. "If by chance we go to the college world series, I might be ready by then," McMath said.
McMath injured his knee last fall. He reinjured it in the pre-game warm-up of the Rice game.
"I was throwing in from the outfield when I came in to pick up a ground ball and my knee buckled up on me inside," McMath said.
He started all but two games during his sophomore year and he was platooned during his freshman year.

McMath attributes his baseball abilities to the coaching he has received through the years and "growing up playing baseball." He said that he feels that his high school coach, John Crain of Houston Westbury, is one of the main reasons he got a scholarship. "He was a good coach and he sent lots of letters to schools to help me," McMath said. "One coach that helped me get a scholarship here was Tommy Korenek, who is a summer league coach." McMath's abilities are not limited to baseball. He quarterbacked his high school varsity football team his junior and senior years. He was awarded most valuable player in football and baseball as a senior, and all-District in baseball both his junior and senior years. Superstitions are not tra-

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