

Football and track

Mosley has busy spring

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Mike Mosley is the kind of guy who can beat a person in just about anything. Mosley, quarterback for Texas A&M, has a rare ability to excel in almost any sport he chooses. The freshman from Humble has been splitting time between track and football this spring and has done well in both.

Mosley knew that he would not be able to run track full time when he signed with A&M.

"Coach Bellard told me when I signed that I would not be able to run track during spring training my freshman year," the sophomore-to-be said. "He wanted me to dedicate all my time to learning the offense properly without worrying about track."

Head football coach Emory Bellard has allowed Mosley to run in two meets since spring training started. Mosley ran in the triangular meet last week at Kyle Field, but he did not compete in the Texas Relays two weeks ago because he was too sore from football practice.

"I'm too little to go out there and run on Saturday after getting thrown around all week at football practice," Mosley said. "I don't have the strength to run like Curtis (Dickey) has."

Dickey is also running track and playing football, and at 205 pounds he is better equipped to handle the weekly beating he receives during spring training.

Mosley presently weighs 173 pounds. He has lost ten pounds since spring training started. Mosley said the coaches would like him to pick up those ten pounds and weigh about 185 so he can "survive" next football season.

There's a lot of difference in working out for football and getting in shape for track," Mosley said. "In football you only run 40-yard sprints but in track you just run your tail off."

Just about died after running that sprint relay Saturday." Mosley ran a total of 100 meters in the Aggies' 400-meter relay team against LSU and Baylor.

Mosley who will be leading the White team Saturday in the annual Maroon and White game, has some thoughts about next year and the upcoming football season.

"I just hope I can stay healthy through next football season," he said. "We're going to play a lot of tough teams that can hit and I'm going to need to be in shape to get away from those huge tackles trying to kill me." Mosley sees one difference between himself and last year's Aggie quarterback, David Walker.

"David got hurt because when he got hit he took the whole shot straight on; whereas I think I'm a

little quicker and I'm able to dodge those hard shots. I think the only way I'll get hurt is if I get blindsided."

Mosley is looking forward to finishing up football for the spring and getting back into track. He will run with the team April 29 at the Drake Relays.

Mosley is glad he was able to run track this year because he says it helps him play football.

"Running the hurdles really improves my agility and spring in my legs," he said. He also said that football has helped him in track. "Lifting weights for football has helped my overall strength and I feel much stronger going over the hurdles."

Mosley has been a welcome addition to both the football and track programs this year. In track, he qualified for the national meet the first time he ever ran the 110-meter hurdles. Mosley had worked out only three days before running a 13.7 to win the event that day and qualify for the NCAA meet. He has the best time in the Southwest Conference in the 100-meter hurdles (13.52). Mosley will also be running the first leg



MIKE MOSLEY

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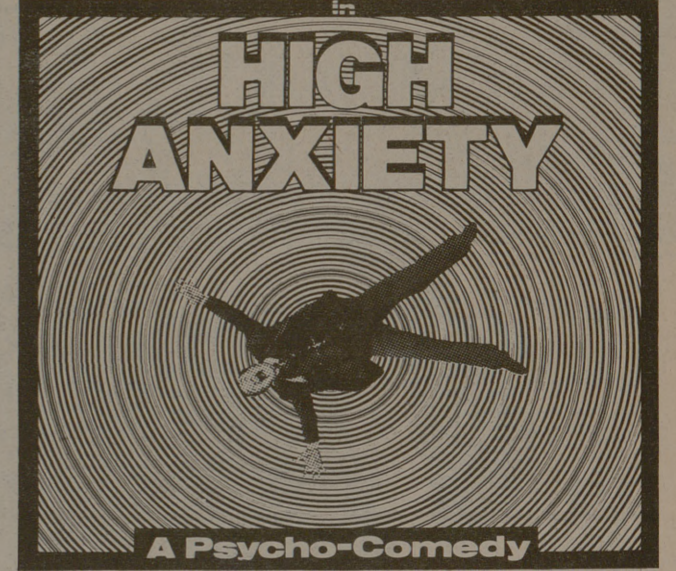
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