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Track teams compete at Drake, Kyle

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The Texas A&M men's and women's track teams will be competing in two important meets this weekend.

A&M's Olympic hopeful, Curtis Dickey, will be running against an impressive field of sprinters in the 100-meter dash. The field will include Auburn's Harver Glance.

top five if they continue to compete as they have in the past meets. The Texas A&M women's track team will be hosting the TIAAW State Track and Field Meet Friday and Saturday at Kyle Field.

are so well rounded that no team in the state can stay with them." Williams said the Aggies and the University of Texas should be battling for second place.

The 5,000-meter run and should qualify in the 3,000 this week after missing the qualifying time by three seconds last week at Baylor.

pentathlon. Sande Lambert has also qualified in that event but is not sure if she will compete in the long jump or the pentathlon.

have to run in the meet in order to advance to the national meet. The preliminaries will begin Friday at 10:30 a.m. and finals in several events will be run starting at 4:00 p.m.

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71 others were to tee off in the afternoon. Hayes, a five-year veteran who has been struggling this year, used his sand wedge to chip in two shots and put two others within one foot of the pin for his seven birdies.

winds less than five mph made the 7,000-yard, par-72 Lakewood Country Club play unusually short. "With no winds or very little winds, I expect the scores to be low," said Hayes, whose best finish this year was a tie for ninth in Hawaii.

seven under. It's disappointing when you lose a stroke coming in. Veteran Homero Blancas lost two strokes on a pair of bogeys coming in, but still managed to finish five-under par 67.

Player tries for fourth

United Press International
NEW ORLEANS — Gary Player answered the question even before it was asked. "I know you all want to know about four in a row," Player said as soon as he walked into the New Orleans Open media tent.

Byron Nelson won a record 11 straight in 1942 and 29-year-old Jackie Burke ended his string at four wins in 1952. "I'm going in with confidence, but with a realistic outlook," Player said before playing in Thursday's opening round.

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A&M's Cromwell tied for lead in Georgia after opening round

United Press International
ATHENS, Ga. — All-American Chip Beck of the University of Georgia and Richard Cromwell of Texas A&M shot first round 69s Thursday to tie for the lead in the Southern Intercollegiate Golf Tournament at Athens Country Club.

Rinker and Terry Anton and John Jones of Oklahoma State and John Stark of Houston. Following Oklahoma State and Georgia in the team standings are Florida, 293; South Carolina, 294; Texas A&M, 295; Georgia Southern, 300; North Texas State, 302; North Carolina, 302; Houston, 302; East Tennessee State, 303; Oral Roberts University, 304; Kentucky, 305; Florida State, 307; Tennessee, 308; Clemson, 309; and Marshall, 310.

But the pressure is getting greater for Player anyway. He come-from-behind wins in the Masters, the Tournament of Champions and the Houston Open the last three weeks make the New Orleans Open even tougher.

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