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Texas Relays

Dickey and Hall bring home gold

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While the University of Texas at El Paso track team spent most of its time winning and running back and forth to the awards stand, the Texas Aggies were busy improving their times and distances at the 52nd Texas Relays.

And although the Miners took home most of the watches and relay trophies, Curtis Dickey and Randy Hall managed to bring home some gold of their own.

Dickey won the Invitational 100-meter dash on Friday night in a time of 10.42 but ran into some stiffer competition on Saturday afternoon in the collegiate 100 meters

and his time of 10.46 got him a third place as UTEP's Jerome Deal won with a time of 10.25. Dickey's third place finish was due in part to his poor start.

"I just didn't get out," Dickey said. "I was so far back I couldn't tell where I was or where Deal was."

"I'll get my starts down by the conference meet. Heck, I haven't practiced on my starts in a month. I'll be all right as soon as I get out of football and just run track."

"I think someone jumped the gun (in the collegiate 100 meters) and Curtis just hesitated and everyone else left," said Aggie head coach Charles Thomas.

Hall's feat in the pole vault was

almost unbelievable. While his winning height of 16-feet-5-inches wasn't a record, it was unbelievable due to the fact that it drizzled all day making the runway and pole slick.

Hall's performance was just an example of what the Texas Relays does to some teams and athletes. A meet with over 2,000 athletes tends to bring out the best performances in all athletes. And the Aggies made a giant step in their drive to win their second conference title in a row.

Both the Aggie relay teams improved their times in Austin. The 400-meter relay team of freshman Steve Willis, Leslie Kerr, Vernon Pittman and Dickey ran a season best of 39.81 to finish second to the University of Houston. The 1,600-meter relay team of Willis, Pittman, Kerr and Ron Wilson ran a 3:08.49 and finished fourth. Kerr ran a 45.6 anchor leg for the Aggies.

"In all, I thought we did pretty well," said Thomas. "Our sprint relay just did a super job."

"The 1,600-meter relay team is coming around. We've got two strong legs, one pretty strong leg and one not as strong as he should be leg. I think Pittman can come down a second and run 46 and Wilson can run a 47 so we're going to be OK. Snook (Kerr) is getting in top form again and Steve Willis can run just about whatever he puts his mind too."

Tim Scott, who threw the discus and shot put with a sprained ankle and a pulled muscle in his throwing arm, placed third in the discus with a toss of 192 feet.

"Tim had a great throw," Thomas said. "He was kinda hurting but went out and winged it."

"Everyone is really coming around. Our half-milers are getting their times down and everyone is

going to be ready for the conference meet. That conference meet is going to be one great meet because almost every school in conference is strong in one event or another. No one is going to get blown out."

It was the Aggies who blew everyone out last year at the SWC meet but it's going to take more than they have done so far this year to claim the title for the second year in a row.

Netters lose

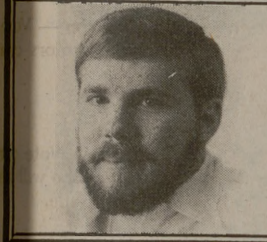
The Texas A&M men's tennis team lost a conference match to TCU Saturday in Fort Worth. The Horned Frogs defeated the Aggies 6-3.

For the Aggies, Mike Moss defeated Chris Doan 5-7, 6-3, 6-3 and Hendrick Roller defeated Chris Staples 6-3, 7-5. The Aggies' only victory in doubles came when Moss and Trey Schutz beat Tut Buntzen and David Bilstrom 6-3, 6-7, 6-4.

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viewpoint
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Curtis and A.J. sure are quick

It's difficult for me to comprehend the speeds that I witnessed this weekend. Friday night I was in Austin to see Curtis Dickey run against some of the top sprinters in the country in an invitational 100-meter dash at the Texas Relays. Dickey defeated the field, winning the event by .05 of a second over Bill Collins.

Yesterday I was at Texas World Speedway to watch A.J. Foyt drive his Indy-type Gilmore Racing Coyote to a victory in the Coors 200. Foyt won the race by .03 of a second over Gary Bettenhausen.

Both Curtis and A.J. proved this weekend that they are the best at what they do. Dickey moving his wheels and A.J. behind his.

Trying to put the speeds of the two in perspective, Foyt averaged 129.54 m.p.h. in his victory at TWS, traveling at 190 m.p.h. on the final laps in the race. At that speed, Foyt covers 100 yards every second.

IT TAKES CURTIS a little longer. Dickey runs the 100 in a little over nine seconds. Using the time he won the 100 meters with Friday, 10.42, and converting it into 100-yard dash time, the 205-pound sprinter took 9.37 seconds to run 100 yards, nine times slower than Foyt.

Dickey's competition Friday night included Collins, Clifford Wiley, Ed Preston and Johnny "Lam" Jones. Collins, finishing second, ran a 10.47 100 meters. Wiley and Preston tied for third with a time of 10.51. And Jones, sitting out of The University of Texas this semester, took fifth with a 10.53.

The Dickey-Jones rematch was what the 20,000-plus people in Memorial Stadium came to see Friday night. The last time the two met, in the Southwest Conference championship meet last May, Dickey beat Jones by .04 of a second to win the 100.

"CONSIDERING THAT THERE WERE six or seven other people in the race, I'd say yes," Jones said when asked if he felt his rematch with Dickey was overemphasized. "We don't pay that much attention to the talk."

Dickey said he felt at ease going into this year's rematch against Jones.

"I was relaxed," Dickey said after the win Friday night. "Lam and I are good friends on and off the field. I was kind of worried that everybody would be watching us and somebody else would come up and win it."

"This was the best field I've ever run against. All I had to do was concentrate, really concentrate, if I was going to win. I had to run it all the way, get a good start and I did it."

Dickey beat the pack in the stretch, not out of the blocks. Although he took the lead early in the race, he heard the other runners close behind.

"I COULD SEE PRESTON coming up on the side," Dickey said. "I glanced out of the side of my eye and could see him. Every once in a while I glanced both ways, but everywhere I looked I could see somebody coming."

Jones, the Longhorns' split end during football season, didn't seem too disappointed after losing to Dickey. It was the first competition he's had since dropping out of school.

"I was just happy to finish," Jones said. "I felt OK coming out of the blocks. I guess I just didn't train enough."

"I don't know what my plans are now. I'll just keep training. But I don't have any plans to run."

That is a shame for track fans in the area. It seems that the next time Dickey and Jones will meet will be next Dec. 1 on Kyle Field. And then the two will be wearing cleats, not spikes.

Moore's auto loan may violate rules

A newspaper has reported that a highly recruited California junior college football player who finally signed with Texas A&M is driving a new sports car financed by a bank linked to the Aggies.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram said in a copyrighted story that Mack Moore of San Francisco City College was allowed to purchase the car on special terms arranged between Huffines Chevrolet-Pontiac-Buick in Commerce and the Bank of Dallas.

The chairman of the bank is J.L. Huffines Jr., who also owns the car dealership and is on the board of directors of the Aggie Club — a Texas A&M athletic boosters organization.

The newspaper indicated the car loan, made on terms normally reserved for preferred commercial customers, could be a violation of NCAA recruiting rules.

Neither Moore nor Huffines could be located for comment on the allegation.

The newspaper said Moore, a 6-4, 250-pound defensive player, was recruited as one of the best prospects in the nation and had considered transferring to UCLA, Oklahoma

and Michigan before finally signing with Texas A&M.

The Star-Telegram said the automobile was listed for \$7,855 but that Moore was allowed to purchase it with either no down payment or a very small one.

Bank officials quoted by the paper said the loan was arranged after Moore, originally from Ferriday, La., indicated he would pay back the money from wages earned during the summer. The officials conceded, however, that Moore told them he had not yet located a job at College Station for the summer.

The terms of the loan specified that the first payment was due this summer but that the amount of the payment was flexible and could be as low as the interest rate.

NCAA officials contacted by the paper said the governing body of college athletics may look into the allegations. The officials indicated the loan could be a violation of recruiting policies.

Texas A&M coach Tom Wilson told the newspaper he was not aware of any problem in how Moore secured the car but said he was not familiar with the financing arrangements.

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