

Ags steal weekend sportlight

Record set in relay; Dickey wins

Curtis Dickey blazed a trail as bright as the Austin sun Saturday in helping the Aggie track team capture the glamour events of the Texas Relays.

Dickey, who told one reporter he had had a long night Friday, didn't mind that both him and he anchored the 400-meter relay team to a Southwest Conference record-setting victory.

Dickey, Vernon Pittman, Steve Willis and Leslie Kerr turned in a time of 39.21 in the 400-meter relay, easily bettering the previous SWC strength mark of 39.54, set by the Aggies in Memorial Stadium in 1978.

The Open 100-meters, expected to showcase Dickey, did just that, as he blazed to a 10.19 first-place clocking.

It was Kerr, though, who highlighted the Aggies' other relay victory in the 1,600-meter event. Kerr of the Aggies swept the Memorial Stadium track much in the 45.2 seconds, turning back charges from two other athletes, to make it the Aggies first place in the meet. Dickey, Pittman, Willis, Kerr and Washington made up the team.

A brisk win probably kept the Aggies' time down. Their 3:05.54 in the 600-meter time was .2 seconds off their season best, set at Rice earlier in the year.

The field team also captured several places. Tim Scott (63-0/4) finished third in the collegiate shot at Randy Hall (16-7) placed third in the pole vault, and Chuck Perry (4-0) tied for third in the high jump.

Aggie women claimed two places in the women's events. Vicki Lee Coburn placed second in the discus with a throw of 145-3, and Karen Morgan took third in the javelin with 19-9.

The Texas Relays, one of the three largest track meets in the nation, placed emphasis on the individuals involved in competition. An estimated 12,500 people watched this year's meet.



Texas A&M's Bobby Beach (7) is forced out at second base by University of Houston's Mark Alexander (2). The Aggies moved into a first place tie with the University of Texas when they swept a three-game series from the Houston Cougars this weekend.

Photo by Dave Einsel

Aggie wins, Horn loss give A&M tie for first

By MIKE BURRICHTER
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The Texas A&M baseball team moved into a first place tie with the University of Texas when they swept the Houston Cougars, 1-0 and 4-3, at Olsen Field Saturday. The Ags also beat the Cougars on Friday, 4-1.

While the Aggies were sweeping the Cougars, in Austin the Longhorns lost two of three to the Arkansas Razorbacks.

The Aggies, 13-4 in Southwest Conference play, still trail the Horns, 12-3 by percentage points. The Ags take on Miami-Florida this weekend, but resume conference action April 18-20, when they travel to Austin for a three-game series that could determine the conference championship.

Coach Tom Chandler once again went with three freshman pitchers, and once again, each came through.

In the Friday game, David Flores had a six-hitter through eight innings before he was relieved by sophomore Bobby Taylor in the ninth. Rick Luecken tossed a one-hitter in the first game on Saturday, and Robert Slavens scattered ten hits in completing the sweep.

In Friday's game, the Aggies jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first inning when Simon Glenn walked, Mike Hurdle tripled and Harry Francis singled. In the third, Joey Szekely's sacrifice fly scored Francis, who had started off the inning with a single, moved to second on Rodney Hodde's single and advanced to third with another single by Bobby Beach. Mike Hurdle hit into a fielder's choice scoring Simon Glenn in the fourth inning.

Luecken outdueled former high school teammate Rayner Noble in the first game Saturday. Noble, like Luecken, an All-State selection from Spring Woods' class 4-A state quarterfinalist team last year, pitched well, giving up only six Aggie hits.

The Aggies had several opportunities to score, but capitalized only once in the fifth inning, which, as it turned out, was all they needed. When Mike Hurdle lined a single past the shortstop to score Twig Little from third, the Aggies had

their 1-0 lead.

Luecken was never in serious trouble as he recorded his third shut-out and sixth complete game of the season, and upped his record to 7-1.

Slavens picked up his ninth victory without a defeat this season when he beat the Cougars in the night cap.

The Aggies upped their season record to 27-5, while the Cougars, now 4-10-1 in SWC play, dropped their season mark to 14-20-1.

The Aggies' next game will be a 7:30 p.m. Wednesday exhibition in San Antonio against the San Antonio Dodgers, the Los Angeles Dodgers' AA minor league team.

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Texas Relays highlights

Below are some highlights of this weekend's Texas Relays, held at Austin's Memorial Stadium.

(All events university division unless otherwise noted.)

Women's Javelin — 1. Trish Wright, Houston, 142-6; 2. Barbara Bell, Texas Tech, 127-5; 3. Denise Oliver, Texas Track Club, 110-8; 4. Karen Morgan, Texas A&M, 109-9; 5. True Evans, Angelo State, 107-2.

Discus — 1. Oskar Jakobsson, Texas, 197-7; 2. Tim Scott, Texas A&M, 192-5; 3. Scott Lofquist, Arkansas, 178-10; 4. Michael Bando, Northeast Louisiana, 173-3; 5. Scott Harrell, Missouri, 172-10; 6. Ken Justice, Texas-Arlington, 171-4.

Women's Discus — 1. Dana Olson, USC, 157-7; 2. Vicki Lee Coburn, Texas A&M, 145-3; 3. Laurie Burridge, Houston, 144-1; 4. Beryl Bethel, Texas Southern, 142-8; 5. Laura Messner, Texas, 139-6; 6. Heidi Kauti, UCLA, 136-10.

110-Meter Hurdles — 1. Dan Leavitt, Missouri, 13.73; 2. Terron Wright, Memphis State, 13.79; 3. Orlando McDaniel, LSU, 13.94; 4. Mike Glaspie, Texas A&M, 14.05; 5. Victor Hollman, Louisiana Tech, 14.24; 6. Mark Owinoy, West Texas, 14.26.

Open 100 meters — 1. Curtis Dickey, Texas A&M, 10.19; 2. Kevin Nance, Philadelphia Pioneers, 10.27; 3. Cliff Wiley, Houston Athletics Club, 10.40; 4. John Garrison, unattached, 10.42; 5. Dan Stagg, Lamar, 10.46; Fred Acorn, Texas, 10.47.

400-Meter Relay — 1. Texas A&M (Steve Willis, Leslie Kerr, Vernon Pittman, Curtis Dickey), 39.21; 2. Houston, 39.78; 3. LSU, 39.84; 4. Texas, 40.04; 5. Northwestern Louisiana, 40.08; 6. Texas Southern, 40.27.

Ags unimpressive; Wilson still ailing

Assistant coach Jess Stiles conducted the Aggie football scrimmage Saturday for ailing Tom Wilson, who had another kidney stone attack Friday.

Stiles was not impressed with the 90-minute scrimmage, saying, "We're nowhere close to the where we wanted to be at this point."

Stiles said Mike Mosley was one of a few players who performed well. Mosley, a senior quarterback from Tumble, completed eight of nine passes for 119 yards and a touchdown.

"If there was any one consistent player on offense it was Mike," Stiles said.

"But he's had a good spring so I wasn't surprised."

Stiles said the defense is "way ahead of the offense," but went on to say that was to be expected because the defense is much more experienced than the offense.

"We've just been making too many mistakes," Stiles said. "Things like jumping offsides, you just can't be a good football team and make mistakes like that. We have to use the last two weeks of spring to smooth things out."

The Ags conclude spring drills with the Maroon and White game at 2 p.m. April 19th at Kyle Field.

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