Mixing football and track

Richardson finding 'extra edge' provided by two sports



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h rolled Rod Richardson is helped off the track by trainer Sam Bell in a meet last spring after injuring his leg. This spring the Aggie sprinter is sitting out the indoor

season while he nurses an ankle injury. Richardson hurt his ankle during football practice last semester, and he is learning the dangers of mixing football and track

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of Texas A&M — sort of.

new wide receiver, Richardson is Richardson said he had plans to holding on to his track career at return to football eventually.

Texas A&M. "Coach Wilson and I had dis-

yard dash last spring. But long fairly well set that he was going before that accomplishment, he to allow me to come out." had everything planned out nicely. He'd hold out on football until his third year.

Right on schedule, the fleet-footed junior joined the ranks of the Aggie gridders this past fall as a wide receiver and kickoff as far as my opportunity to play, and I was in limbo at that point," return specialist. Now he's in the final stages of nursing an ankle "When he (Sherrill) got here I

spring, but Richardson has no him with the idea.' reservations about his decision.

"I feel like I'm very competilot of that competitive spirit in me — but I don't think it was getting all of it out of me,' Richardson said in an interview

"I think had all things remained normal, football would have provided me with an extra edge as far as competition goes going into the track season.

"Football tends to give an athlete more explosiveness because you have to concentrate on moving fast all the time and not just at the race time."
Former head coach Tom Wil-

son wanted to recruit Richard-Battalion Staff son as a wide receiver out of high Meet the Renaldo Nehemiah school, but the time wasn't right son as a wide receiver out of high for Richardson. Through the His name is Rod Richardson, and like Nehemiah, he holds a coach Charlie Thomas caught record in track. Like Nehemiah, wind of the young speedster's he's decided to try his luck at availability and brought him to football. But unlike the NFL's College Station as a runner. But

Richardson, the 5-10, 170- cussed it (playing) right before pounder from Shreveport, La., set an NCAA record for the 60-son said. "At that time it was

But the picture changed somewhat at the hiring of Head Coach Jackie Sherrill.
"When Coach Sherrill came

injured during the season in football practice.

That injury may cause him to miss the indoor track season this proposed by Bisbanders has been grejected if I approached

And after three years' absence from the gridiron, with his tive, and track was consuming a memory of high school experi-

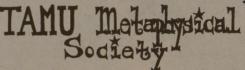
was born again with that first

"I had never performed in front of that many people be-fore, and I guess I felt like any other incoming freshman," he said. "I think that after the first lick you forget about all that. Things that I'd done before started to come back to me."

Now Richardson regrets the injury, one of those bothersome things that can frustrate anybody who relies heavily on how quick his feet move, but he doesn't regret re-experiencing injured, I was about to become a good wide receiver — not great, but good," Richardson said. Conflict between the two

sports? For Richardson, track is tops in spring, football in fall. You get yelled at more in football, he said, but he's adjusted to that, and his mental determination has carried over to football.

As Texas A&M's Nehemiah puts it, track is number one right now, and, if his ankle heals soon, he hopes to be back in competition by the middle of March.



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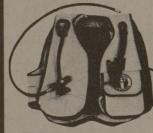
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