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SMU favored to win team trophy at Texas Relays

United Press International
AUSTIN — The SMU Mustangs, who captured the NCAA indoor track and field championship last month in Detroit, will be among the favorites in the chase for the team trophy at the Texas Relays, which opens its two-day run today at Memorial Stadium.

More than 1,650 athletes from 175 universities, junior colleges and high schools will take part in what is regarded as the first major outdoor test for the top competitors in the south-west.

SMU took advantage of its standout crew of eight men to win its first national title at the NCAA indoor meet and the Mustangs will be among those expected to challenge for the outdoor championship when it is conducted in two months in Houston.

The Mustangs made their first outdoor appearance of the season last week in Arizona and coach Ted McLaughlin put a 1,600-meter relay team on the track that ran a 3:03.99 — a surprisingly good time for so early in the year.

The team of Leslie Brooks, Rod Jones, Eric Josjo and Russell Mitchell turned in a clocking that was almost a full second better than any other Southwest Conference team has had this year and which was almost four seconds under the NCAA qualifying standard.

In addition, five-time NCAA shot put champion Michael Carter tossed the shot 68-0 1/4 to establish himself as the favorite this week at the Texas Relays. Carter will be out to avenge an upset loss to Texas' Oskar Jakobsson at this year's Southwest Conference indoor meet. Jakobsson's best outdoors this season has been a 66-1 1/4.

Only eight finals will be held tonight with the highlight expected to come in the 3,200-meter relay. The Arkansas

Razorbacks return two runners — Tom Moloney and Stanley Redwine — who were a part of the team that set the relays record of 7:17.39 in the event last year.

In addition to Carter and its 1,600-meter relay team, SMU standouts include triple jumper Keith Connor and javelin thrower Ronald Bradstock, who should battle Texas' Einar Vilhjalmsjon for the gold medal in that event.

The individual performer which will have the most attention cast upon him, however, is pole vaulter Billy Olson.

Olson heads a strong field in the vault, which will be held on Saturday.

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A&M baseball team may be snowed out

The Texas A&M baseball team is eager to get back on the winning track, but it might have to wait a while before it can try its luck against Texas Tech.

Usually, when a game is cancelled because of bad weather, the culprit is the Aggie baseball team is

gives me a chance to get to know their ability a little better and get to know them personally a little better too," Sherrill says.

Trying to learn: At Arkansas, head football coach Lou

Sherrill said that the extension of Aggie basketball coach Shelby Metcalfe's contract should help Texas A&M in the recruiting war. "It's (recruiting) not over with yet, but I would think it did help him," Sherrill said.

Sherrill is a good person to ask about recruiting. His work-a-holic attitude on the recruiting trail helped him get some of Texas' top football recruits: "I've had four days off since last year, but I'm just trying to get in the position of being successful. I'm very fortunate to have a wife that understands that the time we have together is very limited. She knows that one of these days we'll have more time together."

Holtz said he's still trying to learn about his team. The Razorbacks hold the first of two spring games Saturday at Razorback Stadium. "I really don't have no idea what will happen," he said. Most of our players haven't been on the field in game-type conditions. We're awfully young, but I'm sure it will be a physical game."

Catchy idea: It seems that Sherrill's idea of a spring alumni game is catchy. Ray Alborn, Rice head coach, is gearing up for the Rice alumni game Saturday afternoon at Rice Stadium.

Contract helps: Now that the college basketball season is over, most coaches are turning

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in College Station because inches of snow is on the ground in Lubbock.

The games haven't been officially cancelled yet, but if the weather doesn't clear up in Lubbock by Saturday Texas A&M will stay home for the weekend. The Aggie player who the Red Raiders would be happy not to see is Texas A&M's Bobby Beach. Beach is on a hitting tear in winning .435 with three home runs and 29 RBI's.

The difference: Jackie Sherrill, Texas A&M head coach, said that the big difference between spring training this year and last year is that he's trying to know his players better.

He's spending a lot more time with the players this year. It

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