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Texas A&M forward Jenni Edgar dives head first after the ball dribbled by Arkansas center Amanda Holley. The Aggie

women, 8-6 on the year, play the University of Texas Longhorns on Wednesday 5 p.m. at G. Rollie White.

12th Man to kick off again

By DAVE SCOTT
Sports writer

A general meeting for next season's Twelfth Man Kickoff team will be held Jan. 30 at 5:30 p.m. in the dressing rooms at Kyle Field for all students who are interested in trying out for the squad.

Last season's results were pleasing enough to head coach Jackie Sherrill that he decided to allow the ghost of E. King Gill to

be embodied once again in the form of the kickoff team.

Assistant coach David Beal, who directs the team, said every position on the team is open competition.

"The guys that made it last year will have to go through it all over again," Beal said.

Senior Ike Liles, who made the 16-member squad last season, said he had some worries about trying out again. Liles, an electrical engineering major, said he was a concerned about

the time it took away from his school work.

The Kickoff team put as much time as the rest of the football team, about three hours a day, Liles said. But they did more than just practice kick offs.

Sherrill said each kickoff team member was to pick another position. Then during practice, they would work out with that particular group.

Liles liked that idea. "That way we could better ourselves physically and mental-

ly," he said.

Liles said he had no regrets about the time and the effort he put into the squad. "I'll be able to look back on it and be proud of it," he said. "I had a good time and made some really good friends on the football team."

Although Liles is a senior, he has one more year of playing eligibility left. Liles is going to try out for the team again. Being a part of the Twelfth Man Kickoff squad, he said, really didn't hurt his grades.

Olympic drug ban may expand

United Press International

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Olympic athletes, who already face testing for steroids, caffeine and testosterone, may also be checked for use of growth hormones, an International Olympic Committee medical official said Saturday.

Belgian Prince Alexandre de Merode, chairman of the IOC's Medical Commission, said research is underway in England and France to determine the effect growth hormones can have on health and athletic performance. Currently, growth hormones are not on the Olympic's list of banned substances.

"We must study this question," de Merode told reporters at a briefing arranged by the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee.

"It's too early to tell you it will be done. It's too early to tell you it will not be done. It's a real possibility."

De Merode said the medical commission will discuss growth hormones at the IOC's Executive Committee meeting in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, where the Winter Olympics begin Feb. 7.

He said the top four finishers in all Olympic competitions will be tested for use of anabolic steroids and caffeine. Random checks will also be conducted.

"Everyone must realize they could be tested anywhere," he said.

He said drug testing at the Los Angeles Games will be done with state-of-the-art laboratory equipment to ensure the certainty of result.

The most sweeping action against drug use in international sports occurred last August at

the Pan American Games in Caracas, Venezuela.

Fifteen athletes were cited and 12 American athletes withdrew a day after the first seven drug penalties were levied.

It was widely assumed that most of those athletes feared a drug test would have shown they had been using a banned substance.

De Merode called for "social regulation" to protect athletes from depleting their physical resources by overtraining or competing in too many events.

"Doping is a problem," he said. "But the main problem for athletes is what will happen to their health during their career and after, especially after."

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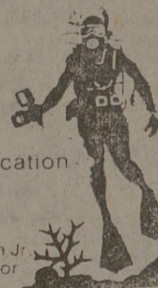
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Aggies qualify in two events for National indoor meet

By BOB CASTER
Sports writer

The Texas A&M men's and women's track teams opened their 1984 indoor track campaign over the weekend in two separate meets that were in two different states. They also met the NCAA national qualifying standards and broke three school records.

Not bad for one weekend. At the Eastman Invitational in Johnson City, Tenn., junior Andrea Cooper qualified for the NCAA national indoor meet in the 440-yd dash, finishing third with a school indoor record time of 55.09. The Aggies' mile relay team of Tony Chappelle, Chappelle Henderson, and Tony Tolson also qualified for nationals, finishing second with a school indoor record time of 3:10.23, just seconds behind Texas-El Paso.

Meanwhile, at the Sooner Relays in Oklahoma City, junior

Arturo Barrios set another Texas A&M indoor record in the two-mile run with a first-place time of 8:55.41.

Other Aggies who placed in the Sooner Relays were: Andy Elliot, second, mile run, 4:13.35; Craig Moody, third, 60-yd high hurdles, 7.59; Larry Kerr, sixth, 300-yd dash, 32.70; Kurt Thome, sixth, long jump, 22-10 1/4; Mark Bruce, pole vault, sixth, 16-2; Ethan Glass, high jump, 7-1 and Chuck Perry, high jump, 7-1. Also the mile relay team of Larry Kerr, Bill Shelton, Tommy Alsbrooks and Craig Moody placed fourth with a time of 3:22.44.

Former Texas A&M high-jumper Jimmy Howard, who won the Southwest Conference high jump four years in a row, also competed in Oklahoma City. Howard had the highest jump of the meet at 7-5 1/4 but competed in an unattached division instead of the university closed division. Howard is currently training for the 1984

Summer Olympics and is being sponsored by the Pacific Coast Athletic Club.

Head track coach Charlie Thomas said Howard, who is still in school at A&M, travels to all of the meets with the track team.

Overall, Thomas said he was pleased with his team's initial outing.

"It was a good first meet for us," he said. "We had 15 new people there who hadn't competed before."

But Thomas has to be the most pleased with the efforts of his top mile relay team.

"I feel like they're running real well," he said. "They'll run against four or five of the best teams in the country at the LSU Invitational."

And the LSU Invitational in Baton Rouge is the men's next indoor meet on Feb. 16. The women will be at the LSU Relays on Jan. 27-28.

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