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Aggies race to LSU meet

By BOB CASTER Senior sports writer

The Texas A&M men's track team is on the road again after 12 days of rest, relaxation and practice — not necessarily in that order. The Aggies leave for Baton Rouge today to compete in the LSU Invitational indoor track meet.

And the competition will be stiff. Asidè from Southwest Conference rival Baylor, the Aggies will also be running against Florida, Florida State, Auburn and Louisiana State, all strong Southeastern Conference teams.

But one person who won't be in Baton Rouge this weekend is Aggie speedster Rod Richard-son who will be running the 60yard dash in Dallas at the Times Herald Invitational.

Howard. Henderson, who was on the mile relay team that qualthis year. Moody placed third in NCAA qualifying tin that event at the Sooner Relays 3:10.23 in the mile relay. in Oklahoma City.

Vernon Robetson and Tommy Alsbrook will be entered in the 300-yard dash and Tony Grier, Bill Shelton and Clif Chatham will be running in the 400-yard dash.

"Tony (Grier) is running real well right now," Nelson said. "He ran a 46-flat leading off our mile relay team in Tennessee."

In the intermediate distances, lays

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Running in the 60-yard high hurdles will be Chappelle Hen-derson, Craig Moody and Todd ley, another member of the mile weekend," Nelson said. "With relay team, will be competing in some competition, he can get his first 800-yard race of the there." season.

Running distance for the close to meeting the 7'3" NCAA Aggies will be Andy Elliot in the mile run and Arturo Barrios in Chuck Perry, who qualified the two-mile run. Barrios, who outdoors last year, is just two indoor record in the two-mile run

But in the field events, the In addition to Wesley and Aggies may have a little harder at the Eastman Invitational in Tennessee, will be entered in the high hurdles for the first time NCAA qualifying time of high-jumpers that are in working condition right now may be

> Junior College, won the 5000-ifying standard, having jumped meters and the steeplechase last 71" at the Sooner Relays. Ethan year in the National Junior Col-lege Meet and set an A&M in-has also jumped 71" this year. In the other field events,

two weeks ago at the Sooner Re- Kurt Thome and Robetson will be competing in the long jump

Craig Calk will be running in the 600 and freshman Kendric Wes-the qualifying standard this well. The Aggies will have fresh-man Todd Howard in the shot put and Mark Bruce, Mark Rutledge and Desmond Kidd in the pole vault. Kidd placed sixth in the pole vault last year at the SWC meet.

> The Aggies may pose a threat to some teams but Ted Nelson feels that it's still too early in the season to reserve any judgement.

"It's hard to tell at this early date where we stand," he said. "I guess we'd probably be in the middle of the pack."

Nelson said the Aggies are probably as good indoors as out-doors and added that the strong teams in the middle distance races tend to do better indoors.

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Mazur makes pitch at baseball team

By BOB CASTER and RANDY LEMMON Sports writers

Remember Wayne Jackson? He's a former Texas A&M left-handed pitcher. No, he didn't graduate or get drafted, he quit — without ever facing an opposing batter. In fact, he never even faced an opposing team. That leaves head coach Tom Chandler in a bit of a pinch; he's down to only one left-hander, Sherman Corbitt. And Chandler is of firm helief that every ballchih in America paged

firm belief that every ballclub in America needs a left-handed pitcher, and two are better than

Exit Wayne Jackson, enter John Mazur. That's right, straight from the sideline to the bullpen. Not only can the guy throw a football, Chandler believes he may be able to throw a pretty decent curve ball as well.

"He's an athlete that is real competitive and the same thing goes right over into baseball," Chandler said. "He has a pretty good arm and he pitched in high school. We're giving him a shot, I'll say that'

It was a little under two years ago that head football coach Jackie Sherrill gave him the sort

of shot. Mazur, a seven-game starter age terback for USC two years ago, was replaced a freshman sensation and Mazur pade bags and headed for Aggieland. After sam four games at quarterback for the Agg lightning struck twice. He was replaced again by a freshman sensation — this two was Kevin Murray. John Mazur paded bags but this time only headed across theta collean Field A surfare further with the sense. to Olsen Field. Any freshmen pitcherso baseball team?

But it may actually be the break Mar needs, kind of a way to take his mindoff frustrating football season. "Well it's just something that I've as wanted to do sinve I've been in college." Mar

said. "I've just never had the opportun cause of spring football practice." And what about his once-promising for

"I still have another year of eligibility Mazur said. "I'm on a football scholorship I made a committment when I came out no matter how it went.

(Randy Lemmon is a KAMU-TV sports) porter)

Tennis team faces test

By BILL ROBINSON

They say experience is the best teacher. If that is true, Texas A&M's young women's tennis team should walk away from its dual match with Trinity University with an education.

And while the educating might not be easy, Coach Jan Cannon says the team won't

high quality team," Cannon said. "They have the talent and the rankings to make it good experience for us.

"We have a young team but the only way you get experience is to get out there and play with the best. It will be sort of a David and Goliath match-up. We may

surprise them in a place or two.' But winning the match would have to be an upset for the 2-1 Aggies. Trinity comes into the match with a No. 2 national ranking — and a possibility of moving into the top spot after several victories this week.

Howard

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going to stop jumping until I set world records that won't get broken for 10 years."

He should have a chance to make it into the record books and into the public eye — if he makes it to the Olympics in Los Angeles. But if he doesn't reach his goals in 1984, Howard says his goals in 1984, Howard says he still has quite a few years to accomplish them.

"I used to think that when you got to be as old as I am (24) that you couldn't jump anymore," he said. "But now that I'm getting and the sport. older - I'm getting better.'

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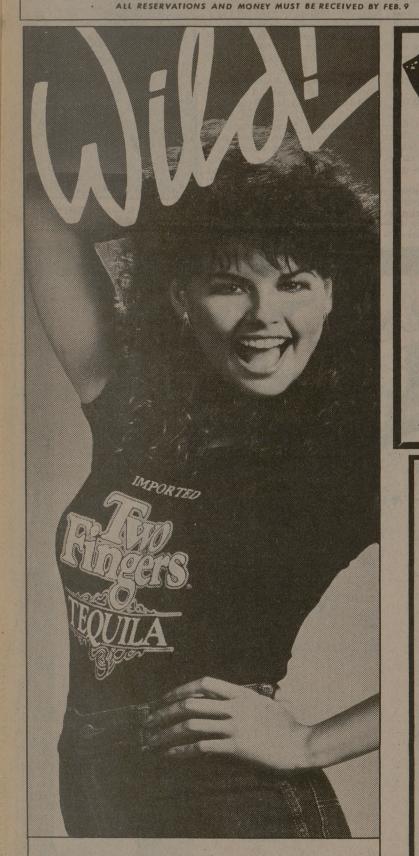
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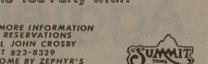
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Assistant sports editor

embarass themselves. "They come in with a very

"Any time you play In important; in the tenns anyway," Cannon said. hoping we can get into

> A&M will battle for th ing with a team consis one senior, one juni transfer, one sophor three freshmen.

Trinity also sports

That makes the match

and No. 5 ranked or plyers in the nation and

l doubles team.

tant to the Aggies.

The match begins Saturday at the Oma Tennis Courts.

Howard feels his appr his biggest asset in thes "Right now, I have the approach in the world," "I'm running about 8.5

per second towards theb

don't seem to think so," "I'm just going to prove body sooner or later that But his main reason for ing is the love of comp

"I love competition Howard said that track and the thing I thrive on,"he he just enjoy the pressure guess that's the main

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wants to master.

His first objective is to master his approach which, in turn, should help him master the high

jump. "Right now I'm working with weights to get stronger in my legs," he said. "Then I can have a really strong approach and jump a lot higher." jump. When it's all over, in you feel good that you're something that your wanted to do." What Howard really

do is win a gold medal Olympic Games and set manent record for hims the United States.



of the court part of the capacity crowd of 10,060 began to boo. Lewis did not put Anders in at that point though. Guard Gary Orsak, who has played only 19 minutes all season, was inserted into the lineup.

Then with 3:56 lett. unsnapped his warm-with a finger pointed Winslow entered game at Hofeinz since allowed to return from imposed exile.

