Aggies look to bolster identity at Texas Relays



During the 4 x 400-meter relay final in Saturday's College Station Relays, A&M's Floyd Heard, left, passes the baton to teammate Ar-

chie Roberts. The Aggies won with a time of 39.28 seconds - good enough to qualify for the NCAAs and this weekend's Texas Relays.

By Ken Sury Assistant Sports Editor

Members of the Texas A&M track and field teams will enter the 59th Texas Relays as just faces in the crowd among the 2,000-plus entries in the meet.

But the Aggies aim to leave Austin having made lasting, perhaps record-setting, impressions.

A&M, de-Track second in the and Southwest Conference Indoor

Track Championships earlier this year, will find a tough field of contestants awaiting them today and Saturday.

"It's a very competitive field," A&M Assistant Coach Steve Silvey said. "It's almost like a NCAA championship meet.

The contestants in the meet were determined by qualifying standards set for the Texas Relays, so individual performances will be stressed and team points will not be awarded at the meet. However, an outstanding team will be named.

Eight Aggies will compete in field events at the Relays. Leading A&M will be freshman shot putter Randy Barnes, who is coming off of Saturday's College Station Relays with the nation's longest put by a college freshman at 67 feet, 71/4 inches.

The remaining Aggies in the Williams and Alexis Russell will

long jump; Terence Strong, lon and triple jump; Kenny Burk high jump; Francisco Olivare, triple jump; Robert Graf, discus Cassandra Perkins, women's dis cus; and Vernell Dunn, women shot put.

Much of the excitement of the meet will center on the track

events. A&M Assistant Coach Te Nelson said Stanley Kerr may ru in the invitational 100-mete dash, while Calvin Gaziano wi compete in the mile run, Rickey Alexander in the high hurdle and Craig Calk and Davi Henzler in the intermediate hu

In the 400-and 800-meter rela events, the Aggies will run th freshman- crew of Lawrence Fe ton, Floyd Heard, Archie Roberts and Stanley Kerr.

For the 1600-meter relay, Si vey said A&M's team won't be de termined until the day of the rac since there are about nine Aggie who can run in the event.

In addition to Felton, Heard Roberts and Kerr, Maurice Hol. Kendric Wesley, Matt Dunn, Gary Pervis and Matt Washington can run the 1600.

For the A&M women, Bet Drees will run the 5,000-meter run and the relay team of Lia Langston, Novaita Samuels, lu

Ag medley relay team finishes 12th at NCAAs

A&M 400-yard medley relay team seeded first in the consolation finals, placed 12th at the NCAA Men's but finished fourth with a time of Swimming Championships Thurs- 3:18.77.

The team, made up of backstroker Mike Kozlina, breastroker Jeff Garry, but-Men's terflyer Chris
O'Neil and
freestyler Rob-

Swimming ert Bullock, set a new A&M record in the event with a time of 3:18.69 for a ninth-place finish in the morn-

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They just missed being in the top eight, which are considered the best teams in the country, so we're very pleased with their performance," A&M Assistant Coach Tracy Johnston said.

During the finals, Kozlina set a new A&M record during his backstroke leg of the relay with a time of 50.39 seconds, shaving .6 seconds

Mays nip Nuggets in final 4 seconds

DALLAS (AP) - Rolando Blackman scored three of his 25 points on a driving layup and free throw with four seconds left to give the Dallas Mavericks a 115-114 victory over Denver Thursday night.

The victory pulled the Mavericks to within 11/2 games of the second-place Nuggets in the NBA's Midest Division

Dallas' Mark Aguirre had just missed two shots when Denver guard Lafayette Lever was stripped of the ball by Derek Harper in the backcourt. Harper fed Blackman, who was breaking for the basket. Blackman hit the tying shot as he was fouled by Alex English. A three-point attempt by Denver's Bill Hanzlik was

short as time expired. Aguirre scored 19 points for the Mavs and James Donaldson had 21 rebounds.

Denver had taken 114-112 lead with 27 seconds left on a 12-foot jumper by English, who led all scorers Dallas, 42-34, moved to eight games over .500 for the first time this season and closed the gap on Denver, 44-33, for the third playoff spot in the Western Con-

Rockets 136, Spurs 110

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Akeem Olajuwon scored 25 points, grabbed nine rebounds and blocked five shots to pace the Houston Rockets to a 136-110 victory

over the San Antonio Spurs Thursday night.
Guards Allen Leavell and Lewis Lloyd tallied 20
points each and Mitchell Wiggins added 18 to help the
Rockets take their third-straight win.
Mike Mitchell scored 33 points, and Wes Matthews
scored 19 for the injury-riddled Spurs, who played the

game without starters Artis Gilmore and Steve John-

San Antonio, which recorded its fourth straight loss and 20th in its last 23 games, dropped to 33-46.

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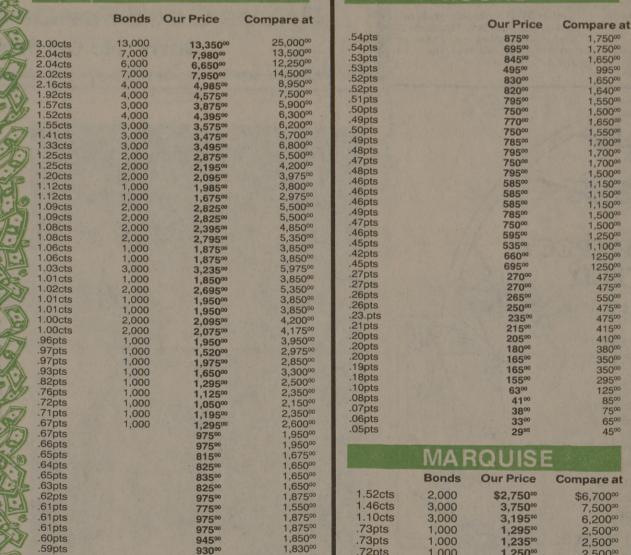
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