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Aggies garner 15 firsts at A&M Relays

By Ken Sury
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The sun shone brightly Saturday afternoon at Texas A&M's Frank Anderson Track Complex, and so did the Aggies.

The Aggies captured 15 first-place finishes at the Texas A&M Relays, and had national records set in the triple and long jump competition.

A&M's Ian James returned from a four-week layoff with a bruised heel to leap 26 feet, 3 3/4 inches (8.02 meters) in the long jump to win the event and set a new Canadian mark.

James, a junior transfer from Seneca College in Toronto, said the jump enabled him to achieve one of two goals he had set for himself.

The first was to break the Canadian mark of 7.91 meters by Jim Buchannon at the 1976 Olympics.

"I've been chasing that 'ghost' (Buchannon, who died in a car accident in 1977) for a long time," James said. "My coach in Canada was also his coach."

His second goal is to jump 27 feet, which is why he came to A&M.

"It was good for me to come down here," James said. "I get to train in the warm weather and this is the best jumping conference in the nation."

There's one more incentive for James.

"It's a major inspiration in that the

rest of team's doing well," James said. "You don't want to be the guy to do bad."

The other national record set by an Aggie was Francisco Olivares' 54-0 1/4 leap in the triple jump for a new Mexican mark. Olivares was a double winner Saturday as he also took first in the javelin with a throw of 196-1 1/2.

In the women's javelin competition, A&M's Lisa Coley set a personal best in winning the event with a 142-7 throw.

The Aggies were next to unstoppable in the relay events as the men won all five relays and the women's team of Lisa Langston, Novaita Samuels, Judy Williams and Alexis Russell won the 400-meter and sprint medley relays.

The A&M women finished second in the 800-meter relay as Texas Southern's Moslyn Soneye, Linda Esem, Mary Onyali and Maria Usifo set a national collegiate record with a time of 1:33.17.

The Aggies took the top three spots in the women's 5,000-meter run as Esther Dedrick led the way with a time of 18:08.60. She was followed by Kathy Craig and Michelle Rosyneck.

The closest finish on the afternoon came in 100-meter dash finals. A&M's Floyd Heard beat teammate Stanley Kerr to the tape by a mere .01 seconds with a time of 10.64 seconds.



A&M's Gloria Vecera, left, and Carmen Richardson finished second and fourth in the 800-meter run at Saturday's Texas A&M Relays.

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A&M beats Rice to remain in tight SWC race

By Ken Sury
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The Texas A&M women's tennis team slid back, but only a bit, in the Southwest Conference tennis race as it defeated Rice

6-3 Sunday in Houston.

A&M Coach Bobby Kleinecke said that Karen Marshall, Helen Christiaanse, Laura Liang and Kellie Dorman played good tennis at the Nos. 3 through 6 singles spots to

make up for the absence of usual No. 3 player Gaye Lynne Gensler, who is sidelined with strained leg muscles.

The singles' losses for the 18th-ranked Aggies came at the No. 1 and 2 positions as Rice's Wendy Wood, No. 13 in the nation, beat Vanne Akagi 6-4, 6-3, and Allison Culver defeated Kim Labuschagne 7-6, 1-6, 6-3.

The Aggies have 39 match-win points in the SWC race, while SMU, which has played one more dual

match than A&M, has 46. Texas leads the SWC with 50 points, but has finished conference play.

The A&M men's team, meanwhile, ran into brick walls in the forms of No. 1 SMU and No. 9 Arkansas this weekend.

"SMU and Arkansas were just too tough," A&M Coach David Kent said of the matches.

SMU led the 24th-ranked Aggies 6-1 Friday before rain stopped play. The uncompleted No. 2 and 3 doubles matches will be finished in Cor-

pus Christi prior to the SWC Tennis Championships April 25-27.

The solitary win for A&M was big one, as Kimmo Alkio beat SMU John Ross, the No. 3 player in the nation, 6-2, 6-7, 7-6.

But Alkio and the Aggies could turn things around in Arkansas as they lost 8-1. The No. 28 Alkio to No. 7 Bobby Blair 6-3, 7-6, 7-6.

SMU lone win for the Aggies came as No. 3 doubles spot as Dean Johnson and Dean Goldfine beat Brad Williams and Simon Robinson 7-6, 7-6.

Spurs burn Blazers, close regular season

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—Forward Mike Mitchell scored 40 points, including 10 in the last eight minutes of the game, to lead the San Antonio Spurs to a 123-118 season-ending win over the Portland Trailblazers Sunday.

The Spurs finished the year 35-47 and face the Los Angeles Lakers in the first round of the playoffs. Portland ended the year 40-42 and will play Denver in the opening round.

Having squandered large leads twice and leading only 99-97 midway through the last quarter, Mitchell and forward Steve Johnson took control for the Spurs and scored eight straight points.

The streak gave San Antonio some breathing room and a lead it didn't allow to drop below nine points until the last seconds of the contest.

Portland was led by 28 points of Kiki Vandeweghe and the 23 of Clyde Drexler. But the Trailblazers two all-stars were held in check during the crucial fourth quarter streak, scoring only four points between them.

Spurs point guard Wes Matthews, known for his sporadic play, dished out a season-high 17 assists to go with his 20 points but Matthews also committed a game-high six turnovers.

NBA Roundup

Other Sunday Games:	
BOSTON 135	New Jersey 107
WASHINGTON 98	Philadelphia 97
CLEVELAND 104	Chicago 97
PHOENIX 118	L.A. Clippers 99
Dallas 127	L.A. LAKERS 104

A&M sweeps South Carolina

COLUMBIA, S.C.—No. 4 Texas A&M swept a double-header South Carolina Sunday, 7-3 and 7-0.

A&M racked up seven hits in the first game to compliment the pitching of Shawn Andaya, 14-4, who struck 10 en route to a three-hitter.

Julie Carpenter shut down Gamecocks in game two, recording three strikeouts and allowing no hits. Liz Mizera singled and scored the winning run for the Aggies.

A&M, which improved to 2-0 overall, split with South Carolina double-header Saturday.

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