

Sports

A&M signs state sprint standout

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Sports Editor

The Texas A&M men's track team has added yet another thoroughbred to its stable of young sprinters with the signing of Galveston Ball's Derrick Florence Wednesday.

Florence won the state 5A championship in the 100 and 200-meter dashes this year with a hand-timed 10.1 seconds in the 100 and a 20.3 in the 200.

Florence's 100 time may have been a national high school record, beating a 10.18 posted by Roy Martin, now with SMU, but since the University Interscholastic League doesn't use electronic timers for the state meet, his time was adjusted to a 10.34.

Florence also anchored Galveston Ball's 400 relay team to a first-place finish at the state meet.

With the signing of Florence, the Aggies may have the fastest group of sprinters in the country. A&M freshmen Stanley Kerr and Floyd Heard had solid performances at the NCAA Championships, winning

each of their 100, 200 and 400 relay trials, before Heard won the 200 with a 20.34.

Heard placed sixth and Kerr seventh in the 100, and along with Lawrence Felton and Archie Roberts, finished in second place behind TCU in the NCAA 400 relay final.

Florence will join Columbus' Percy Waddle as freshmen sprinters for A&M. Waddle, signed as a wide receiver for the football team, won the state 3A 400-meter dash in 46.6 and anchored his 400-relay team to first place at the meet.

Aggie Track Notes . . . Heard will be running the 100 and 200 in the Senior Track Athletics Congress (TAC) Championships held Friday through Sunday in Eugene, Ore. Aggie Randy Barnes, who has the world's longest shot put this year at 71 feet, 9 1/2 inches, was scheduled to throw the discus at the TAC meet, but has withdrawn to allow his injured throwing hand to heal.

His technique coach, Robert Parker, said Barnes won't compete the rest of the summer in the hope of being ready for competition this fall.

Court: 'Play ball'

4A tourney will be played

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Supreme Court cleared the way Wednesday for Class 4A high school baseball teams to play for the state championship this weekend.

Austin Westlake is in. Waco Richfield, which felt unfairly deprived of a tournament berth, is out.

Westlake will play Mercedes Friday at 5:30 p.m. Snyder plays Brenham Friday at 7:30 p.m. The title game is set for Saturday at 7 p.m. All games are at Disch-Falk Field.

After an hour of arguments and 45 minutes of closed-door deliberations Wednesday, the court granted Westlake's request to overrule a Waco judge's order that had kept alive Richfield's title hopes.

Austin Westlake beat Richfield 4-3 in 11 innings June 5 in the first of what was to be a three-game series.

Games two and three were rained out and Westlake advanced to the semifinals when the University Interscholastic League denied Waco's request to allow the Richfield-Westlake series to continue after the June 7 deadline.

State District Judge Bill Logue of

Waco then barred the Class 4A tournament from proceeding before Westlake and Richfield could complete the series. Westlake officials then got a conflicting order from State District Judge Juan Gallardo of Austin.

In the meantime, championship games were played here last weekend in the other four classes while the 4A teams waited to see if they would play any more games this year.

"We are very anxious to get the tournament underway," UIL Athletic Director Bill Farney said after the Supreme Court cleared the way for Westlake, Snyder, Brenham and Mercedes to play for the title.

Phillip McCleery, lawyer for the Waco school district, said he had given "no thought at all" about whether to seek further legal action in the case.

The Supreme Court's written opinion will not be filed for several days. A brief order handed down Wednesday gave no reasons for the decision.

Aguirre likes LA., but glad to stay in 'Big D'

DALLAS (AP) — Mavericks' forward Mark Aguirre, apparently close to being traded to the Los Angeles Lakers on NBA draft day, says he is just as happy to stay in Dallas.

"I love Dallas and I'd love to keep on playing here," Aguirre said. "I hope we play the running kind of game we did against Los Angeles in the playoffs. I feel that type of game is more suited to me."

Aguirre was at Reunion Arena, headquarters for the Mavericks, for Tuesday's draft and was aware of the rumors that Los Angeles was engineering a deal.

The hottest rumor would have sent Aguirre and power forward Roy Tarpley, drafted seventh by the Mavericks, for forward James Worthy and either Michael Cooper or Byron Scott.

"I'm sorry there is no trade announcements," said Dallas personnel director Rick Sund. "There have been a lot of rumors floating around with no validity."

Aguirre himself fueled speculation.

"I heard from an inside source

that the Lakers are really interested," he said. "I talked with Magic (Johnson) the day before. He's actually pushing it quite a bit."

Aguirre, who is a longtime friend of Johnson, said he wouldn't mind playing with the Lakers. "Who wouldn't? I'd like to play with Magic. He would love to play with me."

"But if I could stay here with no problems, I'd like to stay here." Aguirre, the Mavericks' star scorer, has been at odds with Coach Dick Motta at times and a trade would surprise few who follow the team.

"There's a conflict of styles," Aguirre said. "I can fit in any style but there comes a point where talent level comes into play."

"And right now that talent is dormant. I have to be allowed to show that talent."

He says a trade still is possible. "As hard as they seemed to be trying, it looked like it might happen," he said. "There are times when I think Dallas will deal me. Of all the teams they could deal me to, the Lakers would be a good place for me to go."

'Vulture' rips Denmark

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Emilio "The Vulture" Butragueno flew over, around and through the Danish defense for four goals Wednesday, leading Spain to a 5-1 rout of the World Cup newcomers in the final game of the second round.

In the afternoon's other game, England's Gary Lineker scored twice in leading his team into the quarterfinals with a 3-0 victory over Paraguay.

Butragueno was unstoppable, recording the first four-goal game since Eusebio did it for Portugal in 1966 against North Korea.

He scored on a header, a penalty kick, a 2-on-1 break and after stealing an ill-advised pass from Jesper Olsen, who had Denmark's goal on a penalty kick. Andoni Goicoechea

also scored on a penalty-kick for the Spanish, who eliminated one of the tournament's glamor teams.

Denmark had made a sensational World Cup debut by winning Group E and outscoring the opposition 9-1. But it could not penetrate Spain's defense and it could not cope with Butragueno.

Spain plays Belgium Sunday at Puebla, England takes on Argentina at Aztec Stadium.

The other quarterfinal matches are set for Saturday. In Guadalajara, Brazil plays France. At Monterrey, West Germany opposes host Mexico.

The suddenly revived English attack once more was led by Lineker, who moved to the top of the goal-scoring list — along with Butragueno — with five after a pair of scores.

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