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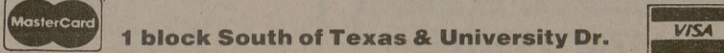
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**Aggie track team set to host meet**

By Doug Hall Sports Writer

Despite what many die-hard Cotton Bowl fans will tell you, football is not the only sport that goes on during the fall semester.

For those who are still skeptical, Track Coach Ted Nelson offers an open invitation to watch the Aggie cross-country teams open their season tonight at the A&M Invitational. The meet, which begins at 6 p.m. on the campus golf course, will feature four-way competition between the University of Houston, Baylor, Lamar and the host team Aggies.

Nelson hopes this meet will allow Cross-Country Coach Steve Silvey to take a look at where both the men and women's team stand.

"It's really hard to tell (where we are at) right now," Nelson said. "Our best runner, (sophomore) Calvin Gaziano got sick over the summer and hasn't fully recovered yet. He's really just begun to run. We hope that by the time the Southwest Conference meet rolls around he'll be in good shape."

But before the SWC meet arrives in November, the Aggies must deal with their immediate competition tonight. The type of competition that

Nelson says will present a tough trial for the young Aggie team.

"I think we'll probably be third," Nelson admitted, picking the more experienced Houston and Lamar teams to finish in front of A&M. "That is third if everything works out the way it is supposed to."

"We are a really young team," he added. "We only have one senior on the team, so we're still trying to build a solid base. By the end of the year, I think we'll be doing fine."

Gross Country meets consist of a five-mile course for men and a three-mile distance for the women, generally run on golf courses or other grassy areas. Nelson said the NCAA changed the meets from 10,000 meters (6.2 miles) to the present five-mile course four years ago to lessen the strain on short distance runners who use cross country to prepare for the spring outdoor season.

**Track Notes . . .** The University of Texas originally had committed to run in the A&M Invitational but backed out on Wednesday due to injuries. Nelson said the Longhorns figure to offer strong competition in this year's competition, but just were not ready to compete this early in the season.

**A&M women golfers finish 6th at tourney**

DALLAS — The Texas A&M women's golf team couldn't pick up the pace in the SMU Classic Wednesday at the Brookhaven Country Club and finished last among the six teams.

But the University of Texas, after trailing Southern Methodist by eight strokes after the first two rounds of play, surged in the final round with a team 287 to take the championship from the host Mustangs, which folded with a 303. The Aggies shot a team 327.

The final scores turned out as fol-

lows: Texas, 897; SMU, 905; Texas Christian, 927; Lamar, 931; North Texas State, 932; and A&M, 969.

Individual honors went to Lamar's Jennifer Wyatt, who fired a 212 to lead all golfers, on the 18-hole, par-72 course.

For A&M individually, junior Hollie Frizzell shot a 235 — good for 17th. She was followed by junior Kelli Murphy with a 243. Sophomore walk-ons Mariana Oyenguren and Dee Davidson each scored a 249 and Cheryl Riegel shot a 254.

**Sierra's game-winning RBI leads Rangers to victory**

ARLINGTON (AP) — Texas Rangers rookie outfielder Ruben Sierra has not only fought his way out of a midseason slump, he's also developed a flair for the dramatic.

In the last month, Sierra has had four game-winning RBIs, and all of them have come in the bottom of the ninth or later.

He got his fourth Wednesday night with a two-out double in the bottom of the 10th as the Rangers beat the Seattle Mariners 3-2.

The victory was just the third in nine games for Texas. The second-place Rangers remained 8½ games behind California in the American League West. The Angels beat Cleveland 7-6 in 14 innings.

"We were aware of what was happening in Cleveland," said Parrish, who drove in one run with a sacrifice fly and another with a single. "It gave us a boost when the Indians tied it in the 12th."

"We're in a must-win situation now. With only 23 games left, we can't afford to lose too many."

Sierra was batting under .200 at one point in June and was at .222 a month ago, had a pair of doubles Wednesday and raised his average to .265.

His game-winner came off Seattle reliever Matt Young, 7-6, who replaced starter Mike Moore at the start of the 10th.

"You just couldn't ask for more from Ruben," said designated hitter Larry Parrish, who drove in the other two Ranger runs. "It looks like he's going to be a fixture with this team for years to come."

Toby Harrah led off the 10th with a bloop single to right and Bob Brower ran for him.

After Oddibe McDowell popped out trying to bunt and Scott Fletcher struck out, Sierra hit a shot over third base and into the left-field corner, sending Brower home with the winner.

Texas took a 1-0 lead in the fourth on Parrish's sacrifice fly. Jim Presley tied it in the sixth with a leadoff home run, his 26th of the season, his second in two nights and his sixth against Texas this season.

Parrish broke the tie in the bottom of the sixth with an RBI single. Seattle made it 2-2 in the eighth on Scott Bradley's RBI single off Harris.

**Sax powers Dodgers past Astros, 5-1**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Steve Sax had four hits and Orel Hershiser and two relievers combined to scatter nine hits Wednesday night as the Los Angeles Dodgers defeated the Houston Astros 5-1.

Sax had three singles, an RBI double and scored twice as the Dodgers snapped the Astros' four-game winning streak. It was the second time in a week Sax has collected four hits in a game.

Sax has 18 hits in his last 28 at-bats and has hit safely in nine straight games.

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New York	73	65	.529	St. Louis	70	69	.504
Detroit	72	68	.514	Montreal	68	69	.496
Cleveland	69	71	.493	Chicago	59	80	.424
Baltimore	67	72	.482	Pittsburgh	56	82	.406
Milwaukee	66	72	.478				
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California	80	58	.580	Houston	80	59	.576
Texas	72	67	.518	Cincinnati	71	68	.511
Oakland	66	74	.471	San Francisco	70	70	.500
Kansas City	65	74	.468	Los Angeles	67	72	.483
Seattle	62	78	.443	Atlanta	64	74	.462
Chicago	61	77	.442	San Diego	64	76	.458
Minnesota	58	80	.420				

**Wednesday's Games**  
Texas 3, Seattle 2, 10 innings  
California 7, Cleveland 6, 14 innings  
Detroit 11, Milwaukee 7  
New York at Toronto, p.p.d., rain  
Boston 9, Baltimore 4  
Oakland 6, Chicago 2  
Only games scheduled

**Wednesday's Games**  
Los Angeles 5, Houston 1  
Chicago 8, Philadelphia 7  
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