

Bad break for A&M at NAAs

Staff and Wire Reports

The NCAA Track and Field Championships got off to an ominous start Wednesday for Texas A&M when junior decathlete Richard Harrison broke his foot while competing in the high jump.

Harrison, who came into the meet with a strained Achilles tendon, had competed in four of the 10 decathlon events when he suffered the injury.

"This is really unfortunate for Richard, it seems like he just can't get a break at an NCAA meet," A&M head track and field coach Ted Nelson said. "He's really worked hard the last couple of years and it's really too bad that something like this happened."

In other events, junior Curt Young recorded a season-best time of 50.84 seconds in the 400-meter hurdles. His time was not fast enough to qualify for the semifinals, however.

Today, four more A&M competitors will begin competing in the preliminaries. Junior Anjanette Kirkland will go into the 100-meter hurdles with the best time in the nation this year at 12.89 seconds, fourth best in the world. Kirkland finished third in the event last season, and both runners who finished ahead of her last season are competing this year.

Also competing tomorrow will be Young and sophomore Larry Wade in the 110-meter hurdles and senior Dante Bolden in the 100-meter dash. Bolden barely qualified for the field of 24 with a time of 10.38 seconds.

Wade goes into the hurdles with the fastest legal collegiate time this year, 13.65 seconds.

Powerful bats key to Aggies' '95 success

□ The Texas A&M baseball team hit .321 during the regular season.

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THE BATTALION

The 1995 baseball season for Texas A&M began and ended with question marks.

It began with thoughts of "What happened?" after the Aggies' dismal 1994 campaign, including a 6-12 Southwest Conference Record.

It ended however, with thoughts of "What could have happened?" after the Aggies came within one game of their second College World Series berth in three years.

The A&M baseball season concluded on Sunday with a heartbreaking loss to the University of Miami, 5-2, in the championship game of the Atlantic II Regional tournament.

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Texas A&M pitching coach

The loss ended a four-game winning streak in the regional for the Aggies.

The Aggie hitters had no trouble producing in the series, despite the high level of competition they faced. Texas A&M head pitching coach Jim Lawler attributed the Aggies' offensive success to the quality SWC pitching they faced all season.

"The tough competition in the Southwest Conference this season prepared us for postseason play," Lawler said. "We were used to playing good teams with outstanding pitching staffs."

For the most part, the regular season mirrored the regional for

the Aggie hitters. A&M finished with a .321 team batting average, third highest in school history. The hitting attack led the Aggies to a 15-9 SWC record, good for second place behind Texas Tech, and a 40-20-1 record overall.

Spearheading the attack for A&M were the team's co-Most Valuable Players, John Curl and Chad Alexander. Curl had the most prolific offensive year of his career, hitting .418 with 18 home runs and a .788 slugging percentage. Alexander set a new team record for hits in a season with 106, shattering the existing record of 96. Both players were named first-team, all-SWC.

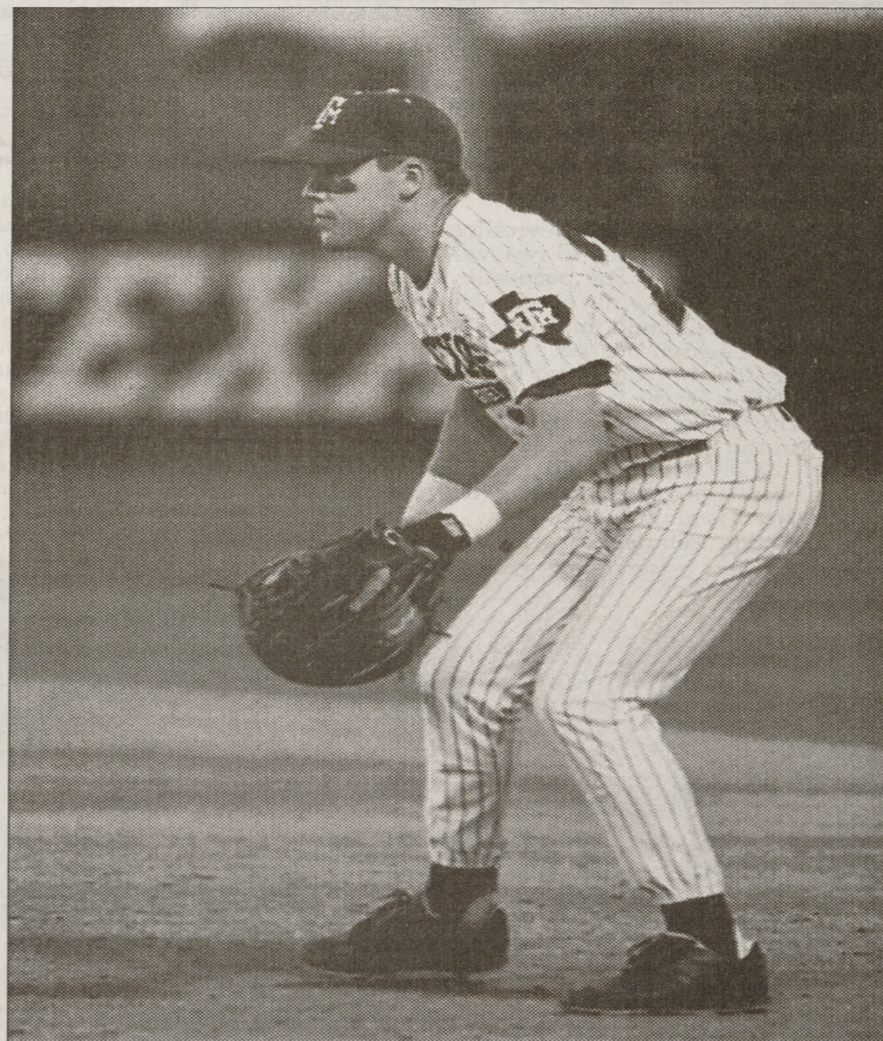
Never was the Aggies' offensive prowess exemplified more than in the SWC Tournament held at Olsen Field in May. During the tournament, the Aggie batters slugged 12 home runs in five games, shattering the old record of eight set by the University of Houston in 1982.

The A&M pitching staff rebounded from an injury-plagued 1994 season to keep the Aggies in striking distance throughout the season.

Justin Atchley, a senior lefthander, received the C.E. "Pat" Olsen Outstanding Pitcher Award. He led the Aggies with 16 games started, seven complete games, 113 and 1/3 innings of work and only 18 walks. Atchley ended the season with a 9-6 record and a 5.00 earned run average.

The Wally Moon Award, given to the most improved player on the A&M roster, was presented to Tim Clarkson, a junior transfer who did not pitch until the 23rd game of the season.

He ended the regular season with a 4-1 record and a 3.86 ERA. He was also named to the regional all-tournament team after a complete-game shutout against Miami



File Photo

Senior first baseman John Curl and his Aggie teammates came within one win of reaching the College World Series in 1995.

that forced Monday's championship game.

"A lot of guys stepped up and had big games during the regionals against very good teams," Lawler said.

Not only the players set records in 1995. Aggie fans set a new attendance record at Olsen Field on April 28 when 7,147 fans packed the stadium to see

the Aggies' game against the University of Texas.

The Aggies finished the season ranked No. 12 in the country and will lose seven players, including starters Curl and shortstop Robert Harris to graduation. In addition, pitching staff will lose Atchley, Spencer McIntyre and Brian Parker.

Playing the name game in pro sports

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SPORTSWRITER

What's in a name? Plenty in the world of sports. There are devoted fans, clever members and the ESPN's "Sportscenter" players have acquired poignant and often, very morous monikers.

But which sport has the best nicknames?

Is it the National Football League, where players are William "The Refrigerator" Perry, William "Flipper" Anderson, Raghib "Rocket" and Deion "Prime Time" Sanders have been found.

Although football is the most-watched sport in America, fans do not usually attach to the players as they do in other sports. They could be the pounds and helmets that the players from more than one opposing team.

In the NFL, the players seem to be more like do rather than actual people.

Baseball players, on the other hand, seem to be more personable. The fans of the players' faces and emotions, but the nicknames leave a lot to be desired.

With nicknames expected "Donnie Baseball" (Don) and tingly of the Yankees since Ivan "Pudge" Rodriguez many of the best players in the major leagues have what lackluster images. See WRIGHT.

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Student Parking Garage Information
This year students are not required to renew their parking garage privileges. PTTS will be automatically renewing students who meet the following requirements:
* are enrolled in Fall '95 classes no later than July 1, 1995
* are on the housing list no later than July 1, 1995
Fees will be charged the first week of September.
Students who are not enrolled and/or are not on the housing list by July 1, 1995 will be dropped from their parking garage assignment and access card deactivated on August 20, 1995.

Fall Parking Permit News:
Student parking permits and bus passes purchased for the fall of 1995 are valid through May 31, 1996. Students who preregister for parking permits and bus passes before July 1, 1995, will receive them in the mail on or around August 10. Please verify your address with the Fiscal Department.
The price of parking permits has changed from what is listed in the registration booklets due to the approval of price changes made by the Board of Regents. The new prices listed below will be effective Fall '95.

Option Code	Types of Permits and Prices
10	Commuter Student.....\$75
30	Resident Student.....\$75
09	Night Permit.....\$35
12	Motorcycle/Moped.....\$35
	Summer Permit (Effective Summer '96).....\$55
	Faculty/Staff (Reserved Lot).....\$100
	Faculty/Staff (Reserved Number Space).....\$200
	Garage Roof.....\$180
	Garage (Inside).....\$240
	Garage (Priority).....\$270
	Zachry Basement.....\$270
15	Bus Pass.....\$110*

*Students may obtain a free night permit if a bus pass is purchased.

Summer Parking Permit News:

Option Code	Cost of Summer Parking Permits:
15	Bus Pass.....\$55
32	Summer Student Parking.....\$20
12	Motorcycle/Moped.....\$11.72
09	Night Parking.....\$15

*Parking permits and bus passes purchased for the summer are valid through August 27, 1995. Summer permits are non-refundable. Bus passes are non-refundable in Summer Term II. During Summer Term I, the bus pass refund is \$27.50.

Visitor Garage Parking:
Visitor Parking per Hour.....\$.60 Visitor Parking per Day.....\$4.80
*This will be effective in the 1995 Fall Term.

Parking News:
June 5 - 9 - The University Center and South Side Parking Garages will be reserved for the 4-H Roundup. PTTS encourages all permit holders to park in their designated lots.
All south Side Garage permits will be honored as Red/Blue lot permits.
PA 63 (Olsen Field) will be closed until June 8, 1995, for the lighting renovation.

Bus News:
There will not be a Yell Practice or Twelfth Man bus route during the summer. Rudder, Fish Camp and Old Armory will continue to run during the summer but at a reduced amount of buses.
PTTS WANTS TO WELCOME EVERYONE BACK FOR THE SUMMER AND GOOD LUCK IN YOUR CLASSES!!

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