

Ag team thrives at Penn Relays



record of 166 feet 8 inches, which she set at the College Station Relays on March 21. Junior Kelli Schrader brought home the gold in the women's discus with a throw of 170 feet 10 inches. This throw was a NCAA provisional qualifier and broke Schrader's school record of 166 feet 3 inches, which she set last year.

The field athletes will be reunited with the track athletes this weekend at the four way meet in New Orleans.

Disappointing Coverage

It was exciting to see the sports page of the Dallas Morning News and find out that CBS would be covering the Penn Relays in a two-hour span from noon to 2 p.m. They could not show the majority of the meet in that two-hour span, but it is assuring that they would recap the results from the previous days and that morning. What followed was a big disappointment.

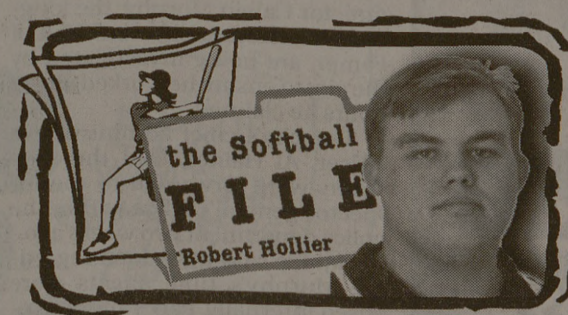
In a two-hour period dominated by useless commentary and lengthy races, the coverage failed miserably in its attempt to bring the excitement of collegiate track and field to the nation. The coverage failed to show the 100-meter, 200-meter and 400-meter dashes, as well as any of the hurdling events. Not only did they fail to show these events, they never mentioned who won the events or which universities were dominating the meet.

While the coverage did consist of the 4x100-meter and 4x200-meter relays, it failed to show the 4x400-meter relay.

For anyone who might have been flipping through the channels or even sat down with the intention of watching the Penn Relays, what you saw is not collegiate track and field at its finest. Regardless of what CBS might think, the 4x mile relay is not the highlight of every track meet.

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Klecker steals Texas A&M record



Coming in at 2-14 in the Big 12, Baylor was in the spoiler role with nothing to gain or lose in its series with the Aggies, and spoil the party is exactly what they did.

If the Aggies get by Baylor in the first round, they will more than likely have a date to play the No. 1 seed in the tournament, Nebraska. Nebraska roared through the Big 12 with a perfect 16-0 record, including sweeps over No. 5 Oklahoma, No. 8 Texas, No. 12 Oklahoma State, No. 17 Texas Tech and No. 18 Missouri.

With the tie in the Baylor game, A&M went from playing the No. 3-seed Texas in the second round as the sixth seed to their current position.

It seems the Aggies have a little score to settle with Baylor when they meet on Thursday, April 30, in the single-elimination round.

Into The Record Books

The weather may have spoiled the party for the Aggies on Sunday, but it could not stop senior outfielder Tanya Klecker from entering the record books as the all-time stolen base leader for the Aggie softball team.

In Sunday's game against the Bears Klecker swiped the 46th stolen base of her career, breaking the record of 45 held by Carrie Austgen and Judy Trussell.

On the season, Klecker leads the team with 16 bases in 22 stolen base attempts.

As a team, the Aggies have 80 stolen bases on the season, which is nine more than their opponents have even attempted.

Tiffany Esters is second on the club with 15 stolen bases and Amy Lawler is third with 14. Esters also is tied with Ashley Lewis for the club lead in home runs with four.

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While the track athletes were finishing off a quality performance at the highly heralded Penn Relays, the field athletes were finishing up the Oklahoma Outdoor at Norman, Okla., with six gold medals and two school records. Sophomore Jason Jacob won both the men's discus and hammer throw. He brought home the gold in the hammer with a throw of 163 feet and the hammer with a throw of 172 feet 11 inches. Sophomore Travis Grasha won the men's javelin with a throw of 199 feet 5 inches. Meanwhile, the women continued to dominate the news. Freshman Ester Eisenlauer won the women's hammer with a throw of 160 feet. Freshman Meshell won the hammer throw with a heave of 170 feet 2 inches. This distance broke her own school

SPORTS BRIEFS

from staff and wire reports

Three graduates sign with WNBA

NEW YORK (AP) — Nykeshia Pinner, Ticha Penicheiro and Kristin Sykes signed contracts today to play for the WNBA.

Pinner, a first-team All-American from Connecticut, set a controversial record for points in a career (1,363) in February. Penicheiro, a two-time All-American from Old Dominion, led the countdown to steals (5.0) and was third in assists (7.5).

Pinner, an All-Pac-10 selection at Stanford, led the team in scoring (18.2) and rebounding (9.2) last season. She also led Stanford's women's

volleyball team to a third NCAA championship in four years.

The WNBA has signed 44 college seniors to contracts for the 1998 season and the players will be assigned among the 10 teams in Wednesday's draft.

The league, which opens its second season June 11, has outdone the ABL in signing top college players.

Blackhawks part with Hartsburg

CHICAGO (AP) — Craig Hartsburg was fired as coach of the Chicago Blackhawks today after the team missed the Stanley Cup playoffs for the first time since 1969.

Hartsburg coached the team for three seasons and had two years left on his contract after signing an extension last June. His team seemed headed for the playoffs but finished with a 0-6-1 slide.

Assistant coaches Lorne Henning and Newell Brown were also fired.

Hartsburg's was hired in June 1995 and his three-year record was 104-102-40, including 30-39-13 this season. Chicago was 8-8 in the playoffs during his tenure, winning one series and losing two.

Chicago had trouble converting on the power play and difficulty winning on home ice at the United Center, where it was just 14-19-8 this season.

IOC bans use of insulin for non-diabetics, ups penalty for diuretics abuse in athletic events

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — The IOC banned non-diabetic athletes from taking insulin and increased the penalty for using diuretics.

The moves on Tuesday came as International Olympic Committee president Juan Antonio Samaranch repeated his call for sports governing bodies to strengthen their fight against drugs.

"There are many sports organizations which have taken no measures to combat this scourge," he said. "Doping is cheating and has no place in the world of sport."

In a healthy person, insulin, a hormone produced in the pancreas, allows the body to use the sugar derived from food. Diabetics use in-

sulin to help counteract the illness.

Athletes can gain muscle mass by injecting insulin, and misuse can result in adverse health effects, including death, IOC medical commission chair Prince Alexandre de Merode said.

The IOC said diuretics will now be regarded as a masking agent, as are steroids. Previously, diuretics, which can disguise the presence of harder drugs, had their own category as a banned substance.

Four Chinese swimmers, currently under investigation by world swimming's governing body, allegedly tested positive for diuretics at the world championships in Perth in January. The Chinese have

reportedly argued that the substances detected were herbal medicines similar to diuretics.

Diuretics are weight loss drugs, but are also used to flush other drugs out of the system in urine.

"When you use a diuretic agent it can hide the presence of a steroid or a high testosterone level," de Merode said.

IOC officials decided to postpone efforts to eliminate the use of the B sample in urine testing.

The IOC had considered following the lead of the International Amateur Athletic Federation and ban competitors on the result of the first test, or A sample, instead of waiting until the B sample had been tested.

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