

Spring Drills Underway In Myers' Era

The tractor which Coach Paul (Bear) Bryant souped-up to run the speedy split-T was successfully converted to the more powerful single wing type transmission Monday as Coach Jim Myers opened spring drills on Kyle Field.

With a three-game losing streak constantly reminding them of their late finish in 1957, the Texas Aggies donned the "new look" in Aggie football—the lightning-fast single wing—the only formation the Aggies faced that they couldn't whip.

Gone to Alabama is the split-T, with the quarterbacks, halfbacks and 'running on the sound' while in its place loomed what might become the scourge of the Southwest Conference, the single wing with its tailbacks, blocking backs, pulling guards and ground-ripping power.

The first day's practice found 100 men reporting for practice, consisting of 16 lettermen and all but two of the returning squadmen along with various other candidates who are bidding for positions on the team.

Charley Northrup, freshman center was out with the flu while Charley Sanford gained the injured list with a broken leg—not acquired on the practice field.

Sophomore letterman guard Buddy Payne and squadman tackle James Vann were the only injured as Payne suffered an injured knee and Vann an injured shoulder. Payne was plagued by a broken jaw last season, and was only able to play in the final two contests.

The Cadets plunged full speed into their new diet, which highly pleased their new mentor. Myers said "We think they are absorbing the material very well. They know their plays and seem to understand the new system."

While the Cadets' new coach expressed delight with the ball handling and lack of fumbles on snaps from center, he still men-

tioned there was a need for improvement along individual lines.

There was an abundance of talent at the key positions, with 13 men reporting for tailback, but the Aggie coach expressed hopes to alter the positions after everyone has been given an equal chance.

The first unit backfield was composed of Charlie Milstead at tailback, along with Gordon LeBoeuf at fullback, Richard Gay at block-

ing back and a host of wingbacks, including Ronnie Fontenot, who was a potential tailback prior to the opening of the spring drills.

In the line, there were new positions, with a 'weak side' and a 'strong side'—the strong side being the part of the line playing in front of the most backfield men.

At the terminals were lettermen John Tracey and Don Smith, while at tackles were Kenneth Beck and Bill Darwin. Murray Trimble,

one-armed guard from Hanceville, Ala. occupied one guard position with Allen Goehring in the other guard slot. Sophs Gayle Oliver and Byron Caruthers alternated at the pivot.

Myers has plans to work the squad through Thursday of this week—leaving Friday and Saturday morning for recruiting—and continuing the training schedule Saturday afternoon.

There will not be any Saturday

afternoon scrimmages as in the past, with the only "game condition scrimmage" coming on Sports Day, April 26.

The practice field was open to the public the first two days, but Myers now asks that people wishing to view the proceedings stay in the stands, as unauthorized spectators will not be permitted on the playing field.

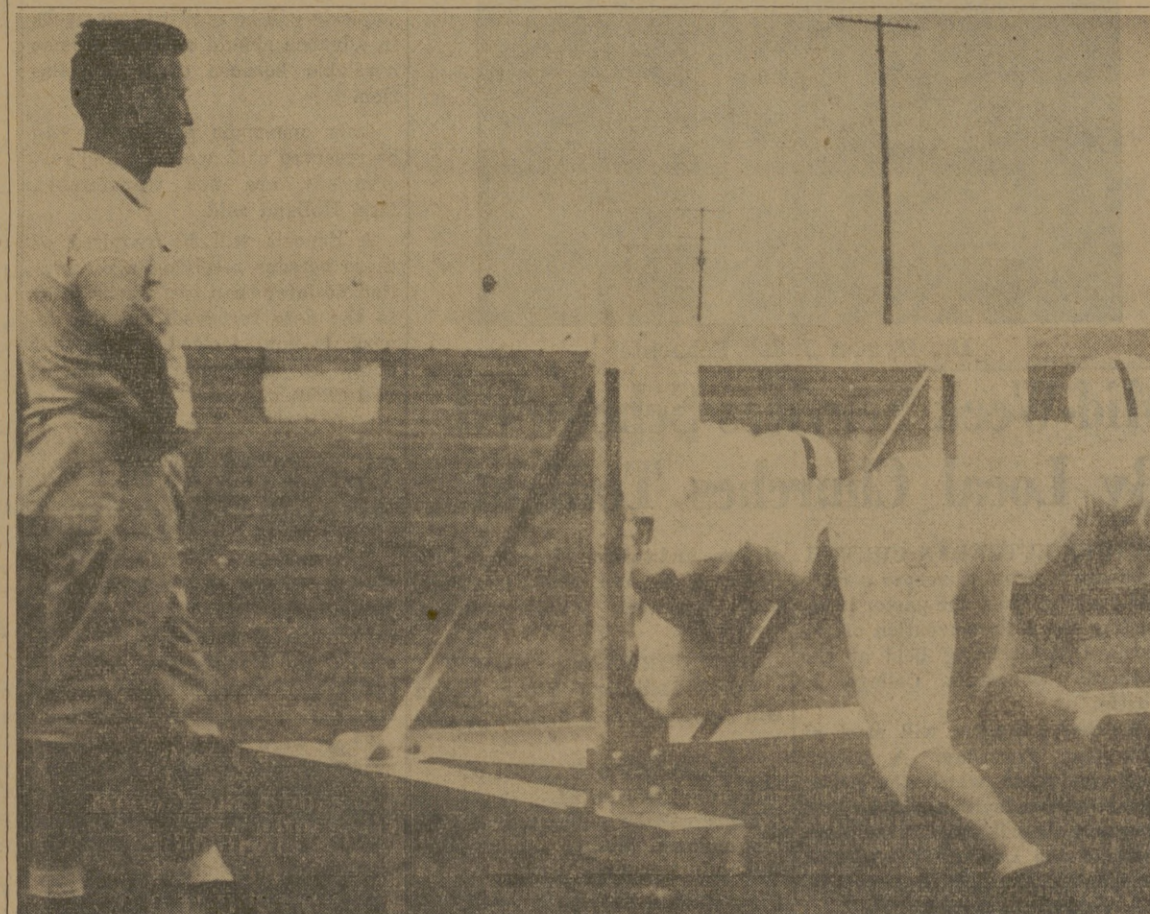
The Aggies have the "new look"

in their coaching staff, also with Elmer Smith and Willie Zapalac the only familiar faces. Smith works with the centers and line-backers and Zapalac tutors the defensive backs.

From Texas Tech comes Bud Sherrod, who will work with the ends; John Michels, of Tennessee, who works with the guards; Doug Bradley, formerly of UCLA and Iowa State, who drills the offens-

ive backs; Bill Jones, who will be freshman coach next fall, works with offensive backs; and Russ Faulkinberry, from the Iowa State staff, who will instruct the tackles.

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Owls Trip Ags, 7-1; Fish Lose To Owlets

The Texas Aggies met defeat at the hands of Jerry Abernathy and the Rice Owlets yesterday afternoon in Houston by a score of 7-1, as the Owls virtually eliminated the Cadets from any chance at the Southwest Conference title.

The Houston hurler posted his third victory of the season and pulled the Owls conference mark to 3-3. A&M now has a 4-2 record, while the University of Texas is undefeated in five outings.

Toby Newton was the losing pitcher for A&M, allowing four hits in the five innings worked and striking out six. Donnie Hullum came on relief, yielding an additional four hits and erasing three by the strikeout route.

The Cadets only run came in the sixth inning as Lloyd Stone sing-

led, moved to second on Abernathy's balk and crossed the plate on Dink Patterson's bingle.

Owl shortstop Lyn Stallings blasted a 350-foot drive over the centerfield fence with one mate aboard in the third stanza for two runs, while the Burns brothers, Fred and Bob, each chipped in two hits and scored two runs to aid the Rice cause.

On Kyle Field, the Rice Owlets made it a clean sweep for the Houston school as they relied upon Paul Timme for some superb pitching in downing the Aggie Fish, 2-0.

Sports Schedule

April 7-12

Wednesday—Varsity tennis with Southeastern Oklahoma at Durant.

Friday—Varsity tennis with Texas Tech here 1 p.m.

Saturday—Varsity baseball with Texas here 2 p.m.; Fish baseball with Texas frosh at Austin; varsity and frosh track with SMU and Rice at Houston; varsity golf with Arkansas here 1 p.m.

April 14-19

Monday—Varsity golf with North Texas at Denton.

Tuesday—Varsity baseball with Baylor at Waco; Fish baseball with Baylor frosh here 3 p.m.; varsity golf with SMU at Dallas.

Friday—Varsity tennis with SMU at Dallas.

Saturday—Varsity baseball with SMU here 2 p.m.; varsity tennis with TCU at Fort Worth; varsity golf with Texas Tech at Lubbock; varsity track at Kansas Relays, Lawrence.

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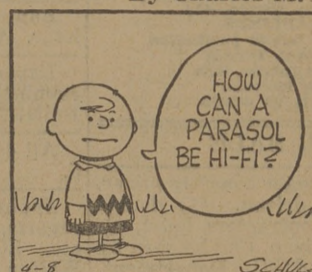
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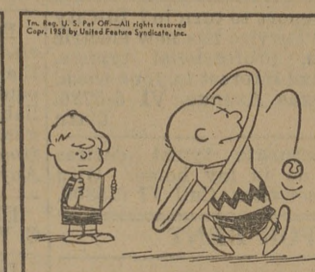
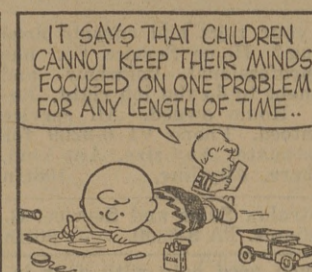
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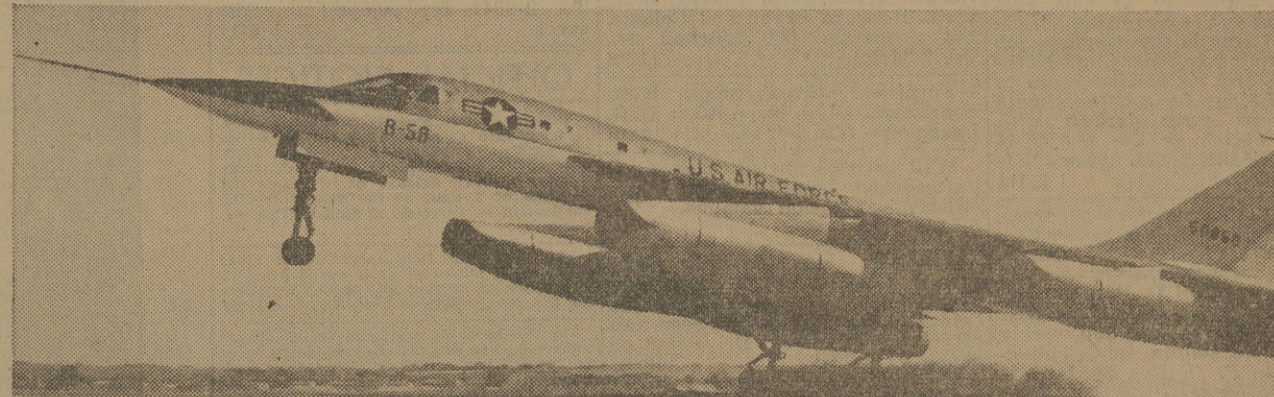


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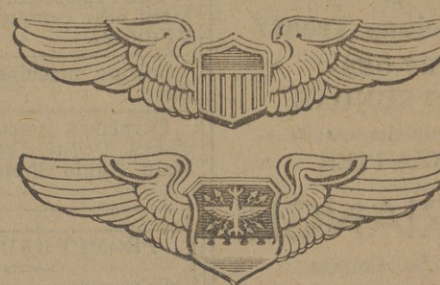
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