

Myers Says Practice 'Best in Three Years'

Enthusiasm over the fine spring football practice just ended, the Aggie coaches hit the recruiting trail this week.

Coach Jim Myers called A&M's spring training "by far the best that I have been associated with and certainly the finest in the past three years."

Improvement was noted at all positions especially at quarterback where good running speed and adequate passing abounds.

Biggest concern according to Myers will be the inexperience of the Aggies next fall but he feels this can be offset by aggressiveness, speed and size.

The 1960 Aggie grid team will feature youth with a sprinkling of junior lettermen and with few seniors. Only nine seniors will be on the squad next fall.

For the first time in several years A&M will have depth at all positions plus speed and size even though these assets largely are in the large sophomore crop from last fall's fine freshmen prospects.

The success of the 1960 Aggie team will depend largely on how fast the sophomores develop plus which of the four quarterback candidates takes charge of the team.

Last week's final game produced some fine running on the part of Ronnie Brice, freshman quarterback from Andrews, and also revealed the experience of game-wise Powell Berry, two-year letterman senior to be from Snyder.

Other candidates are Daryle Keeling of Tyler and Babe Craig of Knoxville, Tenn. Keeling was a soph squadman last fall while Craig is a transfer from Tennessee

who will have two years eligibility.

Several candidates missed all or part of spring practice with injuries but will be counted on heavily next fall. These include Senior Halfback Randy Sims of Houston, Junior HB Jim Murphy of El Reno, Okla., and End Richard Love, Lampasas junior, who missed all of the workouts. Sophomore guard candidates Jim Harper of Borger and Walter LaGrone of Carthage missed all but three days of drills with injuries.

Based on spring practice Myers gave a breakdown by positions.

Ends—Ralph Smith, Phillips senior; Russell Hill, Dallas junior; Bob Phillips, Corpus Christi junior; Mike Clark, Weatherford sophomore; Don McClelland, Crowley, La., senior and Bobby Huntington, Plainview sophomore.

Tackles—Wayne Freiling, San Antonio junior; Wayland Simmons, San Antonio junior; John Stralinger, Houston sophomore; George Horan, Longview sophomore; Joe Eilers, Hallettsville junior and Ben Krenak, El Campo sophomore.

Guards—Wayne Labar, Harlingen senior; Carter Franklin, Kerens senior; Keith Huggins, Houston sophomore; Jim Phillips, Freeport sophomore; Joe Bob Johnson, Garland junior and David Powitzky, Pasadena sophomore.

Centers—Roy Northrup, Amarillo senior; Jerry Hopkins, Mart sophomore; Larry Braaddus, Caldwell junior and Paul Piper, Brownwood senior.

Quarterbacks—Powell Berry, Snyder senior; Ronnie Brice, Andrews sophomore; Daryle Keeling,

Tyler junior; Babe Craig, Knoxville, Tenn., junior and Fred Deutrich, Bellville sophomore.

Halfbacks—Jack Estes, Olton senior; Jon Few, Midlothian senior; John Kent, Houston sophomore; Eddie Van Dyke, San Antonio junior; Bob Caskey, Gonzales junior; Ronnie Ledbetter, Dalhart sophomore; John Hitt, San Benito sophomore and Eddie Dolezal, San Antonio sophomore.

Fullbacks—Lee Roy Caffey, Thorndale sophomore; Sam Byer, Marlin sophomore; S. J. Halpin, Beaumont junior; and Bob Lindley, Del Rio sophomore.

A&M will open the 1960 campaign against LSU at Baton Rouge on Sept. 17, then meets Texas Tech at College Station, Trinity at San Antonio, Houston at Houston, TCU at College Station, Baylor at Waco, Arkansas at College Station, SMU at Dallas, Rice at Houston and Texas at Austin.

Intramurals

Sq. 11 soared to the 1960 Class A volleyball intramural championship Monday night as they defeated Co. G-1 in the final playoffs. The winning team was composed of Brieden, McDaniel, Wilson, Ludcke, Sanborn and Brunt.

Pan American took their championship in volleyball as they defeated Mitchell the same night in Class C finals. The championship team was made up of Aldape, Sayaveora, Villarreal, Carrillo, Benito, Buentello, Garza, Vasquez and Lobo.

In Class A rifle competition, Co. A-1 recorded a 413-301 win against Sq. 2; Sq. 14 scored 410-322 over Co. B-1; Co. F-1 defeated Co. C-2 by a 475-411 score; Co. F-2 blasted Sq. 1 by a 417-180 score and Co. G-1 beat Co. B-2 by a 492-450 score.

In upperclassmen tennis, Co. D-2 defeated the White Band; the Maroon Band won over Sq. 10; Sq. 5 beat Sq. 17; Sq. 7 outplayed Sq. 8 and Co. B-2 defeated Sq. 13.

The Fish started wrapping up the volleyball schedule as Sq. 11 posted a win over the Maroon Band; Co. H-1 defeated Sq. 10; Sq. 3 won over Co. K-2; Co. H-2 defeated Sq. 17; Sq. 2 recorded a win over Co. G-1; Sq. 13 beat Co. D-1; Sq. 8 defeated Sq. 9; Co. F-1 posted a win over Co. D-2.



Strickly Posed
Coach Tom Chandler, right, took a little time out in yesterday's practice session to pose with some of his team. The Cadets went through a brisk workout in preparation for today's game with the Texas Lutheran Bulldogs in Seguin.

Texas Evaluates Prospects For 1960 Olympic Games

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF
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What are Texas' prospects for the Olympics team this year? In 1956 there were two—Bobby Morrow, the great sprinter of Abilene Christian, and Eddie Southern, versatile star of the University of Texas.

There were other Texans on the team but they were from colleges in other areas so Morrow and Southern were the only authentic olympians from Texas.

Morrow won both sprints and ran on the victorious 400-meter relay team. He was making one of the greatest individual showings in the history of the world-wide games.

Southern ran second in the 400-

meter hurdles to Glenn Davis. It was considered a fine performance since Southern was only a college freshman. But it left something for him to shoot at.

Morrow and Southern are trying for a return to the Olympics. Southern is a good bet to make it but there's considerable doubt about Morrow. Even his coach, Oliver Jackson, admits the sprinter is facing a "tough fight."

Morrow lost something more than a race last year when he got a leg injury in the Meet of Champions at Houston. He never could attain the condition he knew when he was the big man of the Olympics. He failed to even qualify in the National AAU, thus didn't get to compete for America in the dual meet with Russia or in the Pan American games.

Morrow has been working for the Olympics ever since then and apparently is back in sound physical condition. But he may be battling two things: psychology (the great failure he experienced may have jarred his confidence) and incentive.

Morrow is out of college now and making a place for himself in banking. Will he pay the price that a return to the Olympics entails? He already has experienced the greatest glory a track man might attain and he also has suffered deep humiliation that might have left him a little bitter.

The guess is that Morrow won't make the Olympics once more although that certainly is not the personal desire of the writer. Morrow has epitomized the finest in athletics. He has been a great credit to sport, to Texas and to himself.

Southern should make the Olympics without undue trouble. He again probably will have Davis to compete with, in either the 400-meter dash or the 400-meter hurdles, whichever he chooses. But Southern beat Davis the last time he ran against the Ohio State bullet. Davis was ill at the time but nevertheless Southern beat his jinx. He went on to the championship of the NCAA in the 400-yard dash.

NIT Takes Pause; Bonnies Surprise Way to Semifinals

NEW YORK (AP)—The National Invitation Tournament takes a 24-hour breather today while the basketball gentry savors the play of little Sam Stith that has fired streaking St. Bonaventure into the semifinals along with top-seeded Bradley, Utah State and Providence.

Sam's savoring it, too. "Oh, man, it was delicious," he said Tuesday night after scoring a tournament high of 37 points in the Bonnies' 106-71 route of defending champion St. John's.

Sam, a chunky 6-2 bundle of speed, has scored 64 points in St. Bonaventure's two NIT victories so far. With his ball-hawking and floor generalship added in, he's overshadowing his more publicized brother, Tom, the nation's No. 2 scorer with a 32-point average. This although Tom has scored 51 points in the two games and has rebounded well.

"Little brother has his fun now and then," grinned Sam, who is actually the older of the two Stiths. He is referred to as "little" because Tom is 6-5 and the higher scorer over a season. "Let's hope we both have a big one coming up for Bradley. They'll be tough and won't rattle as easy as St. John's did."

The Bonnies, now 21-3 with an 18-game winning streak, get their semifinal test Thursday night against Bradley, the nation's No. 4 team with a 25-2 record after spilling Dayton 78-64 in the opener of Tuesday night's doubleheader.

Providence 23-4 and Utah 23-4, who won their quarter-final games on Saturday, meet in the other semi with the two winners playing for the tournament championship Saturday afternoon.

"Our half court press did it against St. John's," said St. Bonaventure coach Eddie Donovan.

"But Bradley's a much more seasoned club. We'll use about the same kind of defense, with maybe a couple of adjustments. St. John's is young and we got a lot of steals off the press. You can't expect to do that against Bradley."

Aggie Baseballers Try Bulldogs Today

The Aggie baseball team traveled to Seguin today for their return game with the Texas Lutheran Bulldogs.

In their first contest with the Bulldogs the Ags came out with a 2-1 win, which has been their only victory in three starts this season.

Olen Jordan will probably start on the mound for the Cadets and the rest of the lineup will depend largely on whether the Bulldogs are fielding a right hander or a southpaw on the mound.

The Farmers will be trying to recover from the 7-0 lashing handed them by the potent Rice Owls last Saturday.

Besides having trouble with their pitchers, the Cadet batters are in a slump also with only two men hitting above the .300 mark to bring the team average down to a .209.

In the pitching department Jack

Roeder is the only man to record a win as he allowed only two hits when he did relief work against the Bulldogs in the first meeting.

The Cadets have had their chances to win, but when scores have been at stage the batters haven't been able to connect with the horsehide.

Dink Patterson, Byron Barber and John Burton have been the only Aggies to register more than one RBI. Patterson and Barber have three each and Burton has two.

Today will be the Ags' last chance for a practice tilt before they open Southwest Conference play in Kyle Field against Southern Methodist Saturday.

Gary Herrington, freshman coach, has been working earnestly with his Fish, but says they still have a long way to go. The Fish will travel to Corsicana Thursday for their opener with Navarro Junior College.

SPORT SLANTS

By JOE CALICOATTE

The sight of Bob Rogers and Shelby Metcalf drinking coffee in the Memorial Student Center has been scarce lately. Both have been busy talking to prospective athletes for next fall.

Undoubtedly they have some top athletes in mind, but they won't be able to sign until April 1.

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If girls are admitted to Aggieland, it might be a good idea for some of them to try out for the basketball team.

Taking a look at the recent scoring rundown of the girl's state tourney playoffs one can see that they outpointed most of the boys by a considerable amount.

35 and 40 points were quite common for the girls in the playoffs.

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A&M has lined up some top attractions for its football teams in the next several years.

Included among the national powers to be met by the Aggies are LSU, Florida, Southern California, Ohio State and Georgia Tech.

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