

Will A&M Fool The 'Experts'?

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One summer football magazine contained these statements concerning the Texas Aggies:
 "The Aggies will drag up the rear as is their custom. A&M hit its peak in the near upset of Texas on Thanksgiving Day. Nobody expects the Aggies to reach such a

height in 1964."
 The author, without a doubt, hadn't conversed with the Aggies on this.
 Summer prognostications on Southwest Conference football seem to have a habit of going awry. Surprises are the rule

rather than the exception in this topsy-turvy collegiate football league.
 On paper, perhaps, and judged on recent records, the Aggies rate the tailend position on a pre-season forecast.
 But the intangibles—spirit, dedication, desire—can't be measured, and it is on these that the 1964 Texas Aggies base their case.
 The 1964 seniors—15 lettermen strong—have dedicated themselves to completing their collegiate football careers on a winning note.
 This is a closely-knit squad that goes into the 1964 campaign without an established super-star. But it is a group that has a burning desire for success and recognition.

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 In the minds of the returning Aggie lettermen—24 in all—the Thanksgiving Day effort against Texas was not a closing note, but the beginning of a climb upward in SWC circles.
 The momentum carried over through spring training—termed by veteran observers as the best at Aggieland in many years—and it's expected to continue when fall practice opens September 1.
 Offense was stressed during the

spring, and the 1964 Aggies will have more firepower in their attack this fall. Senior Dan McIlhany is expected to guide the offense from his quarterback slot. He has the makings of the best Aggie field general in years.
 Budgie Ford, another senior and erstwhile halfback, opens the '64 season as the No. 1 fullback. At 186 pounds he may be the league's smallest fullback, but his spring training performance indicated he also may be one of the best.
 Veteran Tommy Meeks, strong blocker, good receiver and runner, opens at right half, and sophomore Ronnie Lindsey, a speedster with heft (202 pounds) gets the pre-season nod for the left-half slot.
 Those four finished first in spring training. They'll discover that fall practice will bring renewed efforts to dislodge them, by such worthies as Jim Willenborg, Eddie McKaughan, Charles LaGrange, and Harry Ledbetter at quarterback; Mike Pitman, Lloyd Curington, Mike Phillips, Bubber Collins, Mike Devine, Jerry Nichols, Jim Stabler, Dan Westerfield, and Ken Caffey among the halfback corps; Jerry Katchik, Mike Kohlman, and Joe Weiss at fullback.



Mira on the Move
 College All-Star quarterback George Mira from Miami of Florida puts on the speed as Chicago Bears defensive end Ed O'Bradovich, closes in during the fourth quarter of the All Star Game in Chicago. A&M's Ray Kubala saw considerable action. The Bears won 28 to 17. (AP Wirephoto)

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