

Aggies Collide With Texas

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TIM TIMMERMAN
... may start Saturday.

"It's the type of game which will have some bonehead plays because of the pressure and some great plays because of the adrenaline."

Shelby Metcalf was describing the melee on tap for Saturday night between his Aggie crew and the always-tough Texas Lornhorns. A capacity crowd is expected to pack G. Rollie White Coliseum for the 8 p.m. tipoff.

It is a do-or-die proposition for both clubs. The loser faces an uphill fight in the race to catch free-wheeling Texas Tech.

The Aggies and the Steers are currently dealing two of the hottest hands in the conference. A&M has flashed to three straight SWC victories, two on the road. Texas has won its last four outings, including three league skirmishes.

Jim Culpepper, Aggie assistant cage mentor at A&M, has scouted both Texas and Tech and calls them, "just about even right now."

The Longhorns rely on a blitzkrieg fast break as the mainstay of their offensive attack. If they don't score off the break they like to work the ball inside for the easy shot or kick it back out for a medium range jumper.

Fine speed and strong board work make the Texas attack click. On defense Coach Harold Bradley favors switching man-for-man.

Bellwether of the late Texas surge has been Larry Franks, a 6-5 senior forward from Nacogdoches. Teaming with him at the other forward slot will be Mickey White, a 6-6 transfer from Tyler Junior College. 6-8 senior John Paul Fultz will line up at center.

Rounding out the starting lineup are Mike Gammon, a 6-2 guard from Denton, and sparkplug Jimmy Clark, a 5-9 senior playmaker.

The rebounding Aggies are fresh from an 82-79 thriller over Arkansas in Fayetteville. Cou-

pled with Baylor's upset of Tech, the win placed the Cadets squarely into title contention again.

Dickie Stringfellow and Paul Timmins will man the guard posts Saturday night and will bear the brunt of stopping the Texas fast break. Dick Rector will sit out the game with a strained knee.

John Beasley will start at center and Kenny Norman will open at one forward. Either Sonny Fethkenher or Tim Timmerman will get the call at the other forward spot.

All reserved seats have already been sold for the encounter and general admission tickets will go on sale at the door beginning at 5:15 p.m. Tickets sales will cease as soon as the coliseum is

filled so all fans are urged to be in line early to insure admittance. The doors will open at 5:15.

There will be a freshman preliminary beginning at 5:45. A&M's 3-3 Fish collide with the highly touted Yearling quintet, labeled "the team to beat in the frosh chase."

Culpepper plans to start Larry Ditto at center, Terry Trippet and Max Mainord at forwards and Jimmy Lenox and Kent Andrews at the guard slots.

The Yearlings will probably start Larry Lake and Scotty Brown at forwards and Opie Overbeck at center. All-star Billy Arnold and John Matzinger are the starting guards.



Castro Pitches

Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro pitches to the first of the Havana team at the opening of the 1965 national baseball championship this week. The batter put up on a 3-2 count. (AP Wirephoto)

Academy Not Surrendering

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. (AP) — Air Force Academy coaches are getting ready to pick up the pieces and rebuild for the 1965 football season after losing 20 players in the examination theft scandal at the school.

Of the 105 cadets resigning during the investigation, 29 were football players, but nine of these were seniors. No names have been released.

"This is a body blow, but not a knockout," Coach Ben Martin

said.

"Heck, I've started some seasons with fewer established winning football players. In my first year here, 1958, there were only 23 out for football the first day of practice."

He figures to count a lot more helmeted heads than that when the Falcons open spring drills March 29. None of the freshman players was caught in the wave of resignations of the last two weeks and they had some capable-

looking performers in their ranks last fall.

Martin said of the 20 players lost, "only about 10 or 12 figured in our plans."

Martin, once a football player at the U. S. Naval Academy, declined to say how many lettermen he expects in March, but it was reported there will be not more than nine or 10.

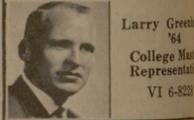
There were 21 seniors on the squad last fall when Air Force won four, lost five and tied one.

Buckman Declares

Tommy Buckman, a two-year all-district griddier from Fort Worth Carter, announced Wednesday that he plans to attend A&M University on a football scholarship.

Buckman stands 6-4, weighs 210 pounds, and played defensive tackle and offensive end at Amon Carter Riverside.

He also competes in basketball, baseball, and track. He is currently the leading scorer in district 4A-5 with a 22.9 average.



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Reps From NCAA, AFL, Have Confab

NEW YORK (AP) — Jim Corbett, chairman of the NCAA's pro relations committee, had a meeting with American Football League Commissioner Joe Foss Thursday and said the AFL would have a statement within a week on the premature signings of college football players.

"It was a very amiable discussion," said Corbett, Louisiana State athletic director.

Corbett also said he had a brief discussion with National Football League Commissioner Pete Rozelle.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association, which represents some 600 colleges and universities in this country, in its annual convention in Chicago last month, passed a strongly worded resolution calling on the professional leagues to take steps to halt the premature signing of college players.

Almost simultaneously with the NCAA action, Rozelle announced that the NFL clubs had been ordered to refrain from signing any player until he had completed his college eligibility, including post season bowl games.

Foss, however, declined at that time to make any firm statement until after a meeting with his club owners in Houston later in January.

The NCAA resolution also called for both leagues to hold off their played draft until January. Both leagues have balked at this.

Baylor Redshirt To Keep Bargain

DALLAS (AP) — Henry Pickett, Baylor halfback, is one "redshirt" who doesn't plan to pass up his fifth year in college for pro football.

Pickett told the Dallas Times Herald Thursday that he felt obligated to play his final season with Baylor.

"I guess I have a funny feeling along that line, but I feel this way," said Pickett. "If a guy is given the opportunity to go to school for four years and they pay for all that, then I think a boy has an obligation to pay back that school the fifth year."

The comments came after George Sauer Jr., Texas end, said he would pass up his final year of eligibility with the idea of playing pro football. His coach, Darrell Royal, expressed opposition to it.

Pickett said he gave some serious thought to signing with Oakland, which had drafted him last winter when his class graduated at Baylor. He was redshirted in 1962.

Bueno Default Touches Off Tennis Feud

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP) — Suggestions that Maria Bueno of Brazil feigned an injury rather than lose to Margaret Smith of Australia, her chief rival for world honors, has touched off a feud in international tennis.

The incident happened last Monday in the title round of the Australian tournament at Sydney. Miss Bueno was trailing 5-2 in the final set when she fell to ground, grabbed her leg and rolled around in apparent pain. She defaulted because of a leg cramp.

Miss Bueno arrived here Thursday for the Auckland International Tournament and immediately forfeited to Miss Smith in singles. The Brazilian star said, however, she would play doubles.

The keen rivalry between the two girls is certain to carry over to the summer campaign at Wimbledon and the U. S. Nationals at Forest Hills, where Miss Bueno is the defending champion.

Miss Bueno stoutly denied the Sydney rumors about her default Monday.

She was undisputed queen of tennis in 1959 and 1960 but shortly afterward became ill. It was then that Miss Smith moved in. Winning the U. S. championship in 1962 and Wimbledon in 1963.

Ag Cindermen To Compete In Dallas, Cowtown

The A&M tracksters are in for a busy weekend as they journey northward for a Friday night meet in Fort Worth and a Saturday event in Dallas.

In the Fort Worth Indoor Meet, Coach Charley Thomas will enter an eleven-man delegation, headed by Olympic weightman Randy Matson.

A mile relay team will compete, and will be taken from the following quintet—Ted Nelson, James White, Larry McGough, Arie Britz, and Gilbert Smith.

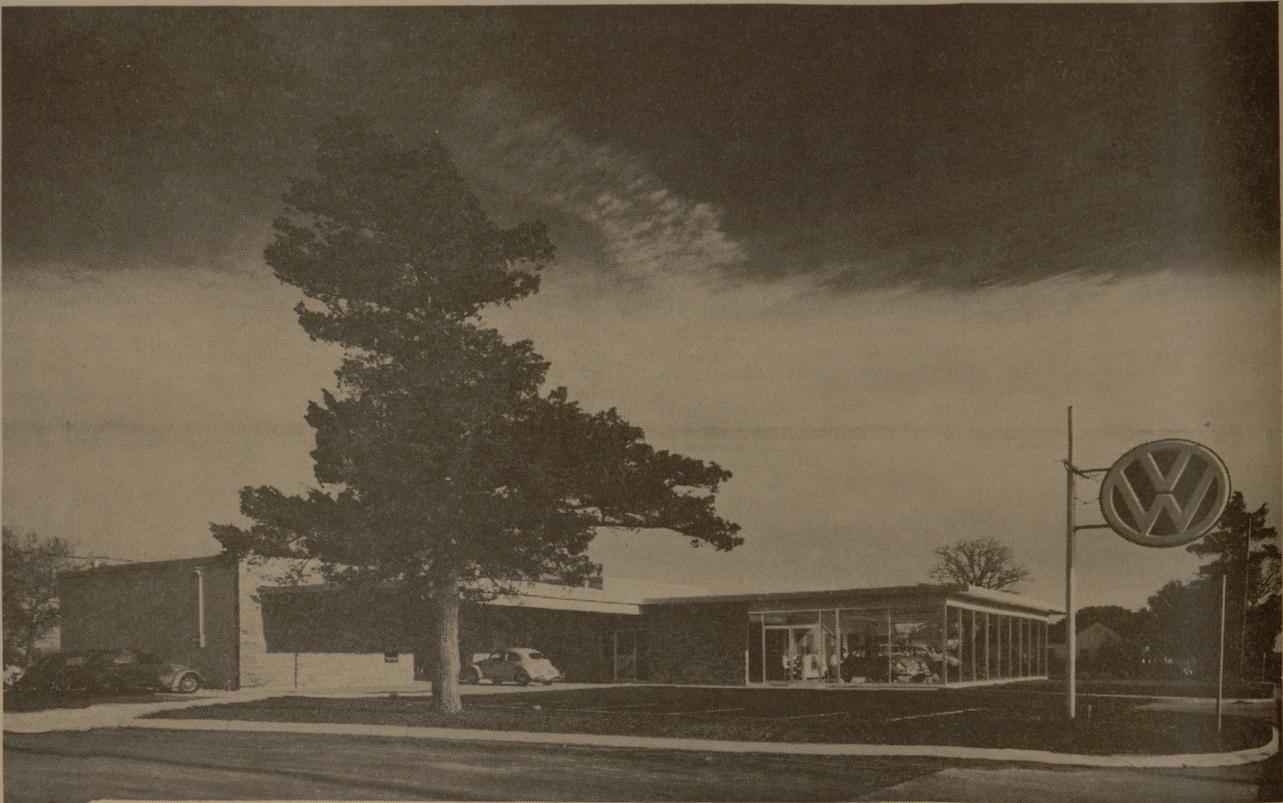
McGough will run in the 300-yard dash and Smith is entered in the 60-yard dash. Gene Westmoreland is scheduled for the 600-yard run and Cecil Wood and Mike Schrider will compete in the high jump.

In the Dallas Indoor Meet, White will run the 60-yard dash and Bobby Brown will compete in the broad jump. McGough will not run the 300 but the rest of the entrants will compete in the same events they did the previous night.

Harness Great Dies In Sleep At Age Of 33

MAPLE PARK, Ill. (AP) — Greyhound, fabled snow-white gelding who was the Man O' War of harness racing, died in his sleep Thursday at the age of 33, comparable to 132 for a human being.

The fastest trotter in harness racing history, Greyhound succumbed to infirmities of his age in his luxurious stable at the R. C. Flanery farm, 50 miles west of Chicago.



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