

Meeks Hands Out Advise, Equipment

The earthy philosophy of S. M. (Monk) Meeks stands the Texas A&M Athletic equipment manager in good stead.

Monk does the job when athletic fields need work, installs dressing room fixtures, outfits A&M teams and comes up with player comfort ideas, such as an asphalt surface for the team zone between 35 yard lines.

Whether he's dealing with slow-growing turf or a fast-moving halfback, Meeks uses the same pace: a light-hearted, humorous outlook that finishes the job.

The equipment manager of many backgrounds has one mission — put the safest equipment possible on a boy and not make him too heavy. He has the savvy.

Meeks coached at Greenville and Celeste, worked 12 years for Humble, joined the State Board of Control ranks in Austin, was purchasing agent for Brown and Root four years and established an athletic repair business — the first in Texas — in San Antonio which he operated 12 years.

The sturdy Meeks, built like a mesquite corner post, has been at A&M eight years. He believes Head Coach Gene Stallings' present staff is the best.

"Coach Stallings has given ideal cooperation in protecting the fields," the Temple-born Texan commented.

Monk has known A&M Athletic Director Barlow (Bones) Irvin since he was in the first grade at Cotulla. They grew up together. "Bones coached two of my boys in high school," Meeks proclaims. "One year while I was in Houston, his San Antonio Jefferson team was playing Baytown in the state semifinals. He called me to scout them. I reported they couldn't throw a lick and the Ganders passed Jeff out of the stadium, 40-0."

"That's the last scouting job for you," Irvin declared.

Meeks' Kyle Field care has paid off in a surface Stallings calls "the best field in America."

Stadium renovation begins after the 1966 season.

The equipment man gets along well with athletes. His attitude is one of philosophical leniency.

"I've never seen a sorry athlete," Monk recalled. "Some are better than others, but any boy who plays college athletics, first or last string, has got it."

Though reluctant to single out individuals, Meeks said the best he's seen at A&M are Charley Milstead and Randy Matson.

"Maurice Moorman (lineman eligible for the varsity this fall) has the potential," S. M. adds.

Fitting Moorman and linebacker Robert Cortez of San Benito with helmets is one of his most unusual problems.

"Moorman and Cortez are great ones — the hardest 'hitters' around," he explained. "We've had to find head gear that won't cut their brows and noses. A liner does the trick."

Meeks remembers Richard Gay of A&M's Paul Bryant past as hard on equipment, breaking helmets and shattering pads with his tackles and blocks.

The golfer and deer hunter said doing a favor for an arch-rival coach was his most unusual — and gratifying — deed.

"After the national championship Texas game of 1963," Meeks relates, "a phone call from Mrs. Connally in Dallas came into the office here. Governor Connally was in the hospital after getting shot, and wanted to congratulate Darrell Royal on the championship."

"I wouldn't have done it for anybody else," Meeks vowed. "I had to go across the field and fight through 5,000 Texas exes to get to Royal in the dressing room."



SAFETY STRUCTURE

S. M. Meeks checks over a new face guard he'll be issuing Texas Aggie footballers when the 1966 season opens. The helmet is equipped with a lightweight aluminum mask, replacing a heavier cast iron construction. Shoulder pads, shoes and bonnets are part of the responsibility of the A&M athletic equipment manager.

Football Ticket Order Blanks Mailed

About 57,000 football ticket order blanks were mailed out Monday by the Texas A&M Athletic Business Office. Business Manager Pat Dial said the list includes about 42,000 former students and 9,200 students and parents. Others to receive the order blanks include T-card holders, option holders and university faculty and employees.

Tickets to all 10 Aggie football games of 1966 can be ordered. The mailing deadline for ordering tickets is midnight July 31.

Tickets for the Aggies' opener against Georgia Tech in Atlanta, Sept. 17, are \$6 each. All other game tickets are \$5 each.

Pro Tips Help Young Netters

Aspiring tennis players from six states are putting professional tips to practical use on home courts this week.

These include 150 youngsters 10 to 18 who participated in the Texas Tennis Camp at Texas A&M last week.

Competitors ranged from 58-pound Tut Bartzon Jr., 9-year-old son of Fort Worth's Colonial Country Club pro, to 170-pound Jimmy Phillips, a Huntsville racket-slinger.

The eager netters thrived on six hours of daily practice and found time for swimming, bowling, dancing, ping-pong and movies. Some even managed a few hours of sleep nightly.

At least one familiar complaint arose: "The food's terrible."

Sarah Bartzon, wife of Tut, shushed such talk with this comment: "If you served caviar, they might not like it. We explain that athletes often eat foods they don't necessarily like. Fish, for instance, is one of the finest foods put on a training table.

Kiddos like hamburgers every meal."

"This is the liveliest camp we have had in five years here," Mrs. Bartzon continued. "I don't mean the campers are destructive. We have more smaller children. They are very eager for supervision."

Clarence Mabry, coach of nationally-ranked Trinity University Tigers and co-director of the camp with Bartzon, kept a watchful eye on court proceedings.

"Tennis is better now than ever, especially for young people coming up," he remarked thoughtfully. "There are more opportunities for professional instruction. When Tut and I were coming up, we played on a dirt court until we were about 15."

Lobs, smashes, foot faults, backhand and forehand shots, rushing the nets, slams and a multitude of similar words are part of the everyday vocabulary for Bartzon and company.

Bartzon adjusted his glasses and savored an ice cream bar while he talked tennis.

"Twelve year olds, pound for pound are probably the best coaches of boys," he said. "We have some 14 and 15 year olds at Colonial who play well for supervision."

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Brazosport Ace Inks With Aggies

David Larson, two-time all-state pitcher who led Brazosport to two Class 4-A championships, has signed a letter of intent to attend Texas A&M on a baseball scholarship.

Larson, 6-1, 175, was named Player of the Year by the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce after posting a 21-1 record with 12 shutouts and one no-hitter. Over a three-year career, Larson won 28 and lost only eight. As a senior he struck out 297 in 169 innings.

"We're real pleased to have Larson pick A&M," Aggie coach Tom Chandler said. "We feel he is the best in the state."

Larson's high school coach was J. B. Carroll, a former A&M baseball captain.

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CSSC Swimmers Place In Finals

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There were over 1,850 entries from 23 Texas teams and three out of state teams. Dick Smith Swim Gym from Phoenix, Ariz., Laramie Swim Club from Laramie, Wyo., and Montgomery Swim Club from Bethesda, Md., were the competing teams from out of state.

CSSC swimmers who placed in the finals were Patzy Hedges, 5th in midjet girls 50-yard breast-stroke; James Haislet, 7th in junior boys' 100-yard breast-stroke; Mary Amyx, 7th in women's open 100-yard back-stroke; midjet girls' 200-yard medley relay placed 7th and 6th in the freestyle relay (swimmers in the relays were Patsy Hedges, Jill Sanders, Pat Greenhut and Tina Derendinger); and women's open freestyle relay placed 6th (swimmers were Mary Amyx, Judy Perry, Karen Thompson and Kay Callaham).

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