



Aggies Tackle Ramblin' Wreck In Grid Season Opener Saturday

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ATLANTA — At Texas A&M it's known as the "if" season, instead of the football campaign.

This is the way head coach Gene Stallings views the upcoming gridiron season and the Aggies' opener against Georgia Tech at 2 p. m. (EST) Saturday here.

"If our sophomores play like juniors, our juniors like seniors and our seniors like they never played before, then . . ."

"If our quarterback situation improves over last year, then . . ."

"If our defensive secondary

plays better football than they played last year, then . . ."

"If our second teams improve more than they have improved in the past, then . . ."

"If we avoid injuries to key personnel, then . . ."

And always after the then, Stallings will say:

"We will be a better team than we were last year and we could surprise a lot of folks. We don't believe what we read about the Aggies being picked to finish in the lower third of the Southwest Conference. The biggest thing this team has over the one last year is that they want to win and this is one of the most important things."

AFTER 16 DAYS of fall workouts, Stallings thinks the Aggies have eliminated some of the uncertainties. The main one being that A&M went through nine, two-a-day workouts and seven daily practices without getting any of the first unit members injured.

Besides keeping key personnel healthy, Stallings said the quarterback situation has improved over the previous season.

"We have three good quarterbacks in Harry Ledbetter, Edd Hargett and Charlie Riggs," he said. "Harry has a year of experience, Edd throws the ball well and Charlie is a good scrambler, but on the other hand Harry is too slow, Edd has had two operations on his knee and Charlie is too small."

The defensive secondary, which has given the Aggie coaching staff much concern this fall, has shown promise during recent practices.

"I think the boys have improved at their positions, but we still have a long way to go," the Aggie boss said.

OF COURSE THE other "ifs" can't be measured until the Aggies play a game, and with powerful Georgia Tech Saturday the answers could be hard to bear.

At Georgia Tech coach Bobby Dodd claims he has the best team in years and has said his starting backfield of Kim King at quarterback, Lenny Snow at tailback, Craig Baynham at wingback and Doc Harvin at fullback is the

best he has had at Tech in 22 seasons.

Another thing in the Jacket's favor is 41 returning lettermen, almost twice as many as the Aggies list on their roster.

The Aggies will leave tomorrow by chartered plane and a workout is slated during the afternoon at Grant Field.

STALLINGS HAS indicated he will give Ledbetter the starting assignment at quarterback since Ledbetter has a year experience and he was the field general when the Aggies upset the Yellow Jackets, 14-10, last year.

Wendell Housley will be the only Aggie sophomore starting offensively.

The only other offensive changes among the first 22 since the end of spring training finds Larry Lee at split end ahead of Tommy Maxwell, Bill Sallee ahead of Bob Long at strong back and Dan Schneider ahead of Ronnie Lindsey at fullback. Defensively, Tuffy Fletcher moved in front of Gary Kitchens at left end and Lawson Howard is still ahead of track sprinter Gilbert Smith at left half.

"Some of those starting assignments might change after the first play," Stallings explained. "You'll notice I am going with experienced players in most cases, but you can bet a bunch of sophomores will see what it's like, too."

AGGIES PLAN to start five youngsters on the defensive platoon. Tackles Rolf Krueger and Harvey Aschenbeck, rover Joe Wood, linebacker Bill Hobbs and safety George Walker have never faced varsity competition.

The game will also mark the debut of Maurice (Mo) Moorman, the 6-5, 250 pound junior transfer from the University of Kentucky. Even though he has never played a varsity down, "Mighty Mo," as he is called by Aggie faithfuls, has already been picked for All-Southwest Conference honors. All the A&M players claim that Moorman is "all that everybody says he is and maybe more."

Saturday's second football meeting in history between the Aggies and Yellow Jackets will be carried over the Humble Network over 17 stations with Jim Wiggins and John Smith at mike-side. Radio KORA will start the pre-game show at 12:45 p. m. (CST).

GEORGIA TECH has been made a 10-point favorite, but the Aggies remember last year when they were down by 10 points going into the fourth quarter and rallied to upset the Yellow Jackets.

The Aggies know that one game does not make a season, but the Georgia Tech game will answer a lot of questions if . . .

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STARTING OFFENSIVE LINEUPS Texas A&M

- Split End—Larry Lee (184)
- Weak Side Tackle—Mark Weaver (210)
- Weak Side Guard—Don Koehn (215)
- Center—Jim Singleton (196)
- Strong Side Guard—Gary Kovar (208)
- Strong Side Tackle—Maurice Moorman (250)
- Strong Side End—Ed Breeding (217)
- Quarterback—Harry Ledbetter (195)
- Weak Side Back—Wendell Housley (200)
- Strong Side Back—Bill Sallee (185)
- Fullback—Dan Schneider (198)
- Georgia Tech
- Split End—Mike Fortier (203)
- Left Tackle—Buddy Mooror (227)
- Left Guard—Buddy McCoy (208)
- Center—Jim Breland (223)
- Right Guard—Lamar Wright (231)
- Right Tackle—Jim Penley (219)
- Tight End—Steve Almond (201)
- Quarterback—Kim King (181)
- Tailback—Lenny Snow (192)
- Wingback—Craig Baynham (201)
- Fullback—Doc Harvin (193)



GENE BRIEFS HIS CHARGES . . . Coach Stallings prepares the troops for battle.

Fall Enrollment To Set New Mark

A record 11,000 enrollment is due this fall as Texas A&M continues registration today and tomorrow, according to associate registrar R. G. Perryman.

The largest student body in A&M history is forecast to top the previous high by 14 per cent. Fall, 1965, registration signed 9,511 students.

"We don't know just how many upperclassmen are coming back," Perryman said, "but we anticipate somewhere between 10,500 and 11,000 students altogether."

New students checked in and registered yesterday. Registration of all other students was to have begun at 1 p. m. today and conclude at 5 p. m. tomorrow.

"The freshman registration was just a routine registration with no major problems," Perryman noted. "They were all supposed to have registered, but you never can tell."

The Cadet Corps organizes Sat-

urday and Sunday. Fall semester classes begin at 8 a. m. Monday.

The 1966-67 students descend on Sbis Hall in waves, with those whose surnames begin with C through K arranging classes this afternoon.

A's and B's sign up from 8-10 a. m. tomorrow; T through Z, 10-11:30 a. m.; L through O, 1-3 p. m., and P through S, 3-4 p. m.

The last day for enrolling or adding courses is Sept. 24 and the last day for dropping courses Sept. 28.



FORTUNES OF A FISH

As if standing in line forever and fighting for your life in Sbis Hall is enough of a problem, one hapless freshman, on crutches yet, got them stuck in a manhole cover while waiting his turn to register yesterday. Sympathetic comrades came to his rescue and within minutes the new Aggie was ready to face an ever greater peril — his first registration.

Inside Today's Issue

- Today's issue of The Battalion includes the annual Back-To-School Edition.
- Section 1 is the regular Thursday edition, Section 2 focuses on Aggie football and Section 3 includes news from the summer and features.
- News of the Corps of Cadets is featured on Page 5, Sec. 1.
- Here are some of the items you'll find inside:
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\$600,000 Bond Issue Scheduled Saturday

College Station residents vote Saturday on a proposed \$600,000 bond issue to help finance a \$1,085,000 improvement program for the city's water system.

If the issue is approved by the voters, charges for water, sewer and garbage fees will be increased a total of \$1.50 per month.

Mayor D. A. Anderson, in a letter mailed to city residents,

\$300 Award Aimed At Fish Retention

A \$300 cash award designed to help curb the loss of freshmen from the Corps of Cadets has been authorized by President Earl Rudder.

Dean of Students James P. Hannigan announced the grant at the Corps Commanders' Conference this week.

Hannigan said the unit with the best record of freshman retention through the first 12 days of the spring semester will receive \$200. The unit with the next best retention record will be awarded \$100.

Prices Reduced On Date Tickets

Reduced price date tickets at \$4 for all home football games are now on sale at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

The discount tickets must be purchased before 5 p. m. Sept. 23. All tickets bought after that time will cost the regular \$5.

Date and student tickets for out-of-town games will be sold for one week ending at 5 p. m. the Wednesday before each game. Student activity cards and identification cards will be required when purchasing these tickets.

Ticket booths will be open from 8 a. m.-5 p. m. Monday through Friday and 8 a. m.-noon on Saturdays. The booths will remain open during the noon hour Monday through Friday.

explained that the City Council felt an increase in the three services was a more practical method of raising the \$600,000 to finance bonds than increasing the current tax rate.

As proposed, water charges would be increased by 75 cents per month, garbage fees would be hiked by 50 cents per month and sewage service would cost 25 cents more per month.

The mayor claimed the proposed facilities will serve the city's water needs until 1990. The funds would be used to install 10 miles of water lines in the city to aid in water distribution and fire protection.

Also included in the plan is the establishment of a 2 million gallon ground storage reservoir and a 1 million gallon elevated stor-

age tank to insure an adequate water supply and pressure at all times.

Cost of the improvements would be financed in part by a \$484,250 federal grant, with the increase in water, sewer and garbage service bringing in the remainder.

Polling stations include: Ward 1 — A&M Consolidated School Music Room. (Ward 1 includes parts of the city south of Texas A&M and between old and new Highway 6.)

Ward 2 — A&M Consolidated Elementary School. (Ward 2 includes parts of the city east of Highway 6 and south of Lincoln Avenue.)

Ward 3 — City Hall. (Ward 3 is the remainder of the city, including Texas A&M.)



EARLY APPLE POLISHING

Student Senate President Barney Fudge chats with Corps of Cadets Commandant Col. D. L. Baker during the Commandant's Reception this week. President Earl Rudder and various faculty and staff officials met with Corps student leaders at the annual reception.

First Bank & Trust now pays 5% per annum on savings certificates. —Adv.