

12th Man Ready

Stone Participates In Grid Workouts

The 12th man will be ready when the Texas Aggies open the grid campaign against Georgia Tech Saturday.

Head yell leader Tommy Stone, who has been out of a football uniform for two years, completed two weeks of rigid football training today by participating at the Aggie fall camp.

"I just wanted to get to know the personnel and the team better before the season started," said Stone, a senior from Donna. "By doing this I think that I will be able to work with the team and the coaches better because I have been through the same thing they have."

Stone decided to undertake this task last spring before school was out and approached head coach Gene Stallings with the idea. Stallings was hesitant about the idea and asked Stone to contact him in the summer.

The head yell leader did not wait for Stallings to okay his idea before he started getting into shape for the fall drills. He wanted to be in shape if Stallings told him it would be all right to participate in the drills.

Stallings granted permission and Stone reported to camp on Aug. 29 with the rest of the squad. He ate the evening meal with the team and the following day ran the mile, which every player has to run in under six minutes and 12 seconds before he is issued a uniform. Stone ran a 5:37, three seconds under the team average.

On Sept. 1 it was full-scale workouts for Stone and the rest of the Aggies.

He was issued a red jersey, which means that he was running with the third defensive unit. Stone played inside linebacker on the unit.

Stone, 5-9 and 155 pounds, wore halfback Lloyd Curington's jersey during the annual picture and press interview session Sept. 2 and because of his size he was mistaken several times by the sports writers and photographers as the Aggie speedster.

The last time Stone donned a football uniform was two years

ago during the annual 12th man bowl, starting as a center for the Corps team.

Stone is no stranger to the grid field. During his high school days he lettered three years at Donna High School playing center and defensive guard two years and center and safety during his final year.

During the 1961 campaign, Stone played on Donna's state championship team, which beat Quanah, 28-21, in the final game for the 2A title. His coach at Donna was Earl Scott.

"I think the biggest asset of this year's team is the competition and size," Stone said. "I think that our offensive backs run well and hit hard and of course our offensive line, with Moorman (Maurice), Kovar (Gary), Breding (Ed), Singleton (Jim), Weaver (Mark) and Pyburn (Jack) will be a good one."

Stone said he would go to all the Aggie games. He should be because you will never know when the 12th man will be needed.



GRID ADDITION

Gilbert Smith, Aggie track star, has joined the Aggie grid team for fall workouts and might win a starting berth on the defensive secondary.

Expansion Fund Reaches \$350,000

With the football season fast approaching, the Kyle Field Expansion Fund is nearing the \$350,000 mark, which is \$400,000 short of the goal.

Kyle Field, which will be improved and seat over 65,000 in the near future, will be financed by the selling of seat options and from the selling of \$750,000 in revenue bonds.

The stadium renovation will be in a two-phase project. Phase I will start after the Arkansas game here Oct. 29. It will include the addition of seats to a capacity of 55,000, improvements of lighting, parking, under-stadium facilities and traffic arteries to and from the stadium.

Phase II will include the lowering of the present playing area, taking out the cinder track, adding seats closer to the field on both sides and closing in both ends to form a bowl. The final


bowl-type stadium will seat over 65,000.

A new stadium will help in recruiting athletes. "A player wants to know about three things when he is contemplating a school: where he will live, the kind of field he will play on and who the coach is," said Gene Stallings, A&M head coach.

Home games are limited at A&M because of the present facilities at Kyle Field. The facilities are not adequate enough to attract large crowds. With better facilities, it is believed that bigger crowds will be attracted and this in turn will help the people of College Station-Bryan.

"With each person spending a minimum of \$20, football suddenly becomes big business with the money running into the thousands of dollars," Ridley Briggs, president of the quarterback club, said.

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