

Stallings: Hargett's Not Bad

BY GARY SHERER

What did Coach Gene Stallings think as Edd Hargett was rambling for the Texas Tech goal with the wining score Saturday night?

"I hope he scores," said the Aggie mentor.

This statement kicked off Stallings' weekly press conference as the head football man at A&M discussed his football team with newsmen.

"OUR SECONDARY did better and the pass protection was fair," said Stallings when commenting on the game. He also said that the team came out of the game in good shape and will be ready for this week's game with Texas Christian.

Some controversy had been raised following the game about the block made by Larry Stegert just before Hargett's score. Stallings said that from their game films, it was a legal block and that it really couldn't have been any other way.

Stallings had praise for the linebackers, notably Bill Hobbs and Buster Adami. The duo made or were in on 53 tackles between them (Hobbs-28, Adami-25). Their work came out most in the third quarter as they made most of the tackles in two Tech drives.

The move of Ross Brupbacher to defensive back was made because of the abundance of running backs. "We needed defensive

backs and he (Brupbacher) wants to play, so the switch was made," said Stallings. It really payed off well as the sophomore from Lafayette, La. pulled off two interceptions.

STALLINGS HOPES to go with the same defensive alignment that finished the Tech game. Jimmy Piper, however, may start ahead of Gaddy Wells at left end. The offense should stay the same. Halfback Wendell Housley is improved physically and may see more action.

"TCU can keep the ball against you," commented Stallings about the Aggies' next opposition. He mentioned that the Horned Frogs had kept the ball a total of 51 plays in the first half of their game with Georgia Tech.

Though he would like to run more, Stallings thinks the Aggies will stick to their passing game for TCU. Hargett's SWC player-of-the-week passing arm would tend to be the reason for that decision.

When asked if he agreed with some people calling Hargett the best passer in the SWC, Stallings smiled and said. . . "He's not a bad passer."

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Buckman Is Ready For Hometowners

He's actually too large to overlook, but one of the unsung standouts on Texas A&M's football forces this fall is strong end Tom Buckman, a 6-4, 210-pound junior from Fort Worth.

And, this coming Saturday night (Oct. 21) he'll return to his hometown for his first football action there since coming to Texas A&M. It'll be for the Aggie-TCU contest at 7:30 p.m. in Amon Carter Stadium on the TCU campus.

Buckman has faced TCU before, once as a freshman and last year on the varsity but both times the games were played in College Station.

Buckman, despite his size, is no hulking, awkward giant. Instead he is one of the most agile players on the club. Thus far this season he has caught four passes for 66 yards and is considered among the very best blockers on the offensive line. Last year, when he was also a regular at the same position he caught 16 passes for 173 yards and one touchdown.

Coach Gene Stallings remark-

ed this past week that "I think Buckman has caught every pass thrown his way this year. Maybe we haven't been throwing to him enough."

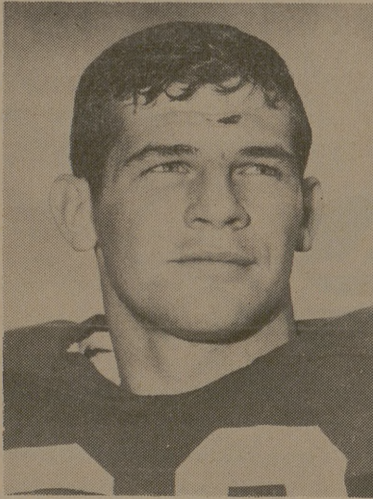
In addition to playing football at Fort Worth Amon Carter Riverside High, Tom found time to win all-state honors in basketball and letter in both track and baseball. In addition, he was a member of the National Honor Society.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Buckman. His father is an A&M graduate and is city traffic engineer in Fort Worth.

Buckman will fool you with his speed, too. This past summer, when the Aggies assembled to run their qualifying mile in order to check out gear and commence fall football practice, big Tom finished second to Bob Long with the splendid time of 5:10. And, at the finish he didn't appear to be exhausted, suggesting that he could have done it faster.

Now with a last-second win under their belts, the Aggies know how the other half lives. They lost several such decisions themselves earlier in the season.

As for Buckman, he'd like to continue the victory streak, especially before the home folks in Fort Worth this weekend.



TOM BUCKMAN

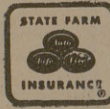
Ag Booters Topple TCU

The Aggie soccer team grabbed their second conference victory Saturday with a 6-1 romp over Texas Christian.

The win puts the Ag booters in second place in the conference and if Texas wins its next game, there will be a three-way deadlock for the conference lead.



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Picking With The Presidents

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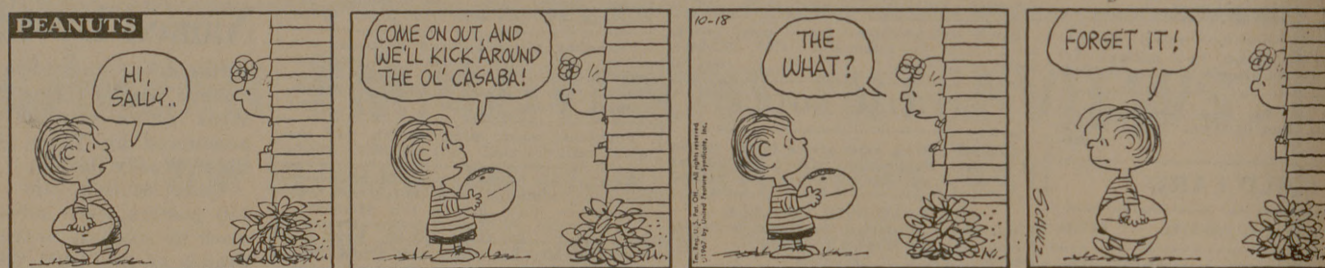
Things are looking up everywhere! The Aggies got their first victory and ye old prognosticator was 8-3-0 on his predictions.

Unlike the good guys of history, I get to gloat about any accomplishments before my demise. Historical characters really have their own kind of fascination for me. I wonder how some of our former presidents would have predicted football games?

- TEXAS A&M 27, TCU 9
George Washington couldn't tell a lie.
- TENNESSEE 21, ALABAMA 16
Old Hickory would have enjoyed this one.
- ARKANSAS 20, TEXAS 18
Harry Truman knew all the time that Dewey wouldn't win.
- WASHINGTON 16, USC 13
James K. Polk said 54-40 or fight.
- COLORADO 25, NEBRASKA 16
Andrew Johnson would have vetoed this one.
- GEORGIA TECH 12, AUBURN 9
Ike played a lot of golf at Augusta.
- HOUSTON 29, MISSISSIPPI ST. 6
Sam Houston would have carried one state.
- MICHIGAN STATE 21, MINNESOTA 14
Whatever happened to Harold Stassen?
- SYRACUSE 14, CALIFORNIA 8
Al Smith was 'upstaged' by FDR in 1932.
- CLEMSON 23, DUKE 12
South Carolina gave Abe Lincoln a lot of trouble, too.

If many of these are wrong, I'll try not to be like Alf Landon or Richard Nixon and scream for a recount.

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