

Sports Aplenty

An Even Match

By GARY SHERER

Saturday afternoon, the Southwest Conference representatives will complete their spring football training. The 1968 Maroon and White game culminates spring workouts for Texas A&M and, since the Aggies were the last SWC member to start spring training, ditto for the conference.

Saturday's 2 p. m. Kyle Field contest also promises to be a little more of a game than what the rest of the conference staged. Rice and Texas had two typical routs (in their Blue-Gray, Orange-White games, respectively).

In those games, the players running on the first team were pitted against the second-team members. This system doesn't make too much sense, as it's already known that the first team is usually one step ahead of the second team.

Head Coach Gene Stallings said Monday, that he would split the candidates up as evenly as possible. Yesterday, the two squads (Maroons and Whites) worked out separately for the first of two workouts. A quick glance at the rosters, gives indication that the two teams indeed are evenly matched.

A good title for the game should be 'One arm against four legs.' The White squad will be quarterbacked by Ed Hargett, and his arm will be going up against the four legs of Wendell Housley and Larry Stegent, the Maroon running backs.

Defensive Coach Dee Powell's White team also has some top hands on the offensive line to protect Hargett. Carl Gough and Mike Fields, who have been first teamers since the workouts began, are at the tackle spots. Rusty Stallings, a first-team guard and Ronald Reagan and center Waymond Lightfoot, second teamers, complete the interior line.

Hargett will be throwing to some accomplished pass-catchers Barney Harris at wingback and week end Bob Long, both first-team members. Doug Valois, a second-team end, will be at split end.

The White defense has first-team defenders in tackle Rolf Krueger, end Mike DiNero, linebacker Billy Hobbs and halfback Ross Brupbacher. The rest of the defensive starters will be Jerry Campbell at end, Ronald Cole at middle guard, Dale Watts, tackle, LeRoy Hauerland at rover and Randy Maddox at the other linebacker slot. The remainder of the secondary will be Lynn Fister and safety Arthur Cooley.

Offensive Coach Bud Moore also has his share of top performers on the Maroon squad.

Joining Housley and Stegent in the backfield will be Charlie Riggs at quarterback and Jack Whitmore at wingback. The boys up front are Jimmy Adams, weak end and Tommy Buckman at strong end. Mike Caswell and Mark Thomas are the tackles while Jim Parker and Gary Gruben will be at guard. Jack Kovar is at center.

The Maroon defense lines up with Jimmy Piper and sophomore-to-be Roy Kirkpatrick at end, first year man Allan Hanson and letterman Harvey Aschenback, tackles and first teamer Lynn Odom at middle guard.

The linebackers are Buster Adami and Andy Tewell with Ivan Jones at rover. Defensive backs are Gaddy Wells, John Turney and first team safety Tommy Maxwell.

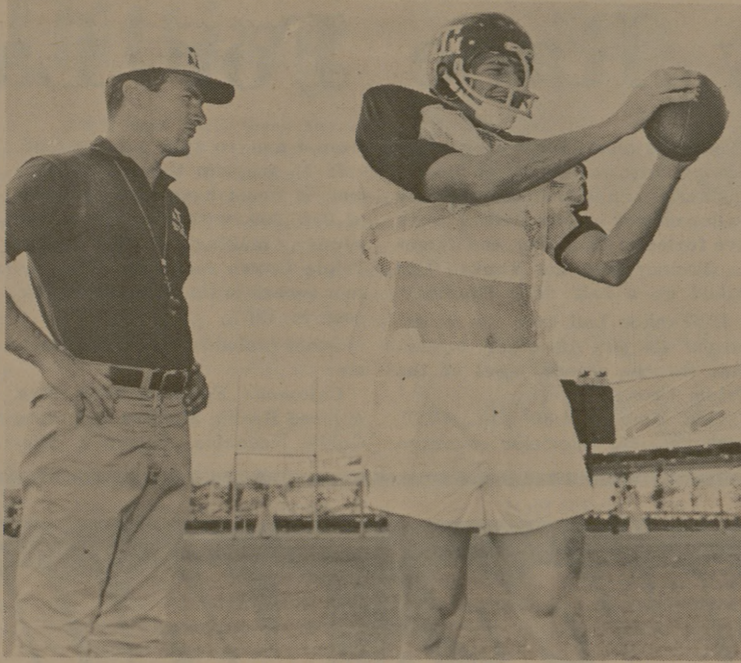
The Battalion sports staff have looked over the team rosters and have come up with these predictions:

John Platzer—Maroon 21, White 17.
Gary Sherer—White 21, Maroon 7.



LOOKS LIKE A WINNER

White squad quarterback Edd Hargett shows his coach Dee Powell his passing form as the White squad went through its first team workout yesterday in preparation for the annual spring football game Saturday. (Photo by Mike Wright)



TOUCHDOWN CATCH

Maroon Coach Bud Moore, watches his starting strong end Tommy Buckman latch on to the football in what they hope will be a preview of things to come for Saturday's Maroon-White game. (Photo by Mike Wright)

Another Award To Sam Walker

AMARILLO, Tex. (AP) — Sam Walker of Dallas Samuell, who bettered the national record in the shot eight times, is the 1968 winner of the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Texas High School Outstanding Trackman Award.

"Walker was the standout in a year of standouts," says Putt Powell, chairman of the selection committee and sports director of the Amarillo News & Globe-Times.

Dallas Long held the national mark of 69 feet, 3 inches. Randy Matsos of Pampa held the state record of 66 feet, 10 1/2 inches.

Walker hit 69 feet, 11 3/4 inches in his first meet of the year at Carrollton. His best mark came in the Little State Track Meet at Corpus Christi with 72 feet, 3 1/2 inches. He went over 70 feet during six meets.

No Favorite In Colonial

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP)—Riddled by withdrawals and threatened with rain, the \$125,000 Colonial National Invitation Golf Tournament opens Thursday with a record field of 74.

There was no clear-cut favorite to take the \$25,000 top prize, since several of the big names were missing, including leading money winner Tom Weiskopf.

A date with the draft board in Ohio knocked Weiskopf out while Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer and Ben Hogan declined invitations for various reasons.

It's been quite a while since Hogan, a Fort Worth native and five-time Colonial champion, was not on hand here. He said an ailing knee would not hold up.

Former PGA champ Al Geiberger, Chi Chi Rodriguez and Mason Rudolph were among late withdrawals.

Thundershowers lashed the courses in recent days and the forecast warned of more rain during the week.

Former champions Billy Casper, Julius Boros and Doug Sanders were top threats, along with Dave Stockton, who twice humbled the 7,000-yard, par 70 course in taking the 1967 crown.

Miller Barber, playing well after his conquest at the Byron Nelson Classic, and New Orleans Open king George Archer were among the other leading contenders.

AstroFacts

The Houston Astros' first twi-night doubleheader ever played indoors has been scheduled for the Astrodome on Saturday, June 8, against the Pittsburgh Pirates with Pittsburgh that includes a start at 5:30 p.m. The June 8 date was originally scheduled as a single night game, but was rescheduled as a twi-nighter to make up for the April 9 game that had been postponed.

The twi-night doubleheader (one admission for both games) will be part of a four-game series with Pittsburgh that includes a single night game Friday, June 7 and a 2:00 p.m. game on Sunday, June 9. The games with the Pirates are final games of an 11-game home stand that also features the Chicago Cubs on May 31, June 1, and June 2 and the St. Louis Cardinals on June 3, 4, 5 and 6.

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