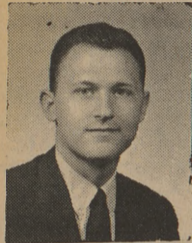


Sports Desk



Maroon Tint To Spring

by John Platzer

One of the more crucial tests in the history of A&M football comes up on Kyle Field Saturday in the form of the annual Maroon-White game.

This year's game seems to be of special significance for a number of reasons. First of all, after winning the Southwest Conference championship in 1967 the Aggies dropped off to an ego-shattering 3-7 last season. Saturday's game will give an indication of just how far back down the road to success the Aggies have come in a year.

Even more importantly, the Aggie's bumper crop of recruits will be under the microscope of varsity competition for the first time. Last season's Fish team compiled a 5-0 record on the way to the Southwest Conference championship and many of that team's players are now making serious challenges for varsity starting jobs.

Coach Gene Stallings has done all that is possible to make the game as competitive and revealing as possible. It would have been impossible to divide the two teams any more equally as to talent than Stallings did this season.

The Maroon team of Coach Dee Powell boasts an outstanding offensive backfield of quarterback Jimmy Sheffield, tailback Gary Armbrister, fullback Marc Black and wingback Barney Harris and defensive standouts such as guard Lynn Odom, end Wayne Wheat and linebacker Clifford Thomas. Billy Bob Barnett, the Aggie's All-SWC basketballer, will be getting his first taste of college grid action at tightend for the Maroons.

Among the offensive standouts for Coach Bud Moore's White team are quarterback Rocky Self, end Ross Brupbacher, tailback Steve Burks, tackle Allan Hanson and center Jack Kovar. Such well-known names as Jim Piper, end; Van Odom, guard; Buster Adami, linebacker; and free-safety Dave Elmendorf are included on the White defensive roster.

To the average fan, football games are always more enjoyable when there is someone to root for and through the efforts of the yell leaders this will be possible for Aggies at this year's Maroon-White contest. The student-body has been divided into Maroon fans and White fans according to where they reside.

This rivalry between the students as well as the players has added a dimension to the game never before realized.

High scoring is usually the order of the day in spring games and this one should be no different. Last year the Maroons carved out a 42-7 decision in the game but the squads were nowhere nearly as evenly matched.

The chore of picking a winner seems to be strictly a matter of flipping a coin. The explosiveness of the Maroon team led by quarterback Sheffield makes it the shaky favorite in this corner, however.

The whole game may well hinge on how well Sheffield can pass into the secondary of Pat Willis, Lynn Fister, Elmendorf and Corky Sheffield and against the linebacking corps of Adami, Mike Lord and Steve Luebbehusen.

When the final gun on Kyle Field sounds Saturday, the scoreboard will read:

Maroons—33  
Whites—21

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The Aggie track team of Coach Charlie Thomas has now completed one of the finest seasons in A&M history.

Despite finishing a disappointing third in the Southwest Conference meet in Waco, the Aggies were among the nation's top aggregations all season. Paced by such sophomores as Curtis Mills and Rockie Woods, they compiled a great record including the championship of the Border Olympics.

Although it probably should have been the other way around, the Aggie tracksters expressed thanks for the support they received in a letter given to the Battalion yesterday.

The letter read:

To all Aggies:

The Texas A&M Track Team wishes to take this opportunity to express its appreciation to the students, former students, and friends of Aggieland that supported us in our endeavor to bring the SWC Track Championship back to A&M. In particular, we were pleased by the yell practice, the telegrams, and the personal support we received not only this past weekend but throughout the entire season. We owe a great deal to a lot of people, and this is a very meager way of saying, "Thank You", to all of you that have backed us. We hope we have been a credit to our school and to your faith in us to be representatives of A&M. Despite this past weekend, we are proud of our accomplishments this year and thank you for helping us have a successful year.

The Texas A&M Track Team

Cepeda Makes Them Remember

NEW YORK (AP) — Orlando Cepeda, a powerful .300 hitter in eight of his 10 full major league seasons, is determined this season to jog the memories of those who forget such years too easily.

"People in sports forget too easily," said the Baby Bull, who led the St. Louis Cardinals to a world series championship in 1967 and then was traded to At-

lanta this spring after a much less spectacular 1968. "They don't say 'he'll bounce back'. They say 'He's going down'."

The Braves, who gave up unsatisfied slugger Joe Torre to get Cepeda are certainly happy to have him.

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