

Caswell Gets Starting Role

For a person who had a good spring, Mike Caswell didn't have a bad summer either.

The Texas A&M senior linebacker, a graduate of Houston Smiley High School, had an outstanding spring training for the Aggies in his first shot at a starting berth. Last year he was backup man for All-America Bill Hobbs and Buster Adami.

When school let out, Caswell took off for Spain where his parents now live. "It was great," Mike said without going into details.

That's the same word A&M coaches were using to describe Caswell's play during the spring. Caswell knows it couldn't have been any other way.

"We've got too many good sophomores just waiting to step in. I knew I had to do a lot better than any of them. In fact, one told me before spring training started that he was going to take my job away. Well, he hasn't yet. But they are back there waiting, and that is what's going to make us a better football team than a lot of people think."

Caswell knows he has more on his shoulders than just hanging on to his position. "The seniors have to supply the leadership," he says. "I've thought about that a lot this summer. It's sort of new for me since I've never been a starter. I think I can handle it. The enthusiasm of these sophomores makes it a lot easier."

"Easy" is something that Caswell's college career hasn't been, though Mike won't tell you. A car wreck after an outstanding freshman season just about ended everything. But Caswell fought back and is now being counted on as one of the cogs in what could be a surprise Aggie comeback from last year's 3-7 mark.

"I think A&M might be better than a lot of people expect," he says. "For one thing, we have a lot of good sophomores. That helps the attitude and it helps the depth. We should have a lot more depth. It is also going to help the defense to be able to work against an offensive unit that is pretty good."

Best one-night attendance at Yonkers, N. Y., Raceway this year was 30,813 on June 21.

"Another thing," Caswell adds, "is that the team is closer together this year. That should help."

If Caswell's prediction comes true, the whole team may be shipped off to Spain next year.



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IN THE HUDDLE

Here the photographer looks over quarterback Jimmy Sheffield's shoulder as he maps out a play in the Aggies' preparation for their season opener Saturday night against LSU Tigers in Baton Rouge at 7:30. Photo by Mike Wright)

Adami Predicts Victory

Buster Adami is one smart football player. And with plans to be a lawyer, he knows not to believe everything he is told.

For instance, the 1969 edition of the Texas Aggies is being picked as an also-ran in the Southwest Conference football race. "I don't mind," Adami says, "but I don't believe it. We have the possibilities for a fine team. There is more competitiveness, more enthusiasm, and a lot more depth."

Adami, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Adami Jr. of Freer, talks

more like a coach than a senior linebacker. Despite being a two-year starter in the time-consuming pressure cooker of major college football, the 6-1, 210-pounder hasn't neglected the classroom responsibilities of his scholarship.

After coming out of Freer as president of his high school National Honor Society and valedictorian of his graduating class, Adami has made the Distinguished Student list at A&M and was voted to the All-Southwest Conference academic honor team. His major is government.

Saturday night in Baton Rouge Adami will be starting his third campaign as A&M's starting right linebacker. He is one of A&M's top candidates for post-season honors after playing in the shadow of two-time All-America Bill Hobbs.

Adami looks at the 1969 season like this:

"The first impression you get is that this season is a lot like the 1967 situation. (The Aggies won the SWC title and beat Alabama in the Cotton Bowl that year.) There aren't many seniors, but there are a lot of good young sophomores. We've been picked low, but that is an advantage.

"We should be stronger than last year because we have more depth. The seniors in particular are going to be working hard because we want to get back on the beam after last season."

Personally, Adami is looking forward to his best season. "I think I've gained a lot of strength this summer without losing any speed," he assesses.

He also realizes the responsibility of being one of the few seniors on a sophomore-laden squad. "The seniors have to provide the leadership, set a good example for the younger kids. It's a big responsibility," Adami says.

When it comes to setting examples, Adami is one of the best. He came to A&M from Freer as a quarterback. After his freshman year and a redshirt year as a sophomore, there weren't too many people who thought Buster

would ever play much football for the Aggies. There was plenty of opportunity for a student of Adami's calibre to decide that football just wasn't that important.

Fortunately for A&M, Adami feels just the other way—football is important to him. He got a crack at linebacker in the fall of 1967, and he's been there ever since—and missed very few minutes of playing time. Against Texas that year, Adami made a diving interception which stopped a Longhorn drive at the Aggie 14. A&M won the game—and the SWC title—10-7.

With that kind of persistence, juries of the future are going to hear as much from Buster Adami, LLD, as A&M opponents hear from Buster Adami, LB.

NL West Race Tight Squeeze

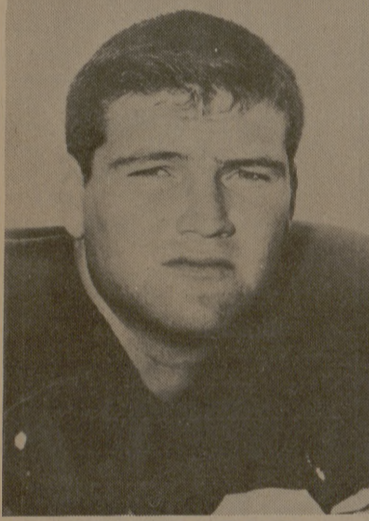
CINCINNATI (AP) — The National League has come up with some close pennant races in the past but apparently nothing as tight as the battle now going on for first place in the loop's Western Division.

Since the All-Star game break, the lead has changed hands 15 times and that doesn't include all of the changes Wednesday when three different teams were in the lead at some time or another in that one day because of differences in the times the games were played.

San Francisco was in the lead at the start of the day but fell out after taking an afternoon loss to Houston. That moved Los Angeles into the lead.

Wednesday night Atlanta beat Los Angeles and that moved the Braves into the front spot.

Since the All-Star break, Cincinnati, now fourth but only a game and a half out of first, has led the division 22 days. Atlanta and San Francisco each have led for 18 days and Los Angeles one day, not counting Wednesday's brief tenure.



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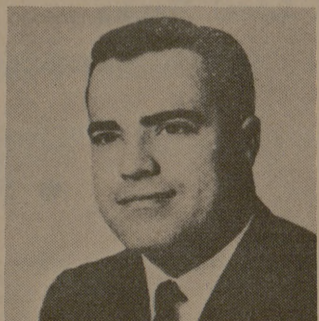
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