

Stallings Says Army Will Provide Real Test

Richard Campbell, Stallings Sports Editor
Coach Gene Stallings described the Cadets of Army as "a team that plays every play like it's their last one" at his weekly press conference Tuesday in G. Rollie White's Lettermen's Lounge.

"They give great effort on every play," he said. "They come at you pretty well with great pursuit and tackling."

The big question in everyone's mind at this stage is whether the Cadets are as good as they have performed for the last two weeks. They are sporting a 2-0 record for the year holding a 31-14 victory over New Mexico

Stegent, a prime All-America candidate for the Aggies, missed the LSU contest recuperating from a pulled hamstring. He was not expected to see any action against the Cornhuskers but finished with 23 yards rushing and 22 yards on five pass receptions.

Another plus for A&M was the emergence of sophomore Rocky Self at quarterback. He took over for junior Jimmy Sheffield and demonstrated to everyone the ability to move the team.

"Rocky played a good game and moved the football well," Stallings said. "He made a couple of poor decisions that sophomores sometimes make but if we had to play today, he would be my quarterback."

Another development which was a mild surprise was the elevation of sophomore Joe Mac King to second-team quarterback.

"We are going to give King a look at quarterback behind Self," Stallings continued, "because we hope that he can help to keep us from losing, you've got to that before you can win."

Stallings explained that keeping us from losing means doing things like throwing the ball away when a receiver is covered instead of trying to get it to him and chance an interception and learning to take a loss instead of throwing an interception. Sheffield has been demoted to third behind Self and King but he will still handle the punting for the Aggies.

Other changes announced by Stallings were in the offensive line where junior Mike Fields, a 6-3, 225-pounder, and Ted Smith, a 6-4, 220-pound sophomore, would get a shot at weak tackle.

Barney Harris was mentioned by Stallings as having played well in the Nebraska tilt on the offensive team with seven receptions for 89 yards. Others mentioned for their play besides

Stegent and Self were fullback Marc Black and tight end Ross Brupbacher.

On the defensive side, linebacker Mike DeNiro received much of Stallings' praise as he led the team with 16 tackles. Seniors Lynn Odom and Jim Piper also were listed as playing well. Sophomore Mike Bunger started for the first time at rover for the

Aggies against the Cornhuskers and Stallings said that he did a fair job.

"The kicking game was greatly improved over the LSU game," Stallings said. "Sheffield did a fine job, he kicked one out on their seven-yard line and another on the three."

The Aggie returning teams also received praise for their im-

provement as they held Nebraska's return yardage down to 31 total including punts and kick-offs. Dave Elmendorf's fine 55-yard return of a punt was also mentioned.

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Gymnastics Begin Today

Instructional classes in gymnastics will be from 4-6 p.m. weekdays starting Wednesday in the gym room in G. Rollie White will continue until mid-November when a team to represent A&M in interscholastic competition will be selected.

Persons who are interested could contact Coach Bob Mitchell. Coach Mitchell can be reached in his office on the bottom floor of the Coliseum or in the gym room on the top floor. Anyone who is unable to meet Mitchell could contact Mick Stratton, Lee Reeves or Rex Stratton in the gym room between 4-6 p.m. daily. All persons who are out for the team will be on the Aggie team but only those qualified to compete will go to the meets. Official workouts for the team will start following completion of classes in November.

Soccer

The Texas A&M Soccer Club on their first match of the year today with a 7-3 decision over Greiner Institute.

A&M won the toss and chose which goal they wanted to defend and from there on they took the initiative. At the end of the first half A&M was in the lead 2-0. Both teams scored a goal in the final half.

Team captain Roberto Provencale led A&M with two goals. Other scorers were Claude Tapire, Kurt Irgolis, Gabriel Fadika, Mohammad Zid, and Ray Chouikh. The next match for the club will be Saturday at 2 p.m. on the A&M soccer field behind Kyle field against Trinity in a Texas collegiate Soccer League game.

Lucky Tourists

PUEBLO, Colo. (AP) — Never having seen a greyhound race, a tourist couple from Oklahoma topped in at the Pueblo track. They walked out with approximately \$8,000, having bought the only winning combination in the twin quinela on the last two races.

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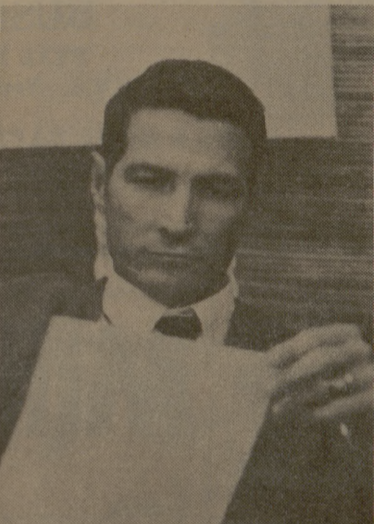
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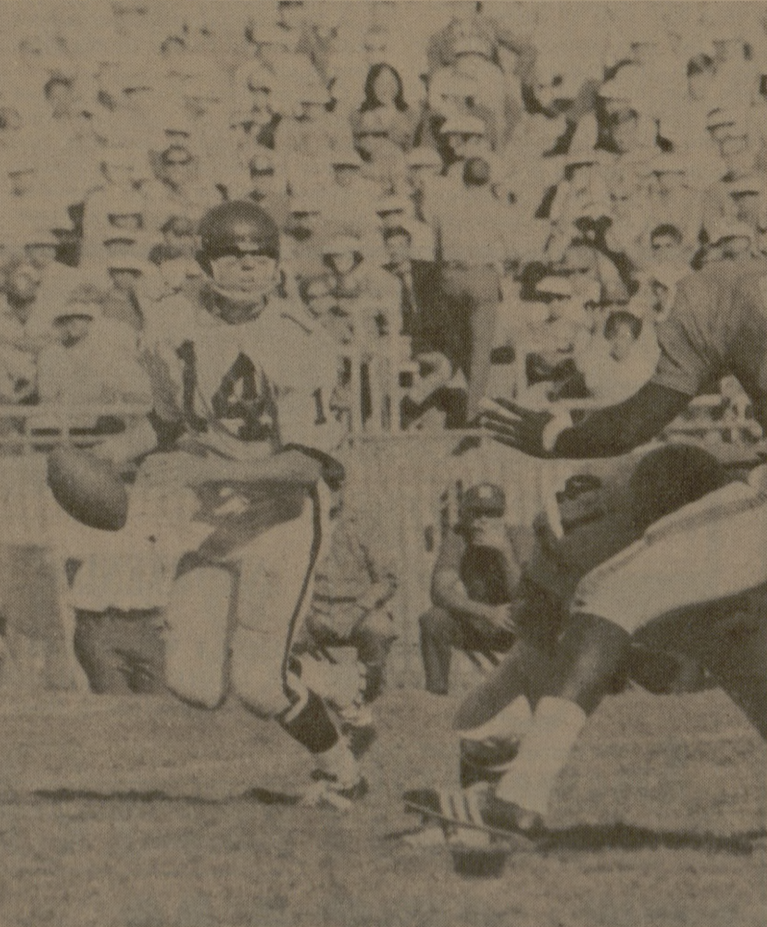
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in their opener and then thumping Vanderbilt, 16-6, Saturday.

Odds makers are favoring the Black Knights by seven points but the Aggies could pull an upset if they improve over last week's performance against the Nebraska Cornhuskers.

"I thought we played a whole lot better defensively," Stallings said. "We hit pretty well. Our pass defense was poor but our rush was better than it has been."

One bright spot in the Aggie picture was the return of tailback Larry Stegent, who, despite having one day of contact practice this year, was in on 67 plays in the Nebraska game and performed "pretty well."



AGGIE QUARTERBACK

Rocky Self, the Aggies' new quarterback, is on the move against the Nebraska Cornhuskers, as he looks for a receiver while fullback Marc Black blocks. Self will start Saturday against Army after winning the position with his performance Saturday. (Photo by Mike Wright)

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