



DO IT THIS WAY—Coach Jack Hurlbut gives a little poop to split end Joey Herr (left), and quarterbacks Lex James and Joe Mac King during a water break as the Aggies prepared yesterday for the Maroon and White contest Saturday at 2:30 p. m. on Kyle Field. (Photo by Mike Wright)

## Stallings Splits Squad, But Not In Usual Manner

By Richard Campbell  
Battalion Sports Editor

In intrasquad spring football scrimmages, the team is usually divided evenly to assure a close score and tight play but this year, Aggie coach Gene Stallings was faced with a different problem.

Because of the very close similarity between first and second teams this year, he has decided to keep the first team offense and defense intact for Saturday's Maroon-White game at 2:30 p.m. on Kyle Field. They will go against a White unit that really is not that far behind them and the White teamers know that a solid performance Saturday could put them in the big picture when fall drills start.

Ordinarily, in any other year,

this division by the Aggie mentor would not seem wise because of the obvious difference in quality. However, this year's squad is, as Stallings himself admits, the closest in competition of any that he has coached at A&M. The game will be the last on Kyle Field's natural turf because Monday, May 11, operations will begin to install Astro-turf on both the playing field and practice surface.

On the Maroon offense will be quarterback Lex James, halfbacks Steve Burks, Cliff Thomas, and Brad Dusek, fullbacks Doug Neill and Marc Black, split ends Joey Herr and Hugh McElroy, tight end Homer May, tackles Benny DeWitt and Andy Phillely, guards Leonard Forey and Lenard Millsap, and center Mike Park. Four will be sophomores in the fall.

Starting on the Maroon defensive unit will be ends Barb Hinant, Max Bird and Todd Christopher, guards Boice Best, Van Odom, Dale Watts, and Wayne Wheat, linebackers Mike Lord, Dennis Carruth, Steve Luebbehusen, Kent Finley and Clifton Thomas, deep backs David Hoot, Ed Ebrum, Corky Sheffield, and Mike Bunger.

On the offensive unit for the Whites will be quarterback Kyle Gary and Joe Mac King, halfbacks Tommy Goodwin, Jerry Sherman, Jim Aycock, and Jimmy Sheffield, fullback Doug Robbins, tight ends Roy Kirkpatrick and Mitch Robertson, split end Billy Joe Polasek, tackles Mike Fields and Buster Callaway, guards Gary Martin and Winston Beam, and center Ted Smith.

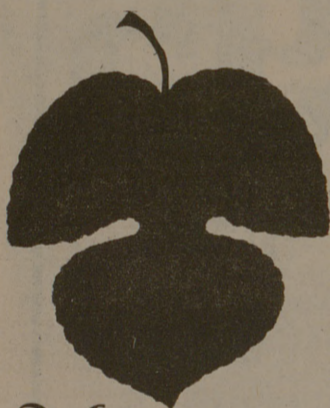
On the defense will be ends Ralph Sacra and James Duback, guards Tommy Deaton, Greg Hall, linebackers Grady Hoermann, Bruce Best, and Gary McCaffrey, deep backs Mike Bellar, Lee Hitt, Chris Johnson, and Bland Smith.

Advance tickets are on sale now at the Athletic Business Office in G. Rollie White with reserved seats listed at \$2.50, A&M Faculty-Staff Reserved seats at \$1.50, A&M date tickets at \$1.50, high school and younger at fifty cents if bought with an adult reserved seat.

Tickets will go on sale on the day of the game with reserved seats at \$2.50, students (high school and younger) at \$1.50 but still fifty cents if purchased with an adult reserved seat, and A&M students free on their activity cards. The Fish Drill Team will perform at halftime.



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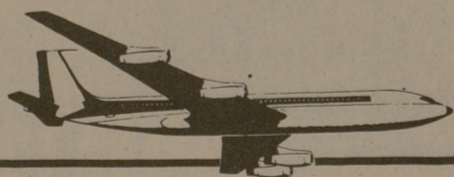


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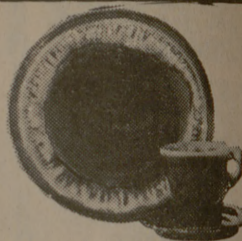
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