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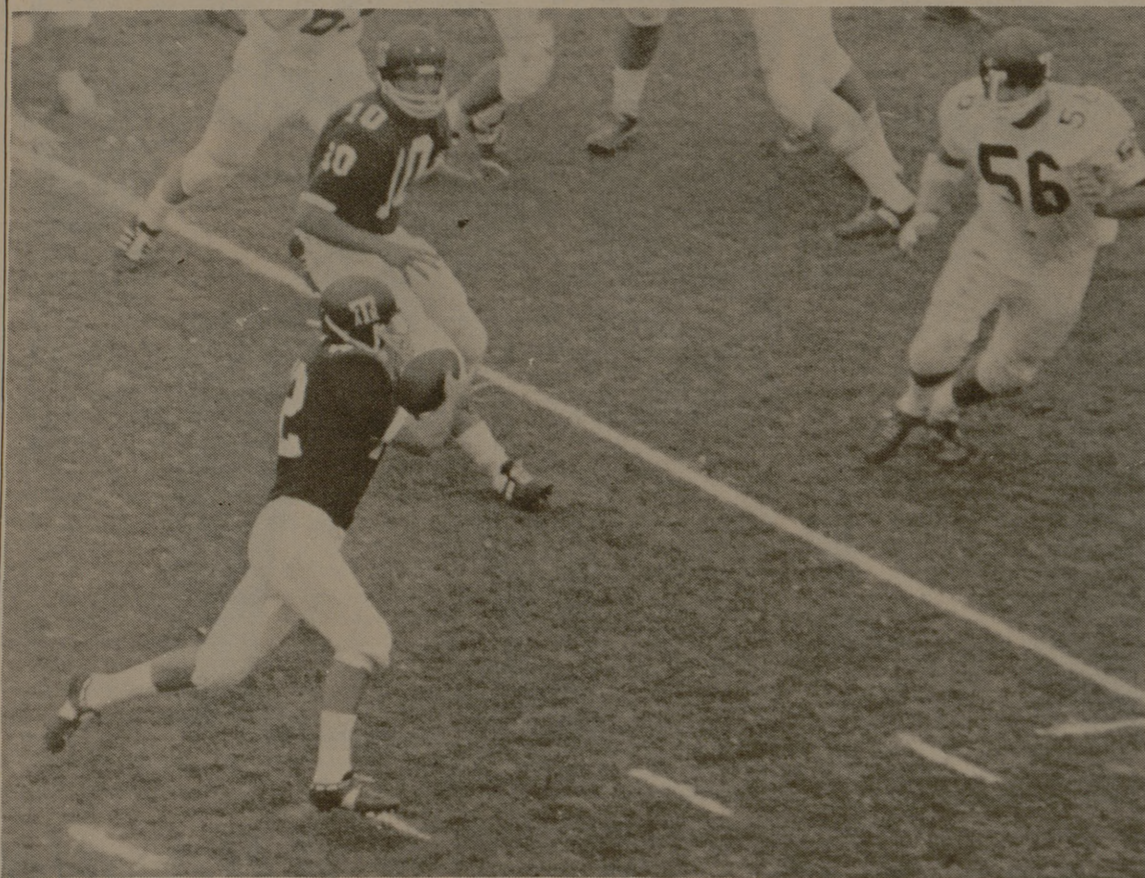
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TOUCHDOWN BOUND—Aggie halfback Steve Burks takes a pitch from Maroon quarterback Lex James and rambles the final 11 yards for the first Maroon touchdown in Saturday's annual spring game. (Photo by Mike Wright)

## Stallings has high hopes for young Aggie Gridders

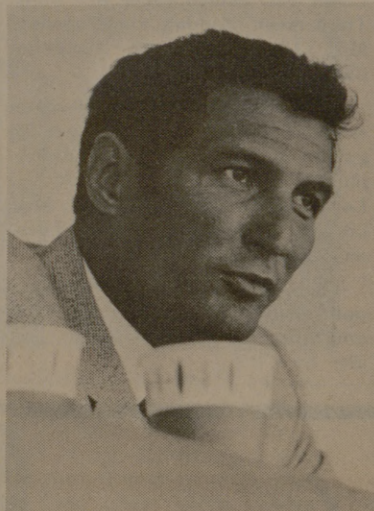
Coach Gene Stallings was quite at ease Saturday afternoon following the annual Maroon-White game. After viewing the 20-7 Maroon victory from the press box, Stallings was nothing but a large bag of high hopes.

"I am very pleased with the way spring training progressed," he said. "We had a lot more pleasant surprises than we've had disappointments. There were a few players who came through and played a little better than we thought they could," he contended.

Stallings singled out several players including Doug Neill, a 6-1, 186-pound fullback from Houston, Mike Park, 6-2, 216-pound squadman from Huntsville, and Leonard Millsap, 6-0, 220-pound squadman from Fredericksburg as having very good spring.

The Aggie coach was especially pleased with the play of some of the sophomores, with Lex James and Brad Dusek being at the top of the list. "James is going to be a good one," said the smiling Stallings. "Dusek is a big kid and is fast enough to be a real good football player," he added.

"I think we have a little more depth than we've ever had and if we don't have a lot of injuries I think we have a chance to have a pretty good ball club, Stallings said.



STALLINGS

# Whites, 20-7

By Clifford Broyles  
Battalion Sports Editor

The white team scored first but the favored Maroon regrouped Saturday on Kyle Field to defeat the white's 20-7 in Texas A&M's annual intrasquad spring football game before a crowd of 8,640.

The maroon team, the Aggies first team, was intact as Coach Gene Stallings kept it that way instead of dividing the two squads for the spring game.

Joe Mac King a junior letterman from Mineola shocked the crowd with a 61 yard bomb to Jimmy Sheffield on the first offensive play for the underdog white team. That play came with 12:51 remaining in the opening period with Mike Belar's extra point giving the White team a 7-0 lead.

Mike Lord, maroon middle line-backer fell on a white fumble at the white 28 just seconds after a maroon mistake had been recovered by Bland Smith at the same point.

An offsides penalty moved the ball five yards closer and Marc Black maroon fullback gained 10 yards to the 13.

Steve Burks then carried to the 11 and on the next play took a pitch from quarterback Lex James on an option play and went into the end zone to cut the white lead to a point but the try for extra point failed.

James who is the number one quarterback at this time did not attempt a pass in the first quarter but began to unlimber his arm in the second stanza and used this to open the white defense and produced two second period touchdowns that rounded out the scoring for the game.

James hit on 7 of 9 passes in the period for 135 yards and a touchdown.

That touchdown pass with 7:33 left in the half was a sneaky as James rolled to one side, dodged a couple of tacklers and then

turned and threw to Marc Black all alone on the other side and he marched in from ten yards out. The conversion play was a two-pointer with James hitting split end Joe Herr with a pass that was partially deflected.

James had scored the second maroon touchdown four minutes earlier with a 4 yard rollout after guiding the maroon 99 yards after stopping the white team on four plays from the five.

Brad Dusek the games leading rusher with 89 yards on 8 carries broke away for the longest run of the day when he slimmed through the defense for 59 yards before Chris Johnson caught him from behind. Two plays later James rolled out for 26 yards to set up his TD scamper.

The maroon defense which allowed the whites only 65 yards rushing on 50 attempts stopped them again with another goal line stand in the third period as they tried unsuccessfully to penetrate the maroon defense from the four on four tries.

Maroon offensive guard Leonard Forey a junior from Nederland suffered the only injury in the contest spraining a knee on the last play of the first half but Coach Stallings said after the game that he would be okay.

King, the quarterback for the whites hit on 8 of 16 passes for 132 yards for the whites whose leading rusher was fullback Doug Robbins who gained 46 yards on 17 tries. Sheffield gained 24 yards and Garry Davis 23.

Two players on each team were credited with 4 tackles each as linebacker Grady Hoermann and guard Greg Hall had that number for the whites and guards Boice Best and Van Odum for the maroon.

Middle linebacker Gary McCoffrey and guard Tommy Deaton were credited with 11 assisted tackles for the whites and free safety Mike Bunger was credited with 10 for the maroon.



TO THE AIRWAYS—Lex James take to the pass lanes early in the second quarter. James completed 7 of 9 tosses for 135 yards. (Photo by Mike Wright)

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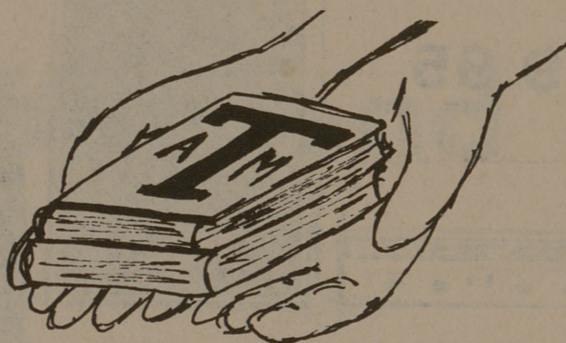
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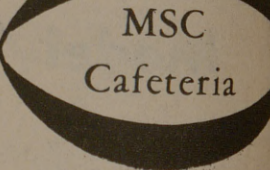
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