

Ags' McIlhany scores in veterinary school

Joe Daniel McIlhany is about to cross another goal line, but this time it's taken longer than 17 seconds.

McIlhany stunned A&M and Southwestern Conference football fans in October, 1962, when

he ran a Texas Tech kickoff back 103 yards with 19 seconds left in the game to give the Aggies a 7-3 win. Official records, however, show a 100-yard return since end zone yardage is not counted.

His efforts made headlines and his performance still is a Texas A&M record. He shares honors with eight other SWC players who have done the same feat in regular season games since the conference started in 1914.

He went on to play professional football with the Los Angeles Rams.

Today, the husky former cornerback is about to score again. This time it won't make headlines, but it is more important to Dan than any football play.

McIlhany will graduate in August with a doctor of veterinary medicine — a life-long goal. Getting a DVM from Texas A&M has cost the Pasadena native a promising career in pro football and the money that is associated with pro sports.

He was drafted and signed by the Rams in 1964.

McIlhany reported to the 1965 summer training camp following completion of his first year in the professional veterinary medicine program.

He played three years at cornerback, including starting 10 games his rookie year. Initiation into the NFL came the hard way — his first assignment was to defend against Baltimore's Raymond Berry.

Dan gave up a promising football career after the 1967 season. He needed two more seasons to qualify for the NFL pension fund but returned to re-enroll in A&M's College of Veterinary Medicine.

He started the second trimester, repeating some of the first year courses.

"I haven't regretted it," McIlhany insists. "I think I made the right decision."

McIlhany's main interest today is horses. It grew from attending horse races in Southern California. He would prefer to be associated "with a progressive Quarter Horse practice" after graduation.

However, he has not made a commitment and is not limiting

his goals to race horses. He wants to continue his education through a practice.

"Education begins when you get out," he stressed.

McIlhany was a 5-11, 180-pound sophomore from South Houston when he pulled the rug out from under Tech after the Red Raiders had kicked a field goal with 19 seconds left in the 1962 game.

Dan received the kickoff three yards deep in the end zone and ran an estimated 130 yards in and out of traffic to score with two seconds left in the game.

His run broke the old Texas A&M record set by Joel Hunt in 1927, when Hunt ran 97 yards for a TD against Arkansas.

A 1950 post-season game in Washington, D.C. — the President's Cup — saw Bob Smith run 100 yards on the opening kickoff to score against Georgia, but it is not an official record since the game was after the regular season.

Dan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe G. McIlhany of 3306 Lafferty Road, Pasadena. He has one brother, Tom.

McIlhany's wife, Carol Diane, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wafford of Houston. The couple has one son, Scott, 3, and is expecting a second child in October. They were married after his first year with the Rams.

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GRID STAR NOW VET STUDENT—Joe Daniel McIlhany checks a new colt at the College of Veterinary Medicine. A different role from checking pass patterns while a three-year member of the Los Angeles Rams. The graduating vet student holds the A&M kickoff return record—100 yards in the final second of the Texas Tech game in 1962.

Hogan returns

By BOB GREEN

Associated Press Golf Writer

FORT WORTH—Ben Hogan returns to the site of his last professional triumph Thursday, "Hogan's Alley," and will be at least a sentimental favorite to capture his sixth Colonial National Invitation Golf Championship.

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"I've practiced too much recently and I'm tired. And I really don't know the course anymore. I haven't played it in three-fifteen years and they've changed it since then."

The site of the Silver Anniversary of the event that Hogan won five times is the lush, 7,145-par 70 Colonial Country Club course, nicknamed Hogan's Alley.

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