

News and notes from the SW Conference

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Texas A&M will host reporters from 14 newspapers, eight radio and television stations and one wire service Saturday when the annual Southwest Conference Press Tour makes its stop at A&M.

The tour started Monday in Lubbock and will continue through Tuesday, Sept. 8, when they visit Rice University in Houston.

Members of the press will be visiting with coach Gene Stallings and the Aggie football team during the Saturday morning session. The visit will include a press conference with Coach Stallings, a free-lance period for writers to talk or photograph any of the players and then an interview period with selected players.

Brad Dusek, Aggie sophomore running back from Temple who is currently the number one left halfback on the squad, will wear uniform number 44 this fall. Dusek will be the first Aggie since Heisman Trophy winner John David Crow to wear the number. Crow won the trophy in 1957.

Ricky Spencer, sophomore quarterback from Lexington, owns the distinction of being both the shortest and lightest Aggie football player. Spencer stands 5-6 and weighs in at 155 pounds.

On the opposite end of the scale, sophomore defensive end James Dubeak from Pasadena is the tallest player standing 6-6 and senior guard Winston Beam from Odessa, the heaviest, tipping the scales at 253.

Gary McCaffrey, sophomore linebacker from San Antonio, is the youngest player on the squad. He was born Sept. 18, 1951 and Beam is the oldest being born Nov. 15, 1947.

The name Mike is common on the Aggie scene with eight players having the same first name. There's Mike Bunker, Bellor, Dorough, Lord, Mercer, Park, Fields and Faulkner.

While we're on names, the name Thomas is also quite familiar on the team. First there's Clifford and Clifton Thomas. Then there's Thomas Burke, Thomas Goodwin, Thomas Deaton and Thomas Evans plus three gridders who attended St. Thomas High School.

A&M's home opener with Wichita State will be the first time the Aggies have opened their season at home since 1961.

The Aggies squad this season has only five seniors. The last

time an Aggie team had that few seniors, they won the Southwest Conference championship in 1967.

All home football games of the University of Texas at Austin Longhorns will be in the afternoon this fall due to construction on Memorial stadium which has forced the removal of lights from the west side of the stadium.

The Longhorns' first two games, California and UCLA will start at 4 p.m. and the Arkansas, SMU and A&M games will kickoff at 2 p.m.

Rice University coach Bo Hagan's coaching staff will be the same as last year personnel wise, but four of his seven full-time coaches will switch assignments.

Gary Kinchen will move from the defensive to the offensive line and Jim Hess will coach the defensive line after guiding the Owl ends and receivers last year.

Harold Mayo, defensive backfield coach last year, and offensive back mentor Gil Bartosh will trade backfields this season.

The Owls have brought the list of football recruits to 43 with the signing of two new gridders.

David Snellings, 6-0 195, linebacker from Humble, and Mike Nichols, a running back and punter from Lovelady, have signed with Rice.

Ronnie Peoples, tight end candidate for the Texas Christian University Horned Frogs, has never been able to play in spring training. Peoples, from Odessa, is beginning his third year at TCU but has missed spring training two years because of knee operations.

Imagine this, three people stacked on top of each other that totaled 19 feet in height and 812 pounds in weight. Well that's what you'd get if you took the three biggest TCU football recruits.

They are Sidney Bond, 6-4 280, from Shamrock; Les Cowan, 6-5 267, from Cross Plains and Charles Davis, 6-3 265, from Wortham.

The University of Arkansas' prize sophomore quarterback Joe Ferguson missed the Hogs' first workout of the season with a back injury but came back the second day after a visit to the chiropractor.

Ferguson's injury was diagnosed as one that has plagued UA receiver coach and former SMU and Baltimore Colt star Raymond Berry since he was 14 years old.

Berry is now advising Ferguson how to handle the pain which is described as off-and-on.

Nichols wins; Stegent hurt



Bobby Nichols

All-Stars against the Kansas City Chiefs and the first two exhibition games of the Cardinals.

Stegent was the number one draft choice of the Cardinals last January in the annual pro football draft.

The injuries add to a series of injuries suffered by Stegent during his career with the Aggies.

Stegent was a Consensus All-Southwest Conference running back last season. That team is picked from players chosen to the Associated Press, United Press International, Dallas Morning News and Dallas Times-Herald All-Conference teams. The Morning News team was picked by the sports writers and the Times-Herald squad by the players.

Two former Texas A&M athletes made news last weekend, one good and one bad.

Golfer Bobby Nichols, who came to A&M on a football scholarship because golf scholarships weren't given then, won the \$60,000 first prize in the \$300,000 Dow Jones Open Golf Tournament last weekend.

The tournament was billed as the world's richest golf tournament.

Nichols graduated from A&M in 1958, the year after one of his favorite golfing partners, Gene Stallings, received his degree.

He was an All-American at A&M and the tournament win was his first individual victory since 1966, when he won the Minnesota Classic. He teamed with George Archer to win the PGA team championship in 1968.

Nichols toured the 72 holes in a 12 under par 276 to gain a one stroke victory over Labron Harris.

Former Aggie footballer Larry Stegent was injured Saturday night while playing for the St. Louis Cardinals against the Chicago Bears. Stegent was operated on that night to repair ligament and cartilage damage to his left knee. He will miss the rest of the season.

A club spokesman said the injury was not to the knee which Stegent had injured previously. That injury forced Stegent to miss playing with the College

Aggie golfers win scholarships

The teaching reputation of coach Henry Ransom and the magic of Texas A&M University's great spirit has paid off two-fold in golf.

Clay Dozier of A&M Consolidated in College Station and Chet Edwards of Houston Memorial, winners of the Houston Golf Association's college scholarships, have both picked the Aggies as their school for golf.

The scholarships, based on golf ability, character and need, allows the winners to select their school. Only two scholarships are awarded yearly.

Showing of game slated on KAMU

KAMU-TV, Texas A&M's educational television station, kicks off the 1970 football season Friday evening with a special showing of last spring's Maroon and White game.

Station Manager Mel Chastain said the 8:30 program will include an interview with Coach Gene Stallings.

Mike Mistovich of radio station KORA will handle the play-by-play for the Aggies' spring game.

The game will be shown in its entirety, Chastain emphasized.

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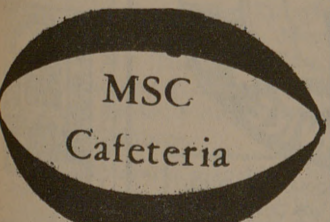
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