

# Aggie netters open practice

The Texas A&M tennis team opened work this week in preparation for the 1971 tennis season slated to get underway in February.

Despite the fact the regular season is so far off, tennis fans may get a preview of the Aggies in an exhibition match against LSU in Baton Rouge on the afternoon of the day the Aggie football team plays the LSU Tigers (Sept. 19).

Coach Omar Smith said the possibility of the exhibition is very likely, with only a few minor details to be worked out. The exhibition will help LSU inaugurate its new tennis stadium, Smith said. The stadium has a Tartan turf surface that is similar to the turf that was installed this summer on the track around Kyle Field.

Smith said the stadium's Tartan, however, will be more granulated than that of the Kyle Field track to allow for the bounce of the ball.

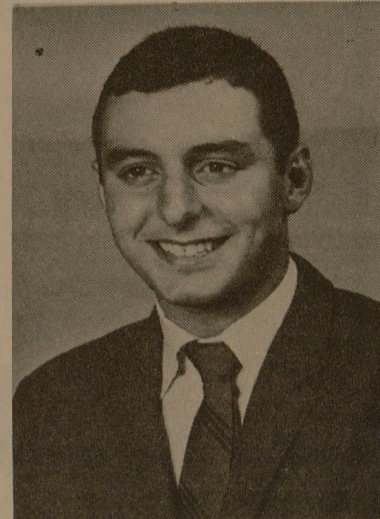
Eight members of the tennis squad return from last year and the Aggies have a great supply of depth. Aside from eight veterans they also have Jon Ragland, who, was redshirted last year due to an injury. Ragland teamed with Pete Faust to win the Southwest Conference doubles championship in 1968.

Returning squadman are seniors Mike Hickey and Paul Lothrop; Juniors Dickie Fikes, Tommy Connell and David Chastain; sophomores Carl Jaedicke, Lawton Park and Mike Mills.

Three freshmen have also been impressive in workouts according to Smith and he added that 10 other freshmen are working on the B-Team and will get an opportunity to work their way to the varsity.

Dan Coursen, Bill Pecor and Jeff Carter, all freshmen, have been impressive enough in opening practices to be placed on the varsity.

Other freshmen, who are currently listed on the B-team roster are Kermit Smith, Glen Beck, Ben Garcia, Mark Daly, Dennis



Dickie Fikes

Hirschfield, Mitch Barker, Mark Lothrop, Mike Collins, Carl Wolfshohl and Alan Braesche.

Smith said that the B-team players will have a tournament next week to figure out the seedings for the players. After that is completed, they will play each other to try to advance up what is called the challenge ladder.

It is possible, for a player to get a shot at the varsity after working his way to the top of the B-team ladder, Smith said.

A challenge ladder for varsity members has already been set.

Smith was impressed with the depth his team has and showed much promise for the coming season.

## Frogs promote two

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP)—Texas Christian head football coach Fred Taylor promoted a pair of second teamers to the No. 1 defensive unit Wednesday.

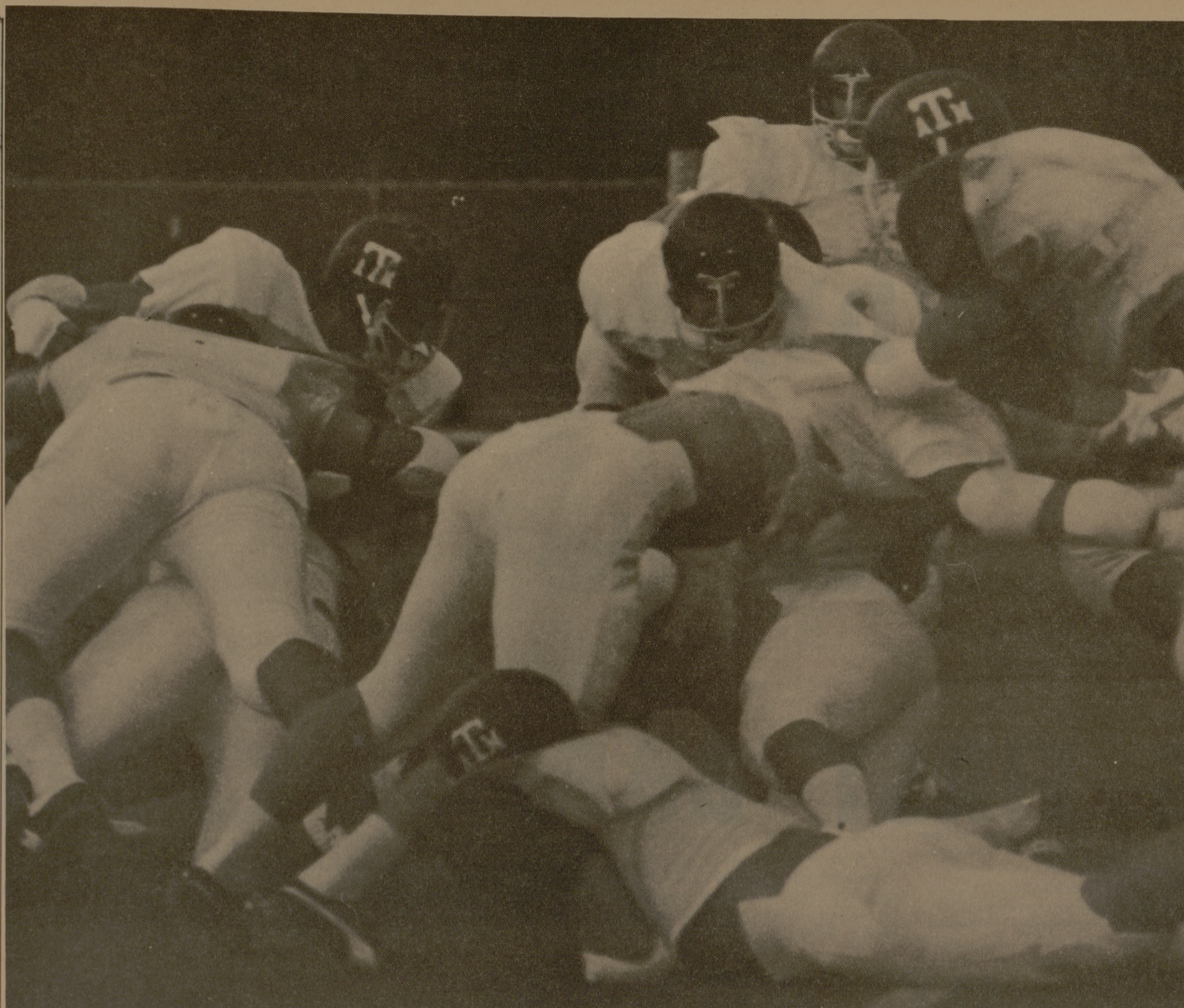
They were Ken Hanson, who replaced Larry Dibbles as the Froggies' No. 1 left defensive tackle and safety Richard Wiseman, who moved ahead of senior veteran Greg Webb.

Following Wednesday's two-hour drill, Taylor said he was most pleased with the improvement in the Frogs' punting, which was a disappointment in the last scrimmage.

Taylor complimented the punting of Don Carter and Royce Huffman.

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OFFENSIVE LINE coach Charlie Bradshaw watches intently as the Aggies offensive and defensive lines collide and running back looks for daylight in a workout on the practice field South of Kyle field, A&M continues preparation for the first game Sept. 12 with Wichita State. (Photo by Steve Bryant)

## SWC football reports . . .

# Aggies prepare for 'Shockers'

Wednesday was a day of no contact in the Texas Aggie football camp as preparations continued for A&M's Sept. 12 opener here with Wichita State.

In separate drills, the Aggie offense took a long, hard look at Wichita State defensive alignments and the defense closely studied the Wheat Shockers' offensive plays.

The Aggies' defensive secondary had one unit of Ed Ebram and Robert Murski at the cor-

Offensively, Lex James continues to run the Aggie attack from the quarterback slot. Marc Black and Doug Neill were alternating at fullback while Brad Dusek, Steve Burks and Rocky Self were running at the halfback slots.

The Aggies injured list currently shows only one serious injury as right halfback Clifford Thomas was lost for the year with a shoulder separation in the opening practice of two-a-day workouts.

Several players are currently sidelined with less serious injuries, however. They are Mike Belar, with a sore leg Tommy Deaton with a knee injury; Dennis

Carruth and Garland Childers with shoulder dislocations and Gary Whitehead with an ankle injury.

Wichita State, the Aggies first opponent had an impressive scrimmage to close two-a-day drills last Saturday. The scrimmage was highlighted by the passing of quarterback Bob Renner and receiving of split end Gene Robinson.

Renner connected on 5 of 6 passes for 115 yards during scrimmage and Robinson a 9.5 speedster provided the Shockers with a game breaking threat. He grabbed

two passes for gains of 40 and 39 yards and his receptions totaled 93 yards for the scrimmage.

All-MVC fullback Randy Jackson was also impressive running off 114 yards on 12 carries.

## Aggie golfers begin qualifying

Forty-two players were scheduled to tee off Wednesday weather permitting in the opening qualifying rounds for the Texas Aggie golf team.

The golfers will shoot 10 rounds, with 18 holes slated for yesterday and next Wednesday and 36 holes each on the next two Saturdays and Sundays.

Coach Henry Ransom said that after the qualifying play the squad will be cut to 14 or 16 members, although six will be the most that will make any of the trips.

The Aggies lost two veterans off last year's team in Richard Ellis and Duke Butler. A&M placed second in the Southwest Conference standings last season.

Ellis recently won his first professional tournament on his first try when he captured the \$1250 top prize in the Louisiana Open Golf Tournament at Shreveport.

## Vestal moves up

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP)—Steve Vestal, a 5-11, 200 pound linebacker, was moved to the first team at strong side linebacker by Arkansas Razorback coaches Wednesday.

Vestal scored high grades on films from scrimmage Saturday and Tuesday. He replaces Johnnie Jones in the starting lineup. Vestal had been at middle linebacker on the second team behind Guy Parker. Vestal saw limited action last fall.

The Razorbacks worked out twice Wednesday in heavy rain.

"The rain hampered our ball handling," said Coach Frank Broyles, "But we got a lot accomplished."

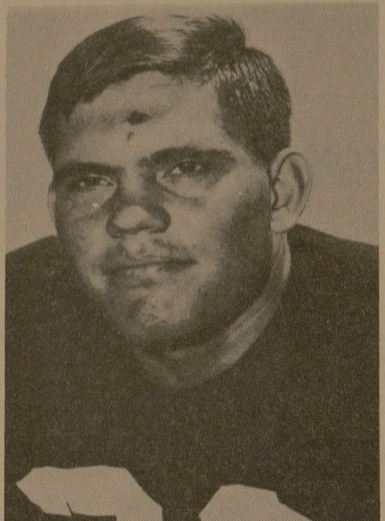
## Phillips leads

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP)—Quarterback Eddie Phillips directed the University of Texas No. 1 offense to five touchdowns in seven possessions against the No. 2 defense in a controlled scrimmage Wednesday.

Phillips hit six of 14 passes for 51 yards and was the leading rusher with 66 yards in eight carries.

Gary Keithley and Donny Wiginton alternated at quarterbacking the No. 2 offense against the No. 1 defense without much success. They failed to score against the first string defense in nine possessions.

Head coach Darrell Royal called it a "so-so" workout.



Ed Ebram

ners and Dave Elmendorf and David Hoot at the safeties and another of Chris Johnson and Bland Smith at the corners and Mike Bunger and Lee Hitt at safeties.

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