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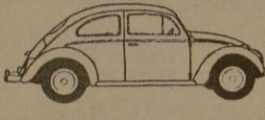
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# 'Shockers defense, size impress Gene

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Although the Texas Aggies have been labeled as favorites in most corners for their opener with Wichita State, the visitors from Kansas hope to have different plans when they visit Kyle field Saturday night at 7:30 p. m.

Coach Gene Stallings, at the annual press day facilities last week said that from viewing films of the Shockers and seeing their spring game in person, he felt they had a good team but he couldn't get nobody to believe him. Wichita had a 2-8 record last year.

Stallings was most impressed

with the size of the Shockers, who outweigh the Aggies at 11 positions and are extremely big on defense.

The Shockers front four, of Keith Morrison, 6-0 220, and Dave Lewis, 6-4 205, at the ends and Don Pankratz, 6-2 220, and Charles Harrington, 6-2 220, at the tackles has impressive credentials.

Pankratz and Morrison, both seniors, have two letters apiece. Lewis, junior, lettered last year.

Stallings classified Pankratz as a "great defensive tackle." Their linebackers are also excellent and therein lies the Wheatshockers' big weapon.

Senior John Hoheisel, 6-4 220, team captain is an All-American candidate. Hoheisel, will probably go high in the pro draft because of his size and speed. He runs the 40-yard dash in 5.1. He is considered the most aggressive player on the WSU squad and has proven his leadership by being unanimously elected team captain.

Glen Kostal and Steve Moore are the other linebackers Moore, a senior, has two letters and graded 90 per cent in spring practices. Kostal had 39 unassisted tackles, 40 assists and two fumbles recoveries.

The defensive backfield returns a letterman at each position, with Don Christian and Randy Kiesau earning letters as sophomores last season. Ron Johnson is the veteran with two letters at left safety. John Taylor has been moved into the secondary after lettering as a wide receiver last year.

The offense is lesser in depth with only 8 letterman back and seven of those were starters.

The Shockers' offensive line has three returning junior letterman in guard Rich Stephens and tackles Mike Bruce and Tom Shedden. Sophomores will step in at center, where Kim Cocklin is highly rated and quick and at guard where Richard Stines is the starter.

The Wichita backfield is also a veteran machine. Quarterback Bob Renner, a junior who started last year, guides the attack.

"He's a big strong kid and an excellent punter," Stallings said of the guy who passed for 597 yards and punted for a 40.1 average on 70 kicks.

"A great running back", was the classification Stallings put on senior fullback Randy Jackson, whose home town is Atlanta in East Texas. Jackson will probably be the man to stop in the backfield. He ran for 469 yards last year and in the spring game wheeled off 240 yards and scored three touchdowns.

Tom Owen returns in the offen-

sive backfield and sophomore Marvin Brown earned a starting spot during spring training.

Split end Gene Robinson could be the difference in a close game. He possesses 9.5 speed and that's faster than any Aggie. Senior letterman Bob Hayes returns a tight end.

With a good mixture of veterans who are backed up by untested sophomores, the Shockers could cause some problems.

Problems the Aggies hope to prevent after the 7:30 p. m. kick-off on Kyle Field Saturday.

## A&M Consolidated gridgers open play

The A&M Consolidated Independent School District opens its 1970 football season this weekend with three games on tap for the local teams.

The weekend opens with the Consolidated freshmen hosting Conroe at 7 p.m. tonight on Tiger field. The Tiger varsity will open its season Friday night at 8 p.m. when it hosts Dallas Carter. The A&M Consolidated junior varsity will travel to Normangee for a 2 p.m. contest Saturday afternoon.

Freshman coach Manuel Garcia said he expects a tough contest for tonight's game but is confident his team will make a good showing.

Coach Garcia complimented his linebackers, Bobby Williams and Mark Robinson, for their top play in their scrimmage with Wharton.

"Randy Dooley at tackle showed marked improvement in Saturday night's scrimmage," Garcia said. Fullback Norris Britton and quarterback Clifford Dayton were standouts in the backfield.

## Faculty bowling time changed

Members of the Staff-Faculty Bowling League will bowl 10 minutes earlier this season when they open play Monday night.

This was announced by President David R. Bowers, who said this will allow more time to finish before the next league rolls. The 6:15 p.m. warm-up and 6:20 start were requested by team members and by the Triangle Bowl management.

Team captains are asked to contact Secretary Wallis McMath at the Data Processing Center if they need bowlers to fill out their team this year. Those wishing to bowl regularly or substitute are also asked to call McMath or be at Triangle Bowl Monday night.

Problems could arise in the varsity encounter where the Tigers will be tangling with Dallas Carter, a team which wears the same colorful uniforms as the Dallas Cowboys of the National Football League.

"Our youngsters have had scrimmages with two teams who like to stick you. Dallas Carter can't stick any harder — and our boys are ready," explained Coach Jack Churchill when he was questioned of playing a 4A school.

Quarterback Jim Fenner has the wishbone T offense for the Tigers and Churchill assured confidence in his signal caller when he said, "We know we can move the ball on every team we play."

Mike Keese and Donny Proctor are Fenner's chief targets and the Tigers' backs have adequate speed to be breakaway threats, he said.

Line coach Bob Garner has special praise for the offensive line after the Wharton scrimmage and also had kind words for the defense.

"Clarence Heard, a linebacker looks real good and he likes to hit people," said Garner. "The secondary has improved with every scrimmage."

The opening weekend's action will conclude with the JV contest at Normangee.

The junior varsity defense has its opponents scoreless in two controlled scrimmages. Linebacker Jimbo Meinecke and cornerback Gary Cooper have been outstanding.

The Tigers offense was led by the passing of John Spain and receiving of Don Logan and Bob Boseley.

## Landry worried about Namath

DALLAS (AP)—The fastest guy in the East—Joe Namath—led one of professional football's most bullet-riddled secondaries Sunday night and Dallas Cowboys coach Tom Landry said Wednesday "I hope he can't be any better than he was last week."

Namath completed 7 of 9 passes for 188 yards and led the New York Jets on scoring marches each of the first times the Jets had the ball in the first half in a 27-14 exhibition victory over New Orleans.

"I never saw a guy throw the ball any better," Landry commented after viewing the Jets' film. "He hit four players deep and the receivers didn't even have to break stride."

The Cowboys need a victory in their last exhibition game before the regular season. They are 1-4 and suffered the humiliation of being shutout 13-0 by Kansas City last week.

## McDermott booms 51-yd. field goal

The Texas Aggies worked in shorts, under the lights, Wednesday and their performance put a smile on Coach Gene Stallings' face.

"I feel a little better," he said. "I thought they looked a little better. Of course there was no contact but they looked sharper and the kicking game was better."

The Aggies worked on various phases of their game, preparing for Wichita State's Saturday night invasion of Kyle Field.

Guard Van Odom led the charge during work on goal line defense and safety Dave Elmendorf picked off a few aeriels during work on pass defense.

Offensively, quarterback Lex James and wingback Rocky Self combined on several fine passing plays. James was throwing the ball well and Self stood out among the receivers.

Soccer-style place kicker Pat McDermott brought cheers from the fans when he booted a 51-yard field goal. Jimmy Sheffield and Mitch Robertson continued to boom punts high and long.

The Aggies have two more practice sessions and no more contact before their 7:30 p.m. Saturday meeting with Wichita.



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