

Lettermen high point in '71 conference hopes

By John Curylo

With the close of two-a-day drills and the approach of the season opener against Wichita State, Coach Gene Stallings is looking for big things from the 1971 version of the Texas Aggie football team.

A well-conditioned squad with battles for many of the starting positions has given encouragement to the outlook for this year.

LSU, Nebraska, Arkansas, and Texas make up another tough schedule, but there definitely is reason to be optimistic about this campaign. Starters return at every position except for the safety spot vacated by Dave Elmendorf. Also, a number of position changes have added more excitement to the Aggie attack.

Quarterback Lex James has returned after missing spring training with hepatitis, but he is being pushed hard by Mark Green, a sophomore who runs with authority, Tim Trimmier, another sophomore who excels at passing and has come along well in fall workouts, and senior Joe Mac King, who filled in for James last year.

The offensive line, battered and bruised a year ago, has a few new faces, such as Todd Christopher, who played defense as a sophomore, and Skip Kuehn, a junior college transfer. The front five averages 6-4 and 230.

Robert Murki has moved from cornerback to split end, and this has been one of the brightest spots on a very bright team this fall. Other wide receivers to see action are Hugh McElroy and Joey Herr.

Fullbacks Marc Black and Doug Neill are still sound, and with tailbacks Steve Burks and Clifford Thomas, the running game will be in good shape.

But the defense will be the pride of A&M this year. Van Odom leads a hefty, experienced line, and the linebacking corps is healthy after numerous operations. Mike Lord, Steve Luebbehusen, James Dubcak, Boice Best, Kent Finley, and Max Bird are the starters, but sophomore Bud Trammell, Dan Peoples, and Grady Hoermann will see plenty of action.

In the secondary, Brad Dusek has been moved to safety, teaming with David Hoot, a two-year standout in the backfield. Ed Ebron and Bland Smith are playing cornerback, making this one of the most experienced secondaries in recent years.

Students are reminded that they are welcome at all practice sessions, with Tuesday-Thursday drills beginning at 3:30 and Monday workouts starting at 7:30 p.m.

Lex James to make comeback after battle with hepatitis

It's unusual to think of a second-year player making a comeback, but that is the situation in which Texas A&M's junior quarterback Lex James finds himself as the Aggies open pre-season practice.

James was king of the hill only two games deep into his collegiate career after driving the Aggies to a school record total offense in a 41-14 win over Wichita State and engineering a stunning 20-18 upset of LSU in Baton Rouge on a last-minute 79-yard pass play. Then came Ohio State and Michigan and eventually nine straight defeats.

That wasn't the end of James' trials, though. Shortly before spring practice began, James came down with infectious hepatitis, an energy-draining kidney ailment that can be extremely serious if not treated carefully.

But all that is in the past. Carrying a solid 187 pounds on his six-foot frame, James checked in to the Aggie training camp a much wiser young man and ready to fight for his No. 1 berth.

"I've learned an awful lot in the last year," James said. "For one thing, I learned how much I miss the game when I had to just watch the players practice in the spring. I feel as strong as I did before getting sick, and I'm hungry for the season to start."

Aggie coach Gene Stallings is very glad to have James back, but that doesn't mean the returning starter will have the quarterback job sewed up. Senior Joe Mac King and sophomores Mark Green and Tim Trimmier made up a lot of ground in the spring. "Being challenged is good," James said. "It brings out the best in all of us."

James doesn't think the layoff will cause many problems. "The



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hardest thing will be getting used to the offense. There have been a few changes. Timing and getting used to contact again will just come with practice. Having the same people to work with will help a lot."

James foresees a great deal of improvement in his own play and in that of the team. "I made a lot of mental errors last year. It is entirely different going out for the first time and having a year's experience. I should be able to pick up receivers easier and to concentrate more, do more things by habit."

"That year's experience will help everybody. The offensive line blocked a lot better in the spring from what I could see. The players are all keyed up and anxious for the season to start."

Despite last year's record, James finished second in the Southwest Conference in passing and third in total offense with his figures comparing favorably to those of Aggie great Edd Hargett as a sophomore.



Quarterbacks Mark Green (20), Joe Mac King (12), and Lex James (10) sign autographs for some of the youngsters who turned out for the Open House Sunday night at Kyle Field. (Photos by John Curylo)

Open House and scrimmages show Ags to the public

By JOHN CURYLO
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The public had a chance to meet the 1971 Texas Aggie football team Sunday night during the annual Open House at Kyle Field.

The players, wearing their game jerseys, were available to fans for autographs and pictures. Rosters and press booklets were provided for the numerous people who attended.

A big drawing card for the younger children was the football clinic. The players were

divided by position, and they provided instruction in the finer skills of the game.

The most popular attraction was the kicking game, taught by Mike Bellar (19) and Pat McDermott (99) in the picture above. The two demonstrated and coached place kicking and kick-offs, both the traditional style and the soccer style, McDermott's specialty.

In addition, there was a ticket booth for the Family Night program. This is the chamber of commerce project to fill Kyle



Field for the Wichita State game. The Open House was begun last year, when fans were invited to inspect the new AstroTurf, look at the special shoes being worn, and meet the players.

The turnout was pleasing, and several members of the team commented that the event was enjoyable to them as an indication of community support. This goes along with the Welcome Back Aggies campaign that is quite obvious around town.

Among the fans who came to the Open House were faculty and staff members, students who had just returned to school, families of the players, and numerous children.

Prior to this, the team was on display at an open scrimmage in

Kyle Field Saturday night, in which the Maroons soundly defeated the Whites. Mark Green injured his foot while quarterbacking the first teamers, and he was replaced by Tim Trimmier. Lex James did not play due to a badly sprained left thumb.

Another full-scale scrimmage will probably be held this Saturday night. It will be the final appearance of the team prior to the season opener against Wichita State on Saturday, Sept. 11.

These practice games are made to copy game conditions as much as possible, with the exception of the kicking game, which is eliminated to avoid injuries. Over 100 fans attended the last scrimmage, and a similar crowd is expected Saturday.



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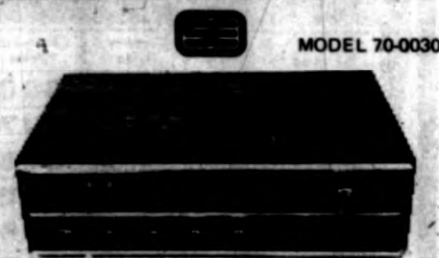
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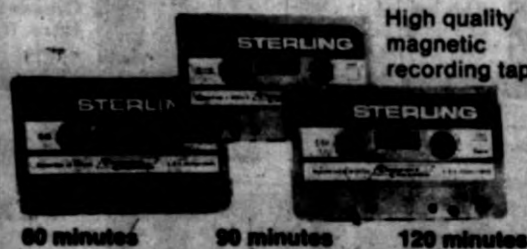
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