

Ags host Shockers in comeback battle for bot

Battalion Sports Editor

The Texas Aggies have been cheap and that proof of their quality will come at game time. Well, chapter one starts tomorrow night at 7:30 when A&M meets Wichita State in Kyle

The game itself has many interesting sidelights, such as the beginning of comebacks for both teams and the time for both schools to show what they are.

After the tragic plane crash last year, Wichita was able to use freshmen to finish their schedule. The players at A&M volunteered to donate the \$5,000 allotted for their football banquet to rebuildBut all these events will be

forgotten momentarily, and the saying all along that talk is game itself will be the only thing on the minds of the participants.

The Aggies will be out to prove that they can rebound and play winning football, and the Shockers try to show that they are not a pushover.

A&M Coach Gene Stallings has shifted and shuffled his personnel since last season, and the lineup he starts has not been determined on the spur of the moment.

Lex James, out to prove that he can live up to his potential after beating hepatitis, will start at quarterback. Sophomore Mark Green, if he has recovered from a foot injury, will back him up. ing the Kansas school's athletic Also waiting in the wings are year starter, will start at right

Tim Trimmier and Joe Mac King. Doug Neill will get the call at fullback, but Marc Black should see plenty of action, since the two are almost equal. Steve Burks

starts at tailback, and Cliff

Thomas is his replacement. Robert Murski, playing his first college game on offense and his first game ever at split end, is playing ahead of John Gardner. Joey Herr is the starting wingback, but Hugh McElroy, the hero of Baton Rouge, will play,

Across the line, Buster Callaway is at left tackle, Todd Christopher, a defensive end last year, is at left guard, Robert Gerasimowicz or Skip Kuehn will play center, Leonard Forey, a two

Hoheisel is the team captain,

end. Jackson is a fullback who is

pro draft. Another standout is

"Hoheisel is 6-4 and 240," Downing explained. "He's a nice

guy—the kind you'd like your

son to grow up to be like. He

saved Bob Renner's life by pull-

crawling to safety with him mo-

ments before the wreckage ex-

"Jackson is a super ball player," he continued. "We've had 15

pro scouts inquire about him al-

ready. He runs the 40 in 4.55,

and he's in excellent shape. Gil-

ley can fly, too. He has 4.6 speed,

and he had 28.9 yards per kickoff

return last year. He didn't qual-

ify for the national crown,

though, because Tulsa and Louis-

Downing added that quarter-

backs Tom Owen and Rick Baehr

should be mainstays, with Owen

being the passer and Baehr the

when Owen is in the game.

runner. Baehr plays split end

Downing promised a lot of ef-

fort this year, and much hospi-

tality from the Wichita people

when the Aggies open there next

year. He also reflected on the

difference in outlooks from last

year's speech to the Jaycees,

when the Shockers were looking

"Gentlemen, it's been a long,

long time since I last spoke to you. What's happened in the past

year has greatly affected my

to have an improved year.

ville kicked away from him."

ing him out of the plane and

tailback Don Gilley.

Sacra. The tight end is junior standout Homer May, who should injury. be one of the best in the confer-

Also slated for replacement time on the front line are tackles Marshall Herklotz and Clifton Thomas and guards Mike Park and Butch Kamps.

Defensively, Max Bird and Kent Finley will start at the ends, with Boice Best and James Dubcak the tackles. Two year starter Van Odom looks for another outstanding season at midspell him on occasion. Mike Sweat and Dan Peoples are the substitute ends, and Bud Trammell backs up both tackles. For the first time in a number of years, no sophomores will start, but Trammell has the best chance of any to play a lot.

Grady Hoermann and Steve and he will start at defensive Luebbehusen get the nod at the linebacker spots, but Mike Lord expected to go high in the next will be ready to step in at any

Firemen's School has record attendance

Final statistics on the 42nd annual Texas Firemen's Training School this summer at A&M were released this week by Chief Instructor Henry D. Smith.

A record attendance of 3,121 was recorded, Smith reported, with representation from 914 towns and cities, five military bases, 38 U.S. states and 23 foreign countries.

guard, and Ted Smith will be at time. All three started last year, right tackle for the injured Ralph but Lord missed part of the season and the spring with a leg for the third year.

> In the secondary, starters return in cornerbacks Ed Ebrom row night, both the Shor and Bland Smith and safety David Hoot. The chore of replacing, Dave Elmendorf rests on the broad shoulders of Brad Dusek. Lee Hitt is a key man here, because he is listed as the number two man at all four defensive backfield positions.

The kicking game is ready, with Pat McDermott slightly ahead of Roberto Payan in the dle guard, with Bill Wiebold to place kicking department. The punter will be Mitch Robertson or Herr, who had a hot battle for the chore. Robertson should

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and that's it. The Shockers are a team with a lot of heart."

The plane crash which killed 31 and wiped out much of the Wichita team last Oct. 2 has left quite a mental imprint on the 35year-old, in his second year of directing sports information. He said that his main thought was that he easily could have been on

that plane. "Texas A&M played a major part in helping us rebuild our athletic program," Downing said. "There was equipment to be replaced, and a huge debt was incurred. A&M made the largest collegiate contribution by donating their \$5,000 banquet fund to

Downing said that the significance of the Arkansas game and the Aggie gift has made the two Southwest Conference schools his

"I have a little Razorback on my desk, and I guess I'll have to find an Aggie to go with it," he joked. "A&M is really a big favorite of the Wichita people."

Coach Bob Seaman is bringing a squad of 45 players to Aggieland, a group which, by necessity has had a rough fall with emphasis on conditioning.

"We have a good first-line bunch," Downing said, "but we lack depth. We'll probably give you three good quarters, then maybe we'll fizzle, like last year. Then again, maybe not; we'll have to wait until Saturday to

There are 71 players on the Wichita team, among them a number of sophomores who gained experience during the "second season." Also on the team are three survivors of the plane crash. John Hoheisel, Dave Lewis and Randy Jackson are all of what's left from the units that started last year's season opener.

The fire school, held the last

two weeks in July and the first week in August, included sections for municipal, industrial and Spanish-speaking firemen

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