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Opening game victory pleases coach and players

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When A&M wins a football game, the team sings "The Aggie War Hymn" in the locker room meeting after the game. The absence of the fight song for nine straight games last season made the 41-7 win over Wichita State Saturday night that much sweeter.

The quarterback situation proved to be good for the Aggies, who showed three of their four leaders in action against the Shockers. Mark Green did not play due to a foot injury he received in a scrimmage.

Another bright spot was the offensive line, which had its weaker moments last year. The story was different Saturday night, though, and the result was apparent.

"I was impressed with the offensive line," Coach Gene Stallings said. "They did a good job of protecting the passer."

Fullback Doug Neill gained 48 yards on five carries, including two touchdowns. His two scoring plays were on runs inside, the first for one yard and the second for two.

"Our offensive line was great," he said. "We could have driven a good-sized car through it tonight. In fact, we had three good offensive lines tonight."

Lex James, who missed spring practice with hepatitis, finished the night with 14 yards rushing. Although this was on 12 carries, it was significant because of the 400 plus yards he lost last year when blocking broke down.

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QUARTERBACK TIM TRIMMER (11) sweeps right end for 21 yards and a first down in his varsity debut Saturday night against Wichita State. Shocker linebacker Wil Barkell (41) is chasing the A&M sophomore near the end of the third quarter of the rout. (Photo by Mike Rice)

he said. "It was the best pass protection I've had since coming here."

After five straight losses as a freshman quarterback, Tim Trimmer's varsity debut resulted in 49 yards passing and 46 rushing. He also engineered two touchdown drives.

"Playing my first varsity game was real exciting," the San Antonio Lee product said. "I thought I'd be real nervous, but I was more excited than nervous."

Brad Dusek, a fullback last season, is playing free safety this

year, and the junior recovered a fumble and intercepted a pass, both of which led to Aggie touchdowns.

"Their quarterback must have thought I was on his team," he explained. "He threw it (the ball) right at me."

Joe Mac King, a senior, has once again been tabbed as a backup quarterback. The vet medicine major seems able to excel, though, as he joined James and Trimmer in producing touchdowns. The score came when King swept left

end for four yards at the end of the game.

"I heard coach yell for me to score," he said, "to go to the left. I was just trying to improve on slow motion and see the flag until I was at the line."

Stallings said that he was pleased with his quarterback, especially that none of the interceptions and all led to down marches. Asked Green's physical condition, he indicated that the 6-3, 215-pounder would probably be ready for when he could practice. "He came to me after the game and said he was ready to go," Stallings said.

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Intramurals open with big field; program enlarged to 5 classes

With more teams entered than ever before, A&M intramurals began Monday with football, basketball, horseshoes, bowling, golf and handball all being played.

Two new classes have been added this year in the reorganization of the program under Les Palmer.

Class A and B remain the same, but Class C is all civilian students living on campus including freshmen. Class D is composed of teams from fraternities, apartments and teams of graduate students. Class X is made up of club

and fraternity teams.

Women's intramurals are also planned in basketball, volleyball and possibly football. Four teams have entered and any others must do so by September 16. Play begins September 23.

Plans are also being made for a faculty intramural tournament. Anyone wishing to enter should contact the Intramural Office.

Football, the major sport in the fall as always, has 70 teams competing in four classes. Classes A, C, X and D all began Monday.

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