

'He did a good job'

Green to be Ags' quarterback this week

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The word from Aggie Coach Gene Stallings is that Mark Green may start Saturday against Cincinnati in place of Lex James, who dislocated his left thumb against Nebraska.

Green, a sophomore from Odessa, played part of the third and all of the fourth quarter against the national champion Cornhuskers. He carried 14 times for a total of 66 yards, but 23 yards lost made his net 43. The 6-3, 218 pounder also completed three of five passes for 17 yards.

"I thought he did a good job," Stallings said. "Naturally, he was a little excited, since it was his first time out. He turned two or three relatively bad plays into good plays. He's still not completely healed after that foot injury, and I hadn't intended on playing him against Nebraska. I was going to wait until this week to put him in."

James' injury is similar to the one that kept him out of some of the fall drills for about 2½ weeks. Stallings said that doctors wanted to avoid it being dislocated again because surgery might be required the next time.

James Dubcak, Joey Herr, Bruce Best, and Mike Lord are still not practicing, due to previous injuries, and four players, including James are missing workouts because they got hurt against Nebraska.

But Trammell has a severely sprained knee, and Cliff Thomas also has a knee injury, but it is not as serious. Bland Smith is injured, too, but Stallings said that he would probably be ready to play this week.

On the brighter side, Butch Kamps practiced Monday for the first time after re-hurting his knee, and Dennis Carruth played against the Cornhuskers after recovering from a leg broken in the spring.

Eight players were awarded stars for their performances Saturday in Lincoln. Van Odom and Hugh McElroy received two each.

"Van played one of the best games he's had since he's been here," Stallings explained. "He got one star for a good game and one for displaying fine leadership."

"Mac got one for the kickoff return that went all the way," he continued "and he got the other for the 51 yard punt return that

nearly broke. He nearly broke another, but he slipped. The same thing happened to Little Cliff."

Mike Bunger won a star for making a tackle on the 12 yard line on a kickoff and for making the key block on McElroy's touchdowns. Bill Wiebold, the starting noseguard this week, made 14 tackles, and Grady Hoermann was in on 19 tackles, to win their citations.

Brad Dusek made 14 tackles and caused a fumble, Lee Hitt intercepted a pass and had 11 tackles, and Smith caused a fumble, recovered another, and blocked a conversion attempt, giving them their awards.

"Some of the offensive players didn't have a bad game," Stallings said, explaining why McElroy was the only member of that unit to get a star. "It's just that they didn't play well enough to win one."

He pointed out that Nebraska has a good defensive team, but that he was not pleased with the offense last week.

"We never protected the passer well," the coach said. "The quarterback always looks like he's throwing for his life. It's not a lack of effort, they're just getting whipped."

"We're just about at the point where we're a good football team," he continued. "The defense is good, and the offense will be after this week."

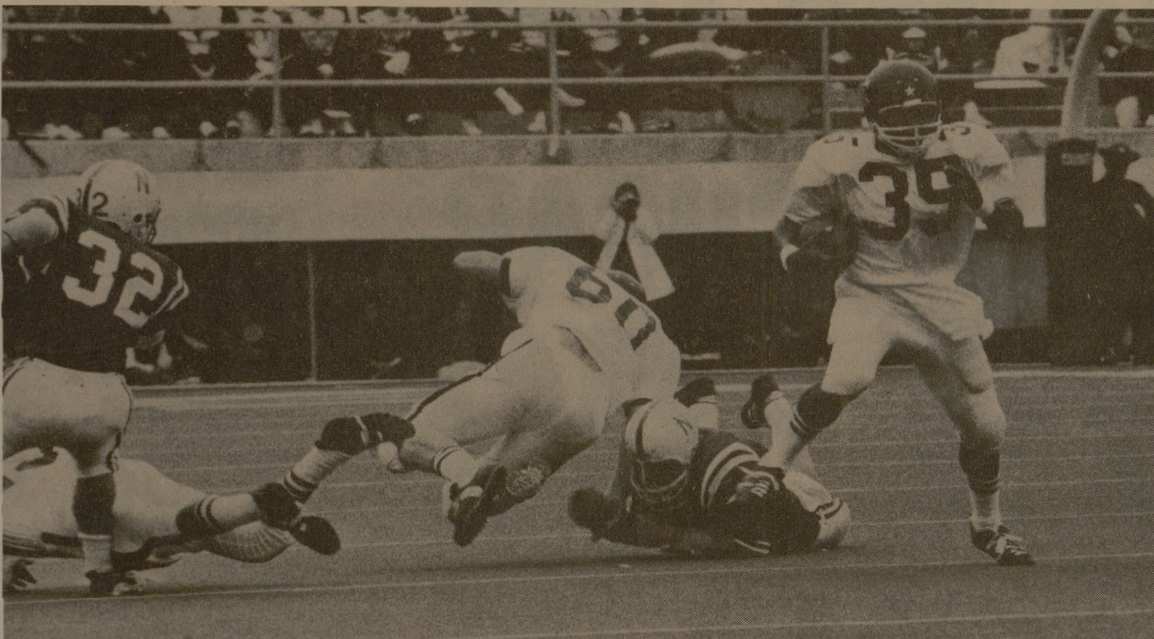
Cincinnati will be A&M's 93rd different opponent. Stallings said that they were the first team he has scheduled, with the exception of Wichita State.

"I think they're pretty good myself," he explained. They're a running club, primarily, and they will play good defense. They have several people who'll hit you and separate you from the ball. They're pretty impressive."

To date, the Aggies have play-

ed before 166,149 people, including 67,993 in Lincoln and 68,576 in Baton Rouge. This week's projected attendance is not yet known, but Stallings commented on the Nebraska crowd.

"It was an excellent turnout," he said of the Cornhuskers' 20th straight home sellout. "Everybody wore red, and I think that's great. The people weren't hostile, either. I expect a pretty good crowd for Cincinnati, but I don't know exactly how large it will be."



HUGH McELROY (35) returns a punt for the Aggies in the 34-7 loss to Nebraska in Lincoln Saturday. The senior wingback has returned three punts for 60 yards and eight kickoffs for 267 yards and one touchdown in three games this season. (Photo by Joe Matthews)

Cornhuskers remain at top of collegiate poll; Texas still third, but Arkansas falls after loss

By The Associated Press

It's Nebraska by a runaway in this week's Associated Press college football poll, with Michigan's mighty Wolverines supplanting hard-pressed Notre Dame in second place.

Notre Dame's fourth-quarter 8-7 squeaker over Purdue sent the Irish reeling from second to fourth while Michigan jumped from fourth to second in the wake of 38-0 pounding of UCLA.

Nebraska's defending national champions, 34-7 winners over Texas A&M, received 44 first-place votes and 1,064 points from a 55-man nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters. That was 224 points more than Michigan's 840.

Last week, Nebraska led runner-up Notre Dame by only 42 points.

The remaining 11 first-place votes were divided as follows: Michigan and Texas, three each; Auburn and Colorado, two, and Notre Dame, one.

Texas held onto third place

with a 28-0 rout of Texas Tech and Auburn's 10-9 victory over Tennessee kept the Tigers fifth.

Colorado, which beat Ohio State in Columbus 20-14, climbed from 10th to sixth place, supplanting the Buckeyes, who dropped all the way to 14th. Alabama trimmed Florida 38-0 and moved from eighth to seventh while Oklahoma blasted Pitt 55-29 and leaped from 11th to eighth.

Rounding out the Top Ten were Penn State and Stanford, winners over Iowa and Oregon by respective scores of 44-14 and 38-17. They ranked 12th and 13th a week ago.

Arkansas, stunned by unheralded Tulsa 21-20, slipped all the way from seventh to 18th while Tennessee slipped from ninth to 12th.

1. Nebraska
2. Michigan
3. Texas
4. Notre Dame
5. Auburn
6. Colorado
7. Alabama

8. Oklahoma
9. Penn State
10. Stanford

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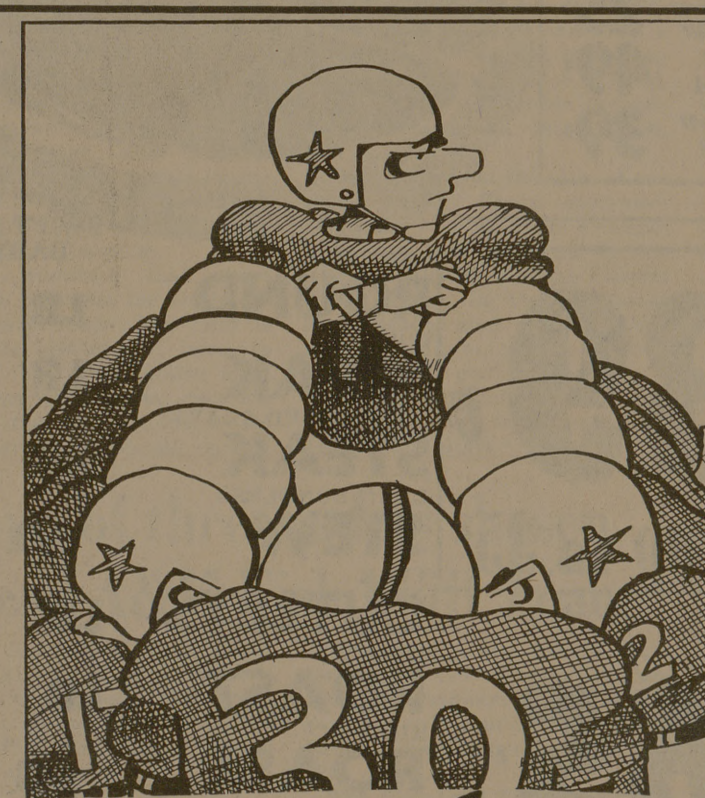
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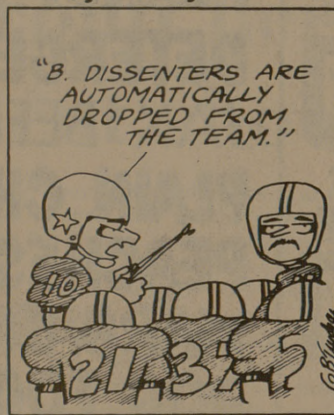
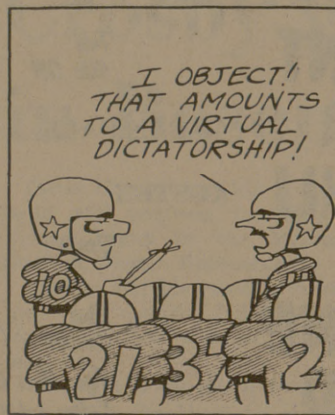
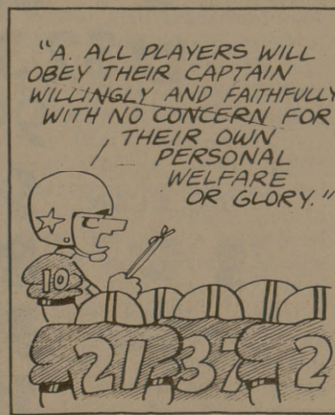
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