

Grady Hoermann

Aggie linebacker Grady Hoermann considers himself lucky

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Texas A&M's left linebacker, Grady Hoermann, junior from Seguin, may be the seventh son of a seventh son but he doesn't feel like it's been bad luck for him.
Hoermann, 5-11, 202, was all-state at Seguin High, made the all-SWC freshman team two years ago and leads the Aggies this year in tackles with 65.
Hoermann, one of the gems

of the touted Aggie defense, isn't over-enthusiastic about his new role as tackling leader.
"All I am now is hot," he said. "Another thing is that I have a great defensive line in front of me to keep the blockers from cutting me off from the ball carrier. If it wasn't for Boice Best, Max Bird and Bill Wiebold playing in the line in front of me, I probably wouldn't be anywhere near leading the team in tackles. Those guys do a great job of

blocking their men at the line of scrimmage."
With all the praise the defense is getting, Grady is the first to take a pessimistic view on the success thus far.
"The defense didn't play so well against Tech last Saturday," he said. "We stopped them a couple of times but we didn't a couple of other times when we really needed to."
Having started last year and this year, Hoermann compared

the two squads.
"Last year we were pretty good individually," he said. "This year we are playing together. I guess pulling together and knowing our job are the big differences this year, and of course a little more experience. The bad thing, however, is that we are playing good football and still losing."
Grady also has some observations on the big controversy between the offense and the defense that is being discussed by many

people.
"On defense, if one person makes a mistake you've got 10 other people to back you up and cover for your mistakes," Grady explained. "If you mess up on offense, everybody can see where the error took place and who did it. There is no way to cover up any mistakes on offense, it's just right there in public view."
"We are not capitalizing on any of our breaks," he said. "To be a good football team, you must

have a lot of luck and be good physically."
Grady elaborated on what meant by breaks with what from the Tech game last Saturday.
"Tech fumbled six times, lost only one, Hoermann explained. "We fumbled four times and lost it all four times. Two of our passes were intercepted, returned for a score. We accepted two of their passes, none resulted in any score."

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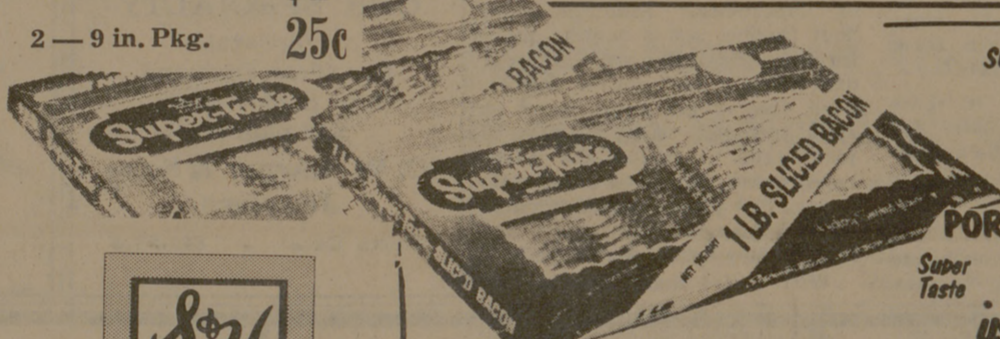
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