

Last home game

Fish attempt to bounce back against Picadors tonight

By BILL HENRY

Texas Tech will be tonight's guest in Kyle Field as the Texas A&M Fish football team tries to get back into the win column after a stunning 24-13 loss to Rice in Houston two weeks ago. Kick-off time for the contest will be 7:30 p.m.

"Texas Tech has got the best team we've faced so far," stated coach Jim Kellar. "They play real tough, aggressive defense and have excellent coaching as the varsity aides guide the practices two days a week."

Tech's record to date is 0-2-1 but this is deceiving because of

the schedule they have played. In three games the Picadors have played Arkansas, whom they tied 7-7, Houston, who beat them 14-7, and Oklahoma, who also added a loss, 15-12.

"They have the toughest schedule of any freshman squad in the conference," Kellar said. "And, they have played without the services of their top blue-chip quarterback, Lawrence Williams of Wichita Falls, in two of the three games."

"Tech will have a balanced attack, though they will try to run first and throw second," Kellar added. "If we can contain the run, they will take to the air."

In last week's loss to the Rice Owlets, Kellar felt, "We could not maintain a good running attack between the tackles. Rice had one of the toughest defenses we have seen so far with their two defensive tackles. Another place we let down was in protecting the passer, which caused us to be inconsistent in our offense."

"I was pleased, however, with the way the team didn't give up

when they had no chance of winning the game," he emphasized. "We fought back and that showed a lot of poise by our players, and that is a good sign in these young kids."

Last year the Picadors took a resounding 43-21 win over the out-manned freshman squad. Tech finished the year with a perfect 5-0 record while the Fish ended up 0-5. In last year's game, injuries forced A&M to start 13 players who were not even on scholarship.

Tech's problems this year have been in the ability of moving the football. They have gained only 689 yards total offense in the three games, placing them last

in the conference with a 229.7 per game average. The rushing attack has been adequate, gaining 478 yards for a 159 yard average, though the passing has netted but 211 yards for only a 70 yard average. Only team to do worse in that category is Texas, who has never been touted for their passing ability, who has a 47.3 yard average in three games.

Their main strength lies in defending against the run, having held the opposition to but 148 yards per game. In pass defense, the Picadors have held the opponent to 132 yards per game. The Fish trail in both categories.

"To win the game, we've got to move the football on the ground,"

Kellar said. "We can't rely on our passing attack to bring us through. We've got to move the football with consistency."

"We've also got to stop their running game first and then try to stop the tight end, Gary Rogers of Andrews, when they go the passing route," Kellar said.

Leading ground gainer for the Picadors is Hoskins who has carried the ball 28 times for 143 yards. Runner-up in that department is tailback Sammy Green who has carried 25 times for 113 yards. Leading receiver is Rogers who has caught eight of the 15 completions from the quarterback crew of Williams and Featherston, for 141 yards and

one touchdown.

"I look for this game to be a tough and exciting football game," Kellar commented. "The good football teams will be facing each other after being disappointed earlier. I think we will bounce back."

Halftime ceremonies will feature the Fish Drill Team, who will be on public display for the first time this year at an A&M Fish game. These cadets are going after an unprecedented sixth straight national championship as a drill unit.

Intramurals have playoffs going on

Two Class C champions have been determined as the fall athletic intramural season progresses rapidly.

Walton Hall is the champion of Class C football as they beat Keathley during action last week. In the Class C basketball championship played last night in DeWitt, Crocker won over Davis-Gary, 40-30. It was the second straight basketball championship for Crocker and they are undefeated in two years of play.

Two other classes have championships due to see playoff action last week. The Outliers beat Travis House, 12-0 for the Class X football championship. The newly formed class played a double elimination tournament with the Outliers remaining undefeated.

In Class W, a women's faculty staff league, Texas Agricultural Extension Service Team #1 won the league with a perfect 5-0 record.

Other classes will soon be determining champions as several playoffs have already begun. Class A football playoffs began Wednesday and Class B basketball playoffs began Monday. Each sport will have the championship game played early next week. The Class C handball final will be played Thursday.

Classes have also begun playing different sports. Class A began horseshoes and basketball this week, and Class B began football Monday.

Young football fan gets Texas ticket

Ten-year-old Gerry Diaz, son of Johnny Diaz of College View Apartments, is lucky to have Gene Stallings for a friend.

With the athletic department enforcing its ticket policy, Gerry, who has been to every home game of the Aggies for the past two years, was not going to be able to see the A&M-Texas game on Thanksgiving Day.

Not to be frustrated, he wrote the Aggie coach a letter, asking how he could get a ticket to see the game. Having written the letter before the armchair tickets came out, he was sent a free reserved ticket to the game by Stallings, who told him to save his money for another project.

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