

Aggies important part of North-South game

By JOHN CURYLO

The Texas High School Coaches Association's North-South All Star game in the Astrodome last Thursday saw seven of the nine A&M recruits in the contest in the starting lineup.

The South won the classic, 15-12, in a battle during which two touchdowns were called back, a drop kick at a point after touchdown was attempted and a defender kicked the ball away from the holder on an extra point.

Alvin Bowers, a fullback from Wharton, was the leading rusher in the game. Playing for the South squad, the 5-11, 209-pounder finished the night with 78 yards on 13 carries.

Ernest "Bubba" Bean, the leading Texas schoolboy ground-gainer in history, started on defense,

but he saw action for a few of offensive plays, one of which was a brilliant eight-yard touchdown run in the third quarter.

Bean intercepted a long Scott Hill pass in the fourth quarter. Had the aerial been completed, it would have set up a North touchdown. The 6-0, 190-pound Kirbyville product tore a ligament in the top of his foot late in the game, and he is expected to be out of action two more weeks.

Carl Roaches, the 5-9, 160-pounder from Houston Smiley, started for the South at safety, next to Bean. He also saw limited offensive action late in the game, carrying the ball once for a two-yard loss.

Roaches was the deep man on kickoffs, with Bean on one side and Port Arthur's Oklahoma-bound Joe Washington on the other. After the opening kickoff, the North deliberately angled the

rest of their kickoffs to Washington, avoiding Bean and Roaches. Washington carried 14 times for 62 yards, and he was voted the game's outstanding back by a wide margin.

Pat Thomas, playing both ways for the North squad, carried four times for a net of five yards. But he showed his class in the pass receiving department, beating Bean for a 41-yard toss and also hauling in a 23 yarder. Thomas

is a 5-10, 174 pounder from Plano.

Richard Osborne, the San Antonio Lee sensation, played split end for the South the entire game, but he was thrown to only three times, all in the first quarter. The 6-5, 205 pounder received the praise of all observers during workouts, and he showed some fine moves during the game, but he finished with two receptions for 16 yards.

Other Aggie signees in the contest were running back Mark Martin, a 5-11, 190-pound Celina graduate, and Dennis Smelser, a 6-4, 255 pounder from Odessa Permian, who started at offensive tackle and defensive end, for the North; and Jim Norman, a 6-2, 230-pound guard from Ennis, and Henry Tracy, a 6-2, 210-pound guard from Houston Sam Houston, who started at center, for the South.

Soccer team practicing now

The A&M soccer team is practicing at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week this summer at its usual field, across from the new educational television station.

The club will organize formally Thursday, August 31, at a time and place to be announced.

Anyone interested in soccer should come out and practice.

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Astros host Frisco Giants in final series

Willie McCovey and the San Francisco Giants will be in the Astrodome for an important four-game series with the Houston Astros beginning Friday and running through Monday. This will be the Giants' final series in the Astrodome this season.

Houston will play San Francisco in 7:30 p.m. games on Friday, Saturday and Monday. Sunday will be a 2 p.m. game.

Friday will be San Francisco plaque night with the first 5,000 youngsters receiving a free Giant plaque. Also, Friday the contestants in the Miss Astro contest will be introduced before the game.

Sunday will be Family Day with a one dollar reduction on any box or reserved seat for children 14 and under when accompanied by a parent. It will also be Chevy Truck Day with all Chevrolet trucks driven to the game getting to park free in the Astrodome parking lot. Also, Miss Astro for 1972 will be crowned before Sunday's game.

San Francisco has been one of the "hottest" clubs in the National League since the All Star break. Since the return of slugger McCovey, the Giants have been winning on a regular basis.

With the potent bats of Dave Kingman, McCovey, Ken Hender-son, Bobby Bonds and Tito Fuen-tes and the pitching of Sam Mc-Dowell, Jim Barr and Don Bryant the Giants have regained the respect they owned last season when they won the West title.

Tickets to all these games are available at the Astrodome ticket windows from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily, and at all five Foley's stores, Houston Citizens Bank and Trust, all Western Union offices in the Southwest, or by mailing check or money order plus 25 cents for handling to: Ticket Manager, Houston Astros, P. O. Box 1691, Houston, Texas 77001.

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