

# Park To Prove Point This Season

Mike Park came to Texas A&M to prove a point, and he was willing to pay his own way to do it. A 5-4, 225-pound senior from Huntsville, Park came to Aggeland without a scholarship. "I wanted to see if I was good enough to play Southwest Conference ball," Park said. As a part-time starter last year and the current starter at left tackle, Park has proved his point, but he's not satisfied. "I think I'm improving, but I still think I can do better. Pass protection has always been my main problem, but I'm more confident in it this year."

Park has been a valuable utility man in his career at A&M. He has seen duty at center, guard and tackle. His favorite position is the one at which he gets to play. Coach Emory Bellard considers

Park one of the main cogs in a veteran offensive line. "Mike has good size and strength," Bellard said. "He's a very dedicated play-



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er, very intent and very intelligent. He does a good job."

Park and the rest of the offense found itself learning a completely new system when Bellard brought his Wishbone to A&M last spring. Park thinks the Wishbone is great for the offensive line. "Every block is important on every play, and that really helps your concentration. And, too, we have confidence that if we can establish a crease, the play is going to go. The better we block, the farther the backs run. That is satisfaction for a lineman."

Despite being a senior with two letters, Park can't rest on his experience. Behind him is a youngster named Ricky Seeker. "He is the best sophomore lineman I've seen here," Park said. "He has great ability, and he's going to be a great one when he gets some experience. He keeps me going full speed every day."

The Aggies open the season Sept. 9 at Wichita State. As one who has played against the Shockers, Park knows the game will not be easy. "Wichita is going to be a lot better than people

think. They are a lot more experienced than they have been in the past, and they are really going to give us a fight. I know we've looked pretty good in practice this fall, but a game is completely different."

Park, who is married, plans to go into teaching when he graduates. His father is the superintendent of the Huntsville school district, and his mother teaches at Sam Houston State University.

Chances are he'll prove to be as good a teacher as he has been a learner.

## SID Begins Second Year As Host of TV Program

Spec Gammon, in his tenth year as sports information director at Texas A&M, will host the "Spec Gammon Show" which is aired each Monday night at 6:30 p.m. on Channel 4, Community Cablevision.

The format for the series, now in its second season, will be films highlighting Aggie games and keeping Aggie fans up to date on happenings behind the scenes.

He will also give scouting reports on the Southwest Conference teams and Aggie opponents. Interesting guests will also be interviewed.

Gammon, though a Texan for many years, received his formal education in Oklahoma and acquired his Bachelor of Arts degree from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. He was a quarterback in his high school days and also captained the basketball team.

After serving in the Army for three years during World War II, he began his career in the sports departments of several smalltown newspapers. Shortly thereafter, he became sports editor of the "Odessa American" for 13 years.

He joined the athletic department at A&M in July of 1963 in his present capacity as Sports Information Director.

He is married to the former Arla Rutenbeck of Greeley, Colo., in 1954. They reside in College Station and have two children; a daughter, Marla, 16 and a son, Greg, 13.

Gammon said head basketball coach Elby Metcalf and head baseball coach Tom Chandler will have television shows when their respective seasons begin later this year.

## Spitz Gets Seventh Medal On Winning Relay Team

MUNICH (AP) — Mark Spitz, winning an incredible seventh gold medal, helped the United States to a world record 3:48.16 victory Monday night in the 400-meter medley relay at the Olympic Games.

East Germany captured the silver after a stirring duel against Canada, clocking a 3:52.12 to the bronze-winning time of 3:52.26.

Backstroke Roland Matthes gave East Germany a quick lead, covering 100 meters in world record-equaling time of 56.3 seconds, while Mike Stamm of San Diego, Calif., did 57.97 for the United States.

Tom Bruce of Sunnyvale, Calif., put the Americans in front to stay, completing his leg at 2:02.20 in the breaststroke. East Germany was in strong contention, with 2:02.33.

Then, the 22-year-old Spitz, the pride of Carmichael, Calif., broke it open on the butterfly portion, giving the U.S. a four-meter lead with a time of 2:56.48, after 300 meters.

Jerry Heidenreich of Dallas cruised home with a four-second edge over the East Germans.

The world record effort erased the mark of 3:50.4 set Sept. 5, 1971, at Leipzig, Germany, by a U.S. group that included Spitz and Heidenreich.

A second string foursome of Americans handled the qualifying earlier Monday in Olympic record time of 3:51.98.

Spitz's complete domination of the Games included seven world record performances in the 100 and 200 freestyle, 100 and 200 butterfly, 400 and 800 freestyle relays and 400 medley relay.

No Olympian in any sport had ever won more than five, and no swimmer had ever captured more than three individual championships.

Melissa Belote of Springfield, Va., won her second Olympic gold medal with a world record 2:19.19 in the women's 200-meter backstroke Monday night.

Sue Atwood of Long Beach, Calif., took the silver medal in 2:20.38 and Donna Marie Gurr of Canada won the bronze in 2:23.22.

Miss Belote, 15, who won the 100 meter backstroke earlier in Olympic record time, bettered her world record in the 200. It was 2:20.6, set Aug. 5 in the U.S. Olympic Trials at Chicago and equalled earlier Monday in preliminaries.

## Many Clubs To Begin League Play

Numerous A&M Sports Clubs have scheduled organizational meetings to recruit new members

and to make plans for the coming school year.

The Fencing and Gymnastic Clubs meet Tuesday in G. Rollie White Coliseum. Fencing meets in room 261 while Gymnastics meets on the third floor tumbling room. All those interested in gymnastics but unable to attend are urged to contact Bob Felts at 845-5395. Both meetings begin at 7 p.m.

The A&M Sports Car Club meets Wednesday at 7:30 in the old College Station City Hall to discuss a Sept. 9 and 10 rally and autocross race.

The Aggie All-Star Bowling League will meet at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday in Room 2-A of the MSC.

The Texas A&M soccer team will organize formally Wednesday in Room 229 of the Chemistry Building at 7:30 p.m. The team practices at 5 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday at the soccer field.

This year the team will be composed of college men from North America, South America, Africa, Europe, and Asia. This year the team is looking forward to a winning season in the Southeast division of Texas, which includes Rice, Trinity, Houston, and other schools.

All interested persons are urged to attend the meeting and practices.

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