

Aggies First Home Test

Battle Of Armies Here Saturday Night

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It won't be brother against brother Saturday in Kyle Field as it will be Army against Army as the Texas Aggies host the Black Knights from West Point at 7:30 p.m.

This will be the second meeting between these two teams who seem to be natural rivals due to both schools' military tradition. The Aggies took the first meeting in 1969, 20-13, at West Point. Army comes directly from an astounding 77-7 defeat at the hands of defending national champion, Nebraska, while the Aggies have lost to Nebraska and LSU the past two weeks.

"We learned a very important lesson Saturday — that we can't make many mistakes as we did against a team like Nebraska and not pay for them," Army mentor Tom Cahill said. "Nebraska

played very well and we played very poorly. It's as simple as that."

Injuries will be A&M's biggest problem Saturday night as three of the four captains may not see any action.

Middle linebacker Grady Hoermann, fullback Brad Dusek and defensive tackle Boice Best are questionable for the game and unless needed, will not play. All-SWC running back, Mark Green is also questionable for Saturday.

Starting halfback for Army, Bob Portante, broke his right wrist on the first play against Nebraska and will be out for at least two months according to the Army coach. Tight end, Kevin Craig suffered a mild leg bruise but is slated to return to the starting lineup by Saturday. Senior receiver, Ed Francis, will likewise be out of action due to a

fractured left leg received during fall drills.

"We'll be up against the Wishbone offense for the first time, and that alone has us concerned," Cahill said of the Aggies. "In quarterback Lex James they have a player with all the necessary skills to run that type of offense. Overall, A&M is a big, strong football team who has already played two of the best teams in the country in Nebraska and LSU. Their record of one victory against two defeats does not represent their true ability."

The Aggies will start James at quarterback and three freshmen if Green and Dusek are unable to play. At fullback will be Alvin Bowers (210), Skip Walker (180) and Bubba Bean (198) at halfbacks.

In the offensive line will be Skip Kuehn (233) at center, Todd Christopher (237) and Buster

Callaway (258) at guards, Ralph Sacra (238) and Mike Park (225) at tackles and Homer May (230) at tight end. Freshmen Richard Osborne (210) and Carl Roaches (155) will share duties at split end.

The defensive line will be manned by Max Bird (223) and James Dubcak (240) at ends with Bill Wiebold (228) and Boice Best, if able, (233) or Ted Lamp (215) at tackles. Linebackers

will be Grady Hoermann, if able, (220) or Kenny Stratton (191), Dennis Carruth (209) and Kent Finley (209).

Corky Sheffield (180), Al Thurmond (174), Larry Ellis (172) and Robert Murski (189) will control the defensive secondary.

Murski will also do the punting while Pat McDermott (160) will handle extra points and field goals. Randy Haddox (238) will kickoff.

Wishbone, Defense, TenNapel Lead Fish Over Owlets, 30-7

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The Aggie Fish rode their Wishbone attack and a stellar defensive performance to a 30-7 victory over the Rice Owlets Thursday night.

The offense ground out 301 yards rushing while the defense was holding Rice to less than two yards a carry.

The game was marred by 11 turnovers, eight of which were forced by the Fish defensive unit.

The Rice backfield was full of maroon jersied fish all night as the defensive line of Kent Krueger, Blake Schwarz, Glenn Bujnoch and Dennis Smelser rushed Rice quarterbacks relentlessly. In the meantime linebacker Garth TenNapel was all over the field.

When TenNapel was not sacking the Owlet quarterback he was intercepting a pass or picking up a blocked punt and scoring a touchdown. Rice quarterbacks should have nightmares of TenNapel for weeks.

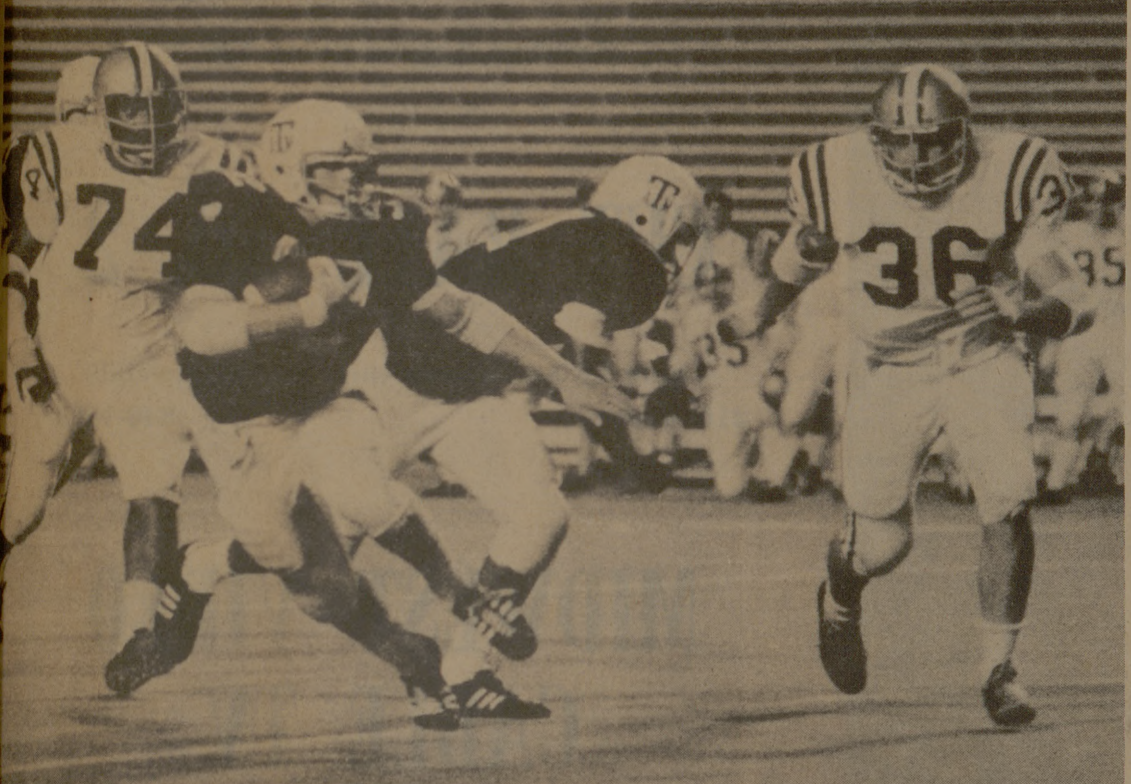
The Fish got on the scoreboard first when Ronnie Hubby capped a 70 yard drive with a two yard plunge with 5:49 left in the first stanza. The Owlets came back on their next possession and promptly marched 80 yards to knot the score at seven.

With only 3:04 left in the first quarter the Fish capitalized on a Rice holding penalty along with the fine running of Melvin Howard to threaten to score again. With only two seconds remaining in the first quarter A&M's leading rusher Bucky Sams followed a beautiful David Greeno block for a 24 yard touchdown run. Lee White kicked his second of four extra points and the Fish led 14-7.

The second quarter was scoreless with play being dominated by the Fish defense. The Aggie front four held Rice to 29 yards rushing in the first half while giving up 119 yards in the air.

The Fish had a big chance to break the game open early in the third quarter when Rice fumbled a White punt due to a crushing blow by Pat Thomas, who recovered for the Fish on the Owlet 12. After Hubby gained two yards Fish quarterback Dale Ammons fumbled the ball back to Rice.

A short Owlet punt left the Fish on the Rice 47 where Ammons redeemed himself with a 32 yard sweep of the right side



FRESMAN BUCKY SAMS out-raced Rice Owlet defenders on the way to a first quarter touchdown. Sams carried the ball 20 times for 117 yards, making him the leading rusher in the Fish's 30-7 victory. (Photo by Steve Oualline)

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Aggs Blank UTA Water Polo Team

The A&M water polo team swept its second victory in as many starts, while blanking a powerless University of Texas at Arlington team, 28-0, Tuesday at Downs Natatorium.

Junior Martin Litteken was the high point scorer for the Aggies with four points, while Doug Meaden and Les Hamann followed with three points.

Coach Dennis Fosdick said his Aggie team had no trouble shutting out UTA with its defense because the team couldn't make pass plays without his swimmers intercepting the ball.

The A&M team will leave Wednesday by plane for California to play at least eight games in the state's northern area. The team is also entered in the Northern California Invitational Water Polo Championships being held Oct. 6 and 7.

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