

Simonini, Hulin, Dean—New Additions Lead Team

Bellard Praises Aggs At Post-Game Press Conference

By BILL HENRY

The Texas Aggies got a large dose of praise from coach Emory Bellard Saturday night after the game when he held a press conference at the Ramada Inn for the sportswriters.

"I thought our team played real hard," he said. "They played aggressively both on offense and defense and I'm very proud of them. We are all sick at the loss because we fought hard."

Three players that were given starting assignments for the first time in their careers played a big part in the Aggies exciting clash with the Tech Red Raiders.

Ed Simonini, freshman from Las Vegas, Nev., was credited with eight unassisted tackles and five assists. Simonini said he was "scared to death about starting" before the game, but coaches felt that his effort was as "good as any senior's."

Paul Hulin, sophomore from Hobbs, N. M., was credited with 11 assists in his first start for the A&M varsity.

"We knew they would get after

Tech," Bellard said of his two new defensive starters. "They're tough and fighters by nature. We were a little worried about the mistakes they'd make but we knew they'd be in there and get mixed up with Tech's affairs."

Another newcomer to the Aggies was sophomore quarterback Don Dean. He completed nine of 15 passes for 154 yards and ran for 15 yards.

"Don played a whale of a ball game," Bellard said. "I was real pleased with what he showed in there."

"I overthrew Homer May on the last interception," Dean said dejectedly after the game. "I wasn't nervous about starting. With the ten other people besides me on the offensive unit, it's hard not to move the football."

Tech coach Jim Carlen said after the game that "Dean is a real mature sophomore and did a super job for A&M."

The steady rock, Grady Hoermann, of the defensive unit also drew praise on his play.

"Grady did a great job out



HERE ARE THE NEW AGGIES. Here, for the first time this season, is how the Aggies played Saturday night against Texas Tech. One cohesive unit with no individuals; just a football team caring for each other. Although the Aggies lost, they may have learned an invaluable lesson for the remainder of the season. (Photo by Steve Ueckert)

there," linebacker coach John Paul Young said. "He had 13 unassisted tackles and 11 assists. He caused two fumbles and knocked two guys out on the same play."

Bellard said that he would have gone for a tie if the chance would have presented itself in Saturday's contest.

"We had a chance for the win," he said. "But if we didn't get in, we would have gone for the tie if the opportunity would have occurred. On that last play, if we completed the pass it would have been first down and five with two timeouts left."

Bellard hasn't decided whether to open the gates on this week's workouts or not, but did comment on what the Aggies accomplished last week.

"We went back to fundamentals," he said. "We wanted to do some things that we didn't want everyone to see. We put a few new wrinkles in and had a few changes in personnel."

Although praising the Aggies, Bellard did not discount opponents.

"I was real impressed by the balance they possessed in their rushing attack," he said. "I had great runners with a lot of talent."

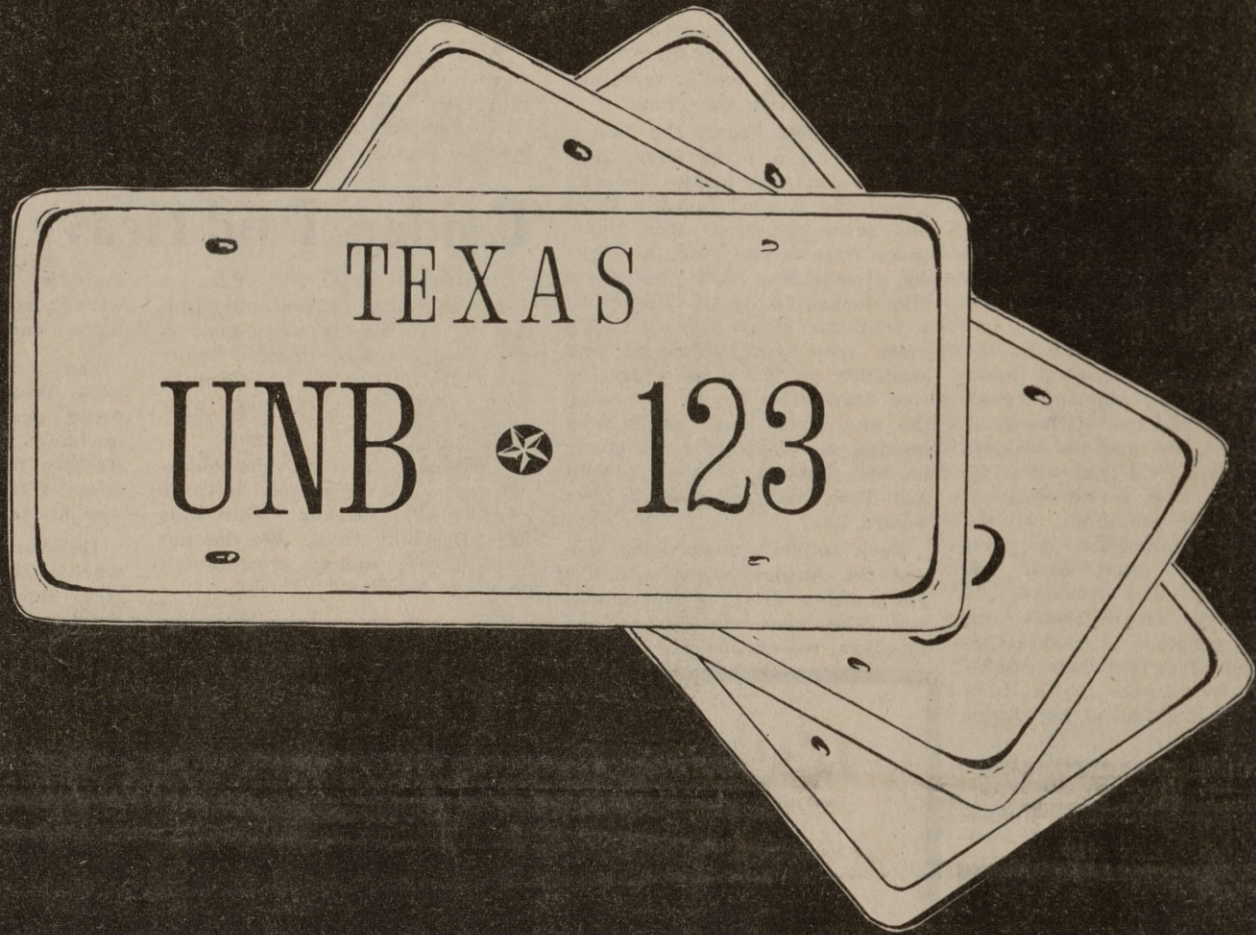
Aggies Defeat Tech In Cross Country

Texas A&M defeated Texas Tech 19-36 in a dual cross country meet held Saturday at the A&M golf course.

Top individual was Frank Ybarbo who had a 20:53 in the four-mile race. Jones of Texas Tech was second in 21:11. A&M's next four places were held by Cottle, Paul Goodman, Kirligan and Lynn Kildner. James Cresap, Gary Good, Pearl and Peter Kindler.

A&M's Grady Frank was 11th, followed by Mike and Mike Gowans of Tech.

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