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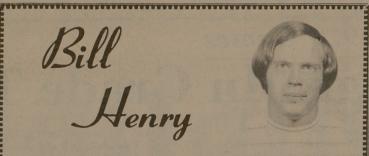
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Spring training for A&M's football will conclude Saturday with the annual Maroon and White clash on Kyle Field Saturday afternoon at

From the beginning, the drills were not highly important. No one really needed to prove themselves as the coaching staff had a good idea who were the horses on which to ride toward a Southwest Conference football championship in the near future.

There were some surprises, certainly, but where a performer needed to jump out was at quarterback. But, as expected, none arose. A&M will conclude spring drills right where it left off for two years in a row-without a proven quarterback.

As bad as things look now, don't count on another 3-8 season. Help is on the way. The help may be unproven in collegiate athletics but they do have a solid base from which to work.

Four quarterbacks were signed by coach Emory Bellard and his staff this year and will come to the Aggie camp highly-touted in both team leadership and ability.

First off is state 4A champion Odessa Permian's David Shipman, 6-2, 220, who led the Panthers to an undefeated season scoring 23 touchdowns as a triple option quarterback.

Another is 6-0, 175, David Walker, voted the most outstanding athlete in Louisiana, who completed 58 per cent of his passes for 1,857 yards and 16 touchdowns. Carl Menger and Joe McReynolds are also super-talented quarterbacks that are expected to be fighting for the starting job in the Aggie camp this fall.

Menger, 6-0, 188 from Houston Westchester was voted the top Wishbone quarterback by Texas Football magazine before his senior year. He was an all-stater as a junior but suffered an untimely accident in the summer prior to his senior year.

McReynolds, who still has not signed a national letter with Bellard as yet but is expected to be wearing Maroon and White when the whistle blows, was first team All-America from Purcell, Okla. At 6-3, 185, he has the tools to be an outstanding collegiate quarterback as do

The other positions on A&M's first unit are well-manned though some depth is needed and will be gained next fall with all freshman being able to compete for varsity spots. Bellard has announced that no freshman schedule will be played by his team and has notified all other conference schools of his decision. Bellard feels the freshman he has signed up are too talented to waste on a freshman schedule. As many remember, last year's freshman unit was 41 and no less than 19 freshmen were carried on the varsity roster and thus could not compete on the freshman team. Bellard feels this year's recruits could be more talented than last year's with as many as 30 varsity prospects compared to 25 last year.

Where the Aggies look to be surely set from spring training are at the skill positions; three runningbacks and two receivers. All members of this group are freshmen that started for the Aggies in last year's campaign. Bubba Bean, who has gained much-needed blocking knowledge and found out how to play with injury, is set at left halfback. Alvin Bowers, at 6-0, 220, is both strong and quick at his fullback spot. The other halfback is Skip Walker, the most consistant performing running back in the Aggie camp last fall.

At the end positions are two of the best anywhere in Carl Roaches and Richard Osborne. Last year both alternated at split end but Bellard now feels that these two must be on the field at the same time with the talents they both possess. Osborne was moved to tight end and has learned his blocking techniques well but has not lost his nack for catching the ball in a crowd. Roaches with 9.4 speed, tough physical composure and nack of finding the open seam is still very much present at split end.

The Aggies also have a fine defense as portrayed this spring. Three junior college transfers have bolstered a defensive unit that was nearly wiped out by graduation.

James Daniels, 6-2, 180, and Tim Gray, 6-1, 190 have taken over at left safety and right cornerback respectively with great results as echoed by defensive coordinator Melvin Robertson. At left cornerback is freshman Pat Thomas who saw quite a bit of action last fall and Larry Ellis has held his right safety spot from last year.

Ellis is the only senior letterman still on the squad from last year. The Aggies lost such performers as Mark Green, two-year starter at right halfback, Bill Wiebold, two-year starter at defensive tackle, Dwight LaBauve, last year's left safety and others before their last year of eligibility because of various reasons since last fall. The experience will be sorely missed but the talent can be easily replaced.

Where the Aggies are not well-manned is in the offensive and defensive lines. That's where the games are won and lost-in the trenches. There is no true starter in the bunch but there is some talent. Tremendous work has been accomplished in teaching fundamentals this spring but only next September will tell the tale in that all-important facet of Texas A&M's football team.

The Aggies will have an exciting team this fall and, though a conference title seems about a year away, will be enjoyable to watch. Saturday's spring game, even though without the services of a winning quarterback, should be interesting.

## Media Golf Tourney Set At Briarcrest

THE BATTALION

Media Golf Tournament will be held at Briarcrest Country Club Friday beginning at noon.

Thursday, April 19, 1973

Over 80 news media people and 24 A&M athletic staffers, including all the coaches, will tee off to start the big spring weekend which will include a poolside cocktail party and banquet Friday night at the Ramada Inn and the spring football slated Saturday.

The news media will be competing for 20 prizes offered by the athletic department. The individual with the lowest score will win a new set of clubs. Scoring is to be compiled by the blind Callaway system which will be revealed at the end of Friday's

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To begin the round of play, each media golfer will be given a dozen new Spalding Top-Flite balls and a Texas A&M hat. Each staffer will be given six new balls

There will be no defending champion at this year's tourney as last year's winner, Jim Lewis of KWTX-Waco, has not entered. He shot a scratch 72 at the A&M course last year.

Wives of the staff and media have also been invited and have

events scheduled for them at Briarcrest Friday afternoon.

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For the ladies, a noon sherry party kicks things off at Briarcrest, followed by a buffet luncheon and various other activities throughout the afternoon.

Prizes for the golf tournament will be given out at the evening banquet.

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