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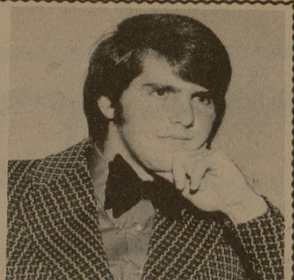
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The 1973 Aggie football schedule has recently come under attack for having three "weak sisters" in Wichita St., Boston College and Clemson in place of past opponents like Nebraska and Ohio State. Not enough people realize that Boston College received votes for the Associated Press Top 20, that Wichita will return 33 letterman compared to the Aggies 17 and Clemson already has a win under its belt.

Saturday night's assignment against Wichita could well be nothing like the three cake walks the Aggies have had over the Shockers. Wichita is indeed a vastly improved team that is in the final stages of a rebuilding job, necessitated by the air crash in October of 1970 in which 30 Shocker footballers died.

Personal Battles Offer Highlights

The Aggie-Wichita game will offer several personal battles to highlight the contest.

A&M tackle Dennis Smelser and guard Bud Trammell draw the dubious but challenging assignment of battling Shocker all-America candidate Rick Dvorak. Dvorak, a 6-4, 240-pound defensive tackle is a two time all-Missouri Valley pick and was sophomore of the year in 1971.

Wichita safety Al Lewis is another possible thorn in the Ag's side. Lewis drew Missouri Valley Player of the Week honors for his 18 tackle performance against A&M last year and is one of 13 three-year letterman on the Shocker squad.

Youthful '73 Ags Unveiled

Saturday's game should be one of the most exciting Aggie openers as well as one of the most important in recent A&M history.

A&M will unveil its "T-Bone" offense under game conditions for the first time. Also the Aggies will be throwing freshman and junior college transfers out of the frying pan and into the fire.

Several Aggies will be making their first appearances for the Maroon and White but none so important as the christening of former marine Mike Jay.

Jay is slated to start as the man under for the Ags and the 21-year-old veteran of four college level football programs is the most talented A&M quarterback since Ed Hargett.

Wichita returned two kickoffs for touchdowns in '73 and the Aggies have scored six TD's in each of the three previous contests. A&M set a school record for total offense with 550 yards against Wichita in 1970.

Emory Bellard and his elite few on the Aggie grid team will not be the only ones on display come Saturday night. The entire university, its image and all the students will also come very much into focus. Several of those baby faced freshman and junior college transfers have never been to a real Texas A&M football game with all the pomp and circumstances, tradition and just plain loud Aggies in the surroundings. The first impression that the fans make will leave an almost indelible mark on the minds of the new warriors. It looks like the students will rise to the occasions and greet the newcomers with open arms.

"Student response for tickets has never been this big for an early season game," said ticket manager Euleta Miller. "At this rate I think we will go over the 30,000 mark. The students are buying more tickets than they did for last year's Army game but our other sales are off a little."

Ali Nips Ken Norton In 12-Round Decision

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Muhammad Ali shaking off Ken Norton's strength-sapping body punches, put on a two-fisted attack to the head in the final round that carried him to a split 12-round decision Monday night which avenged his broken jaw loss of last March.

Ali, apparently realizing that he was in danger of suffering what would have been a career-ending loss, came out firing with both hands to the head at the beginning of the 12th round and hardly stopped punching for the entire three minutes as he overwhelmed Norton.

The final-round blitz paid off and kept Ali as a major challenger to heavyweight champion George Foreman.

Judge John Thomas gave Ali six points and Norton five on a scoring system in which the winner of a round gets one point and the loser none, with no points for an even round. Referee Dick Young scored it 7-5 for Ali, while judge George Latka gave it to Norton 6-5.

The Associated Press scored it 6-5 for Norton.

Thomas said after the fight that he had five points for each man going into the 12th and final round of the slam-bang duel at the Forum.

Ali seemed to be in serious trouble in the 10th and 11th

rounds when solid shots to the body by Norton turned the former heavyweight champion from a jabbing boxer into a flatfooted fighter who looked every one of his 31 years.

The 11th round was particularly grim for Ali as Norton landed five punishing shots to the body, especially a left hand that dug into the pit of Ali's stomach.

But Ali was not to be denied. He kept his word that he would avenge one of the two losses he has suffered against 42 pro victories. The other defeat was to Joe Frazier in 1971.

It was the loss to Norton in which he suffered a broken jaw last March 31 that was particularly galling to Ali.

Ali contended that he beat himself in the first Norton fight because he was out of shape—he weighed 221 then, compared to 212 for this fight.

Ali worked hard and many observers said he was in the best condition he had been in in many years.

That condition stood Ali in good stead Monday night as Norton, 206, applied constant pressure and worked to the body.

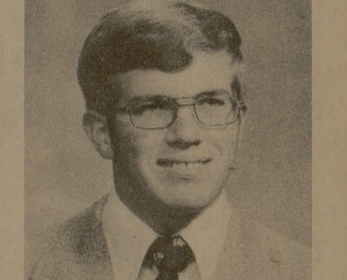
Ali danced and stuck with his left hand in the first two rounds like the Ali he once was. But the pattern of the fight began to unfold in the third round, as Ali concentrated on the head with jabs

and hooks and two-hand combinations and righthand leads. Norton concentrated on the body and then shifted to the head with hooks and an occasional chopping right.

Both men appeared hurt on four or five occasions, Ali's eyes reflecting pain from a couple of body punches and two straight right hands. Norton appeared dazed and moved backwards several times from flurries of punches to the head with short right hands by Ali being especially effective.

However, neither man appeared in danger of going down. Ali bled slightly from the nose early and Norton suffered puffiness around the left eye and a gash below the left eye which did not affect him.

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Heavyweight Champ Says Quarry, Frazier Next Foes

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Heavyweight champion George Foreman Monday night listed his next two challengers as Jerry Quarry and Joe Frazier before he watched the heavyweight fight between Muhammad Ali and Ken Norton.

"I'm going to fight Quarry in November and it doesn't matter where," Foreman said of the Bellflower Calif., fighter who knocked

out Tony Doyle of Salt Lake City 1:38 into the fourth round of a bout preceding the Ali-Norton match.

"Then I'll fight Frazier again if we're both fortunate along the way," Foreman said of the man he defeated for the title early this year.

"I'll fight Frazier about the first of December, maybe in Brazil."

Foreman said he favored neither Ali nor Norton and tentatively planned to fight the winner next year.

Ag Wrestlers Meet Tonight

The A&M Wrestling team will hold an organizational meeting tonight at 8 in lounge D of the Corps area.

The two-time winners of the state title invite any person who is interested in the sport at the collegiate level to come and join. The club offers NCAA and Freestyle wrestling and will face competition throughout Texas and Louisiana.

Sports Special Coming Friday

The Battalion sports staff will be bringing readers a new special football section this Friday and every Friday before each A&M home game. The section will contain rosters, player features and articles on the A&M game plus items on other SWC teams and games of national interest. Watch for it.

How's This for A Young Man with A Future?

He's bright, ambitious, and well on the road to success as a career life underwriter. His performance surpassed all others in (August). That's why he's Provident Mutual's "Campus Man of the Month."

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