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The Boston College Eagles are bringing to Kyle Field Saturday a team that has been pegged by most to be the second most powerful in the east, behind only mighty Penn State.

By TED BORISKIE

College Station, Texas

be its offensive unit, which has on 16 pass receptions and two angi, who started for all of last

182 carires for hefty 5.1 average.

the top 22 returning from last turn leader with 14 for 365 yards has completed 10 of 18 passes for position and Bob Rush at year's team. The top returnee is and a 26.1 average. (A former a 55.0 norm and ranks seventh undoubtedly junior tailback Mike high school all-American, he has on the Eagles' all-time passing Esposito. Esposito set a school a 4.5 speed in the 40 yard dash rushing record for sophomores and was the Eagles leading scorer Kruczek and Jerry Concannon. last season with 930 yards on last year with 54 points. The strength of the Eagles will In addition, he totaled 165 yards senior quarterback Gary Mar- plays for the Dallas Cowboys.

nine of the starting 11 and 16 of touchdowns and was kickoff re- year's 4-7 season. This year he



challenge of trying to shut down the highly touted Boston College running attack Satur-

Esposito to Lead Eagles

A year ago, football buffs in talented Boston College, a club for a 7.4 average and ranks 11th the East got a big belly-laugh that will seriously challenge Penn when lightly regarded Army upset A&M on the Aggies' home turf. The 24-14 loss undoubtedly was A&M's worst game of the 1972 season.

This week, Eastern football comes to Kyle Field again but this time it isn't a lightly regarded team. It is big, strong,

State for supremacy in the East this year.

The star of the Boston College Eagles is a junior running back, Mike Esposito, who stands 6-1, weighs 190 and runs the 40-yard dash in 4.5 seconds. He has the strength to break tackles and almost unbelievable moves.

Last year, as a sophomore, he ran wild, netting 930 yards on 182 runs for a 5.1-yard average.

After two games this season, he has 231 yards on 31 carries

in the nation in rushing. Boston College fans call him

the most explosive and exciting running back in B.C.'s 80 years

Last week the Aggies lost a five-point decision to LSU, 28-23, in Baton Rouge while in nearby New Orleans, Boston College was losing a five-point decision to Tulane, 21-16.

Saturday night's contest in Kyle Field will pit two talented teams on the comeback trail.

Defense Readies for BC

(Continued from page 5) Up front the Aggies will send Long and Paul Hulin at the ends with Warren Trahan and Ted Lamp at the tackles. Hulin and sophomore Blake Schwartz alternate at that end spot.

The A&M linebackers set to face the highly vaunted Boston College running game are Ed Simonini and Garth Ten Napel on the outside with Kenny Stratton in the middle. Simonini is the team's leading tackler with 33 followed by Stratton's 27.

Defensive coordinator Ben Hurt substitutes fairly liberally at the linebacker spots with John Paul McCrumbly and speedster Lester

The Aggies' defensive backfield has Thomas and James Daniels at cornerback with Larry Ellis and Tim Gray at safeties.

Every member of the A&M

starting defensive unit has either

caused or recovered a fumble. Gray is the only starter to do both but Hayes has also achieved the feat in a substitute role. Mark Stanley is the confer-

ence's leading punter with a 41.7 average and kicker Randy Haddox is the SWC's leading kick scorer with an 8.5 norm.

Next week A&M travels to South Carolina to face Clemson while Boston College hosts Navy.

list. Backing him up are Mike Concannon's Brother Jack is the Directing BC's attack will be former BC great and presently

> In addition to Esposito, the Eagles are looking to fullback Keith Barnette and Frank Smith to hammer out yardage. Barnette was the leading rusher for the freshman team last year and Smith started for the varsity. Smith is presently averaging 6.3 a carry.

The other halfback spot is clearly the property of senior Phil Bennett. Last year he was the number two ground gainer behind Esposito with 721 touchdowns. He had a 253 yard game against Temple last year which is the BC individual game rushing re-

The receivers are sophomores Dave Zumbach at the split end

scorer for last year's in team while Rush had 18 tions for 124 yards and a erage. At 6-3, 235 pounds greatest asset is as a blo but experience with juni Gary O'Hagan the only ior in the interior. Gordie

end. Zumbach was the

is at the other tackle sp Tom Congdon and Greg are the guards. Steve C the center with tackle A and guard Art Driscoll line reserves. Saturday the nation's biggest o fensive lines. The Eag age 242 pounds to a mante

The BC defense is led backer captain Jim Combo was named the "outsta fensive player" of the E the conclusion of spri Joining him in Boston four-man linebacking Paul Martin, Bob Ho Brian Clemente.

On the defensive line Bentzel and Paul Martin ends with Joe Sullivan a Turner as tackles. Bo four averages 224 pound compared to 242 for the

Sophomore sensation Scialabba and junior l hold down the defensiv slots while junior John is the lone safety.

Soccer-style kicker F fort handles the place k Esposito steps in to ha ing. Steinfort hit five field goals and 13 of 15 last year. Esposito pur 36.6 average and h

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