



By KEVIN COFFEY, Sports Editor

A&M starts its so called "second season" Saturday night as it opens conference play against Texas Tech in Lubbock. The non-conference games are all part of the past and was part of this young teams learning process. But just what did the Aggies learn?

"I hope we learned a lot because we had a lot to learn," said A&M head coach Emory Bellard. "We learned that we now have some evidence that we have some proven football players and proven fighters. Before the season we thought that this would be a team of fighters but we didn't really have anything to base it on. Now we know," Bellard said.

"We took a group of men that had never played together before any they are getting to know each other and run a little smoother," Bellard said.

Defensive leader Ed Simonini said that playing together has caused the biggest improvement on the Aggies.

"You always know that there is somebody there to help you out if you don't make the play," said Simonini. It just comes from confidence in each other and the only way to get that is to play together.

"We saw a lot of different things in non-conference except a team that threw a lot." Simonini said. "LSU threw the ball real well but not very often." LSU threw 10 passes against the Aggies and completed six in the 28-23 Tiger victory.

"Conference is not all that much different," Simonini said, "except now we are playing for a bowl game. The name of the game is still the same and that's winning."

"Conference games may be a little more physical cause I guess they do mean a little more," he said, and Tech will have a real good team. They will run right at us and only throw when they really have to.

Quarterback Mike Jay, co-captain and offensive leader, looks to conference differently from some of the other players.

"This is the first conference game that I have ever played in because all the teams I've been with have been independents," Jay said." This is important because it could mean a boost to a bowl game and by beating a real good team early like Tech, it gives you an advantage because they are going to beat some teams for us. It's like having two A&M's working for each other.

"We learned a lot in our first four games," Jay said, "mainly from just playing together. I know more about the backs and receivers and they know more about me. Our offensive line is getting better every game."

Jay said he is getting himself ready for conference also.

"When we played Wichita State it had been eight months since I had taken a snap from center. I don't feel as rusty now and I have more confidence in myself and in the team," Jay said.

As the Aggies finish preparations for Saturday night's 7:30 kickoff, one question sticks in the minds of many A&M fans. Are the Aggies ready? "Were fixin' to find out," said Bellard.

Texas Preps For Sooners

AUSTIN (AP) - Texas line coach Willie Zapalac Tuesday moved Will Wilcox to the No. 1 left offensive tackle position ahead of Bob Tresch.

Longhorn linebacker Glen Gaspard injured a knee in practice but doctors said he should be available for the annual grudge war with Oklahoma Saturday in Dallas.

Texas Coach Darrell Royal said of Oklahoma "Their offense better than last year. Steve Davis is as good as Jack Mildren at quarterback. Waymon Clark is the best fullback they've had. I'll give you a statistic. Oklahoma is averaging 5.7 yards per first down play rushing."

Zapalac added "I've never seen a defense that didn't have a weak spot. Oklahoma has no weak spot. They are outstanding at every position."

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