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Aggies Start Conference Play Saturday

Play Texas Tech in Lubbock at 7:30 p.m.

By TED BORISKIE

The Aggies lay it all on the line when they face Texas Tech in Lubbock Saturday to open conference play.

Sporting one of the nation's most explosive offenses, A&M also carries a well balanced attack, placing itself in the top four of all categories in the Southwest Conference. The Aggies are first in passing offense, second in total offense, third in rushing defense and rushing offense, and fourth in passing defense and total defense.

To counter the Aggies' passing, Tech has the SWC's second-rated pass defense allowing only 81.3 yards a game. A&M is averaging 135.8 yards per outing.

Tech coach Jim Carlen has never lost to A&M and the Red Raiders are holding a five-game winning streak over the Aggies. It's a sure bet Tech would like nothing more than to see the streak advanced to six.

Attempting to halt the Red Raiders' streak is an Aggie team that sputtered through its first three games and suddenly started humming against Clemson last weekend.

The Aggies were so overpowering they prompted Clemson coach Red Parker to say: "We got beat by a team that just out-blocked and out-tackled us. They were

so big we couldn't get anything done offensively or defensively. They have so much speed. Man, they're something. Don't sell that team short."

While making that statement, Parker must have had one Aggie specifically in mind. He would have to be halfback Bubba Bean who had a field day against the Tigers, galloping for 204 yards on 22 carries, the best day in the SWC this season Named the Associated Press' SWC Back of the Week, Bean is now the leading Aggie rusher and third in the conference with 338 yards on 44 carries for a 7.7 average.

Bean is by no means alone in the backfield as the Aggies possess the finest two-deep backfield in the conference. Fullback Alvin Bowers and halfbacks Skip Walker and Ronnie Hubby have all rushed a considerable number of times and all have better than five yards a carry average. Waiting in reserve are Bucky Sams and freshman Donnie Clemons. Sams rewrote the freshman rushing section of the record book as the fullback for last year's

fish team but a summer injury has kept him from attaining full speed this year.

Mike Jay has apparently recovered from his early season jitters and settled down to a controlled performance, directing the Aggies to the win over Clemson. Jay is leading the conference in total offense averaging 155.0 yards per game.

A&M boasts a pair of the SWC's finest pass catchers in wide receiver Carl Roaches and tight end Richard Osborne. Osborne's 12 catches is the largest reception total of anyone in the conference.

Both teams' kickoffs should be interesting as Roaches is the number two kickoff returner in the conference while Tech's Laurence Williams is currently rated third. Williams was the top kick returner in the nation last year while Roaches finished fourth.

Coach Emory Bellard gave his greatest praise to the offensive line for the victory over Clemson. Leading the line is captain Ricky

Seeker at center with Glenn Bujnoch and Dennis Smelser at tackles and Bruce Welch at left guard. The other guard position is occupied by Billy Lemons who took over from senior Bud Trammell when Trammell was injured two weeks ago. Trammell is back and ready to play but may have trouble regaining the starting post as the ambitious freshman seems to have taken a liking to it himself.

The Aggies' defensive line is severely hampered by injury with defensive end Blake Schwartz definitely out and defensive tackles Warren Trahan and Terry Willis playing at less than full strength. Ends Don Long, Paul Hulin and Tank Marshall and tackles Ted Lamp and Jimmy Dean remain healthy for A&M.

Ed Simonini leads Garth Ten Napel and Kenny Stratton in the linebacker squad with reserves John Paul McCrumby and Lester Hayes sure to see playing time.

Pat Thomas and Tim Gray are the cornerbacks for A&M while James Daniels and Larry Ellis are the Aggie safeties.

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Guest Picker: Randy Matson

Next Week's Picker: Chief O. L. Luther

Basketball Practice Opens

'73-'74 Campaign Starts Monday

A&M basketball coach Shelby Metcalf will welcome 15 players Monday when practice begins for the 1973-74 season.

Among the candidates will be six lettermen from last year's 17-9 squad which finished in a tie for second place in the Southwest Conference with a 9-5 record. There are also one letterman who sat out last year, one squadman, one redshirt, four transfers and two freshmen.

"I'm really excited about this year's team," Metcalf said. "This is basically a junior team, but

we have some speed and some talent."

Leading the returnees are 6-6 senior Randy Knowles and 5-10 junior Mike Floyd. Knowles was the leading scorer and No. 2 rebounder last year and should rank among the all-time Aggie leaders in both categories by the end of the season. Metcalf calls Floyd "the finest guard in my 15 years at A&M."

The other lettermen are postmen Cedric Joseph and Jerry Mercer, who shared starting duties last year as sophomores, senior Joe Arciniega, junior Webb Williams and senior Charlie Jenkins. Jenkins earned two letters before missing last season to concentrate on baseball. Other candidates include 6-8 senior C. W. Guthrie, who missed most of last season with mononucleosis, redshirt sophomore Dale Donaldson, junior transfers John Thornton and Bruce Ott, sophomore transfers Ray Roberts and Steve Chambers, and freshmen Mike Johnson and Leroy Baerwald.

In addition to assistant coach Jim Culppepper, Metcalf will be aided by former Aggie standout Bob Gobin and former Texas Tech star Norman Reuther. The captains of this year's team are Knowles and Arciniega.

The Aggies open the season Nov. 30 against Houston Baptist College in G. Rollie White Coliseum. There are 12 home contests on the schedule plus appearances in three tournaments—the Marshall Invitational in Huntington, W.Va., the Pan American Classic in Edinburg, and the Bluebonnet Classic in Houston.

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UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP 305 Old Highway 6, South 10:00 A.M.—Sunday Service 7:00 P.M.—Adult Service 305 Old College Road South

A&M PRESBYTERIAN 7-9 A.M.—Sun. Breakfast - Stu. Ctr. 9:45 A.M.—Church School 11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship 6:30 P.M.—Sun. Single Stu. Fellowship 7:15 P.M.—Wed. Student Fellowship 8:45 A.M.—Fyl. Communion Service Wesley Foundation

UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN Hubert Beck, Pastor 9:30 A.M.—Bible Class 10:45 A.M.—Divine Worship 6:00 P.M.—Worship Celebration 7:30 P.M.—Wednesday, Discussion Group

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CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 9:45 A.M.—Sunday School 10:45 A.M.—Morning Worship 6:30 P.M.—Young People's Service 7:00 P.M.—Preaching Service

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School 11:00 A.M.—Sunday Service 12:30-3:30 P.M.—Tues. Reading Rm. 7:00-8:00 P.M.—Wed. Reading Room 8:00 P.M.—Wed. Evening Worship

FIRST BAPTIST 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School 10:45 A.M.—Morning Worship 6:10 P.M.—Training Union 7:20 P.M.—Evening Worship 6:45 P.M.—Choir Practice & Teachers' meetings (Wednesday) 7:45 P.M.—Midweek Services (Wed.)

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