

# Ags Start New 'Walker' Against TCU

## 17-Year-Old Slated to Direct Team in Fort Worth

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Half the runners in A&M's starting backfield in Fort Worth Saturday will be Walkers.

Skip Walker has been making himself known to all of A&M's opponents with his flashy running from his halfback position but David Walker (no relation) will be starting his first college game when the Aggies square off against TCU.

D. Walker, 17-year-old quarterback from Sulphur, La., will start in place of Mike Jay, who has thrown 11 interceptions this year and has had his share of A&M's 22 fumbles.

There has been some skepticism about the youth of the Aggies new field but in 1943, 17-year-old Earl (Kil) Beesley led the Aggies to a 7-2-1 season and a trip to the Sugar Bowl. Beesley's team was young and inexperienced also as there were no returnees from the previous year's team and only four players who had competed in spring training.

When the Louisiana Kid hands off to the other Walker, Skip, he will be giving the ball to one of the league's premier running backs who thus far has run for

199 yards for a 4.7 per carry average. Skip can run from any position, as he proved to Texas Tech last week when he returned a kickoff 73 yards. He has returned six this year for 151 yards at a 25.2 norm.

Bubba Bean is A&M's leading rusher running at 6.9 yards a try. He is sixth on the SWC's rushing chart. Right behind Bean in both A&M's and the SWC's stats is fullback Alvin Bowers who has run for 354 yards for a 4.7 average. Halfback Ronnie Hubby and fullback Bucky Sams also figure in the A&M backfield as they are also considered starting backs.

Carl Roaches starts at wide receiver with Richard Osborne joining him at tight end. Osborne leads the Aggies in receptions with 15 which is good enough to place him fourth in receptions with 13; second in kickoff returns with eight for 286 yards and a 35.8 average; and second in punt returns with 19 for 63 yards.

The offensive line continues with Ricky Seeker at center, Dennis Smelser and Glenn Bujnoch at tackles and Billy Lemons and Bruce Welch at guards.

The Aggie defense is the most

powerful in the conference, allowing only 264.4 yards a game. The defensive unit is headed by line backer Ed Simonini who leads A&M in tackles with 81 for an average of 16 a game. Simonini's average is more than any other player's one-game high.

A&M's defensive line is rated as one of the best in the conference. The front four mercifully battered Tech's runners last week and is rated as the conference's third best rushing defense.

At the ends are Paul Hulin and Blake Schwartz while Ted Lamp and Warren Trahan fill in at tackle. The secret of A&M's front four, however, lies in its depth. Waiting in reserve, the Aggies have three of the SWC's meanest and biggest freshmen in tackle Jimmy Dean and ends Tank Marshall and Brad Burnett.

Joining Simonini in the line-backer corps are Kenny Stratton and Garth Ten Napel. Stratton is second on A&M's tackle list with 62 while Ten Napel is fifth with 46. Top reserves include freshmen Grady Wilkerson and Lester Hayes and big junior college transfer John Paul McCrum-bly. The speedy Hayes is one of

the most exciting players on the team having tackled opponents for losses three times for a total of 40 yards.

The defensive backfield helped the Aggies move from fourth to second in pass defense in the conference last week. The cornerbacks are Pat Thomas and Tim Gray while James Daniels and Larry Ellis are the safeties. Jackie Williams had a good day at Tech subbing for Ellis and is expected to see more play.

Randy Haddox continues toward possibly the finest season ever for an Aggie kicker having made good on 6 of 10 field goals and 15 of 17 PATs. He is only two field goals shy of the A&M season record and nine away from the conference mark with still more than half the season to go.

The Aggie PAT mark is 34 while the conference's is 55. Mark Stanley handles the punting and is second in the conference with a 40.7 average.

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NEW YORK (AP) — Reliever Tug McGraw weaved his way out of a bases-loaded seventh-inning Oakland threat Thursday night and saved the New York Mets' 2-0 victory over the A's in the pivotal fifth game of the 1973

World Series. The victory gave the Mets a 3-2 edge in the best-of-seven Series, which moves back to Oakland for Game 6 Saturday at 4 p. m., EDT. A seventh game, if needed, would be played Sunday.

Left-hander Jerry Koosman, pitching on a chilly, windy night that turned Shea Stadium into a virtual ice box, had the A's shut out through six innings and was leading 2-0 when he ran into trouble.

Gene Tenace opened the Oakland seventh with a walk and,

after Jesus Alou popped out, Ray Fosse bounced a double past Mets' third baseman Wayne Garrett.

That finished Koosman. McGraw, who had pitched 10 innings in the first three games of the Series, rode in from the bullpen again.

The victory marked the first time the Mets have been ahead in the Series. They have played catchup since Oakland won the first game last Saturday on the West Coast.

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# Texas, SMU, Houston Win SWC Fall Golf Matches

DALLAS — Texas, Southern Methodist and Houston won titles Thursday in the third annual Southwest Conference fall golf tournament at Brookhaven Country Club in Dallas.

Houston won the match play finals 5½-½ over Southern Methodist. Texas and Texas Tech split their matches 3-3 for a third place tie.

In the four-ball championship, Texas won by two strokes with a 194 total to Houston's and SMU's 196.

SMU's Mike Huebinger and Wade Adams captured the two-ball competition. Second place

finishers were Tony Pfaff and Randy Simmons of Texas, followed by Brady Miller and Van Gillen of Houston, which tied for third with Mark Trout and Sale Omohundro of TCU.

Medalist for the tournament was Miller, who shot 215 for 54 holes, two less than Huebinger.

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