

Second-Bests Square Off Saturday

Aggies' Stingy Defense Takes on Explosive SMU Offense

It'll be second-best rushing in the Southwest Conference against the second-best rushing defense when SMU squares off against the Texas Aggies at 1:30 p. m. Saturday in Kyle Field.

SMU right now is averaging 336.4 yards per game on the ground, second only to Texas' 341.4 average. Meanwhile, the Aggies have given up only 166.1 yards a game on the ground, second only to Texas' 165.9 norm.

The Aggies, struggling to fashion their first winning season in six years, went through their final full dress rehearsal Wednesday. A&M now is 4-4 with three games remaining and must win at least two of them to insure their first winning record since the 6-4 mark of 1967. After the SMU

game, they travel to Rice and then play Texas here.

Cornerback Tim Gray, who hurt

an ankle in the Arkansas game last week, is very doubtful for the Aggies. If he's unable to play,

sophomore Charlie Arndt will get the starting call.

Otherwise, the Aggies are in

pretty good shape. Defensive tackle Warren Trahan missed the Arkansas game because of a hurt ankle but worked out in full gear Tuesday and Wednesday and is ready for game action again.

The Aggies worked a lot on goal line situations Wednesday. At one end of Kyle Field the defense concentrated on stopping SMU plays run by the scout team while at the other end the offense worked on scoring plays.

While SMU is the No. 2 rushing team in the SWC, the Aggies are in the No. 3 spot with a 261.5 yard per game average.

In fact, the young Aggies rank fairly high in all categories. They are first in total defense, second in rushing offense, second in passing defense, fourth in total offense, third in rushing offense and third in passing offense.

Tickets are still available for the A&M-SMU game and can be purchased at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Palmer Cy Young Winner

Top American League Hurler

By GARY MICHOCES

Associated Press Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Jim Palmer's penchant for pancakes has waned but his pitching prowess hasn't, and that's why he was named Wednesday as the American League's Cy Young Award winner for 1973.

The 28-year-old Baltimore Oriole right-hander didn't fork down nearly as many pancakes last season as he did in years past when he made it a pre-game ritual and earned the nickname "Pancake." Yet he still stacked up 22 wins against 9 losses, and his 2.40 earned run average was the best in the league.

That impressed the Baseball Writers Association of America enough to give Palmer the nod over California's strikeout machine, Nolan Ryan, and the pitching mainstay of the Oakland A's, Jim "Catfish" Hunter.

Last season was Palmer's fourth straight with 20 wins or better, and his overall record over the past five seasons is 99-32.

The baseball writers gave Palmer 14 first-place votes and six for a second for a total of 68 points,

awarded on the basis of five for a first-place nod, three for second and one for third.

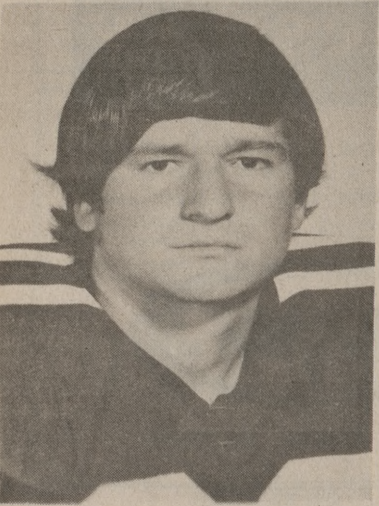
"I actually felt that I was the best pitcher in 1973," he acknowledged. "I don't know exactly what the criteria is for the Cy Young winner, but I guess in my case it went to a balanced performance."

Runnerup Ryan, also a 20-game winner, established an all-time major league strikeout record last season with 383 and pitched two no-hitters. But he finished 26 points shy of Palmer in the voting, and he had a slightly higher 2.87 ERA.

Ryan's 62 points, came on none first-place votes, three for second and eight for third. Twenty-four writers, two from each American League city, did the voting.

Hunter, 21-5, was named on 22 ballots, more than any other player, but he fell short with 52 points. The writers gave him one first-place vote, 13 for second and eight for third.

Detroit's John Hiller, only relief pitcher among the nine players receiving votes, was a distant fourth with six points. He saved a record 38 games and won 10.



Charlie Arndt

Steve Powell Leads A&M Karate Team

The Tae Kwon Do Karate Team fared well at the Louisiana State Karate Championship Saturday in Lake Charles.

Honors were taken by club president and chief instructor Steve Powell who placed fourth in Black Belt freestyle sparring and first in advanced kata or form competition.

It was the club's fifth tournament.

The club competes in Ft. Worth this weekend for the Texas State Karate Championship.

Intramural Results

James Eckley took first in the intramural two and a half mile cross-country run Wednesday.

Eckley had been running an hour and a half to two hours a day in preparation for the competition and finished with a time of 10.44.

He has run cross country for seven years and said, "I tried to pull out ahead because I was afraid there would be a sprinter in the group."

Jim Firth, Bradley Kohls and Frank Cox finished second, third and fourth respectively.

INTRAMURAL FOOTBALL

Class B

Sq2 beat B2, 6-0

F1 over A1, 6-0

Class X

Quarterfinal Games

BAC defeated Dexter Jets, 7-0

Saints over Mob, 6-0

Studs beat Sigma Beta Phi, 15-0

Bombers defeated Barcelona, 2-0

BASKETBALL

Class A

K1 over Sq4, 23-20

M1 beat Sq15, 37-22

H1 squashed Sq3, 42-15

Sq8 mauled Sq16, 45-9

A1 over D1, 36-29

K2 over 12, 35-20

C1 defeated L1, 37-31

E2 over Sq1, 24-17

Sq2 beat Sq13, 44-24



CROSS COUNTRY INTRAMURAL STYLE, took some thirty contestants around the polo field on a two and a half mile run. James Eckley ran the best time with 10.44. The team champs were the P.E. Majors. (Photo by Kathy Curtis)

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