

# Frosh Quarterback Battle Cancelled

## Kramer Out; A&M's David Walker to Face Upperclassmen

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The much heralded battle of freshmen quarterbacks will not come off Saturday as expected as Rice field general Tommy Kramer will miss the game due to injuries suffered last week against Arkansas.

The Aggies still hold up their end of the bargain as freshman sensation David Walker will direct the newly powerful Aggie offensive attack. Junior Paul Geisler and sophomore Claude Reed will share quarterback duties for the Owls.

Since taking over in mid-season, Walker has led the Ags to a 3-1 record. If A&M wins against Rice, they may be in line for a bowl bid.

Walker was recruited out of Sulphur, La., primarily as a passer but since taking over the reins for A&M, he has exhibited quite a bit of running skill, gaining 212 yards on 58 carries for a 3.7 average. This is a quite respectable

average as quarterbacks' statistics suffer each time one is dumped trying to pass.

A&M's three starting running backs, Bubba Bean, Skip Walker, and Alvin Bowers, are rapidly moving up on the sophomore rushing record of 694 set by Bob Smith in 1949. Bowers has 621 yards, Bean has 600 and Walker, thanks to a 184-yard day against SMU, is right behind them with 546. This is the first time A&M has had three players to gain over 500 yards in the same season.

Skip Walker will be involved in a more personal battle than either Bowers or Bean when he runs against Rice as his older brother, Cornelius, is the Owl starting noseguard.

Bucky Sams and Ronnie Hubby are top reserves at fullback and halfback, respectively, while fullback Jerry Honore was impressive running against SMU late in the game Saturday.

The Aggies' ace receiving duo

of wide receiver Carl Roaches and tight end Richard Osborne has not received a great deal of attention the last few games but they both pose a threat of breaking a game wide open. Osborne has a great pair of hands and Roaches may be the best open field runner in the conference. Roaches is only three yards shy of tying Larry Stegent's career kickoff return mark and he has 24 more games in which to get them.

Ricky Seeker is the center for The Aggies with Bruce Welch and Billy Lemons at the guards and Glenn Bujnoch and Dennis Smelser filling in at the tackles. Seniors Mike Bruton and Bud Trammell saw plenty of action against SMU at tackle and guard, respectively, and should figure prominently against Rice.

Linebacker Ed Simonini continues to lead the Aggie defense to the No. 1 position in the conference. Simonini has been attracting a tremendous amount of attention with his fiery play and is considered an all-SWC shoo-in and a good possibility for SWC defensive player of the year.

Joining him at the other linebacker spots are Kenny Stratton and Lester Hayes. Garth Ten Napel was a starter until injured against Arkansas and replaced by Hayes. Although he is again heal-

thy, the speedy Hayes is reluctant to relinquish the starting post.

Paul Hulin and Don Long are the defensive ends while Ted Lamp and Warren Trahan fill in at tackles. Blake Schwartz, injured earlier this year, is back to full speed and should see plenty of action at an end position as should freshman Tank Marshall.

Jimmy Dean is a top reserve tackle.

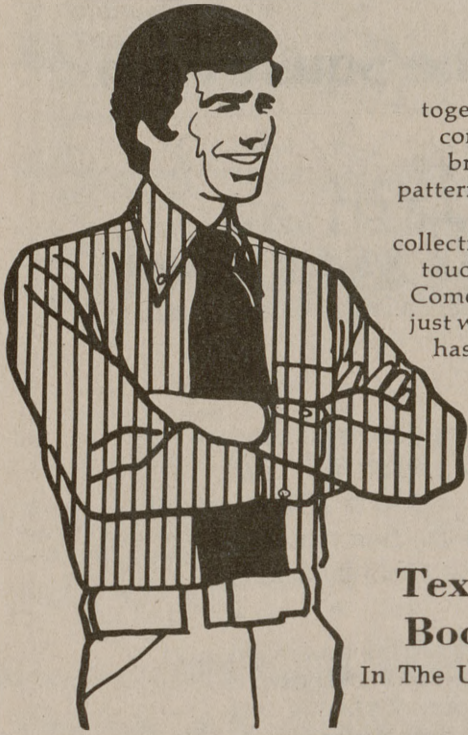
Pat Thomas and Tim Gray are the cornerbacks and James Iels and Jackie Williams are safeties in A&M's secondary. Ellis and William Thomas are ready to step in for injured Gray and Williams if they are still not healthy by game

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A&M's Jim Hacker has been selected to the All-America Amateur Baseball Team and will play on the team representing the United States in the World Amateur Tournament in Managua, Nicaragua.

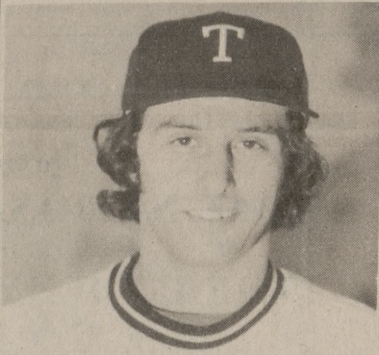
Hacker, a native of Temple, has played thirdbase and centerfield

for the Aggies. He hit .342 as a sophomore and .270 last season. He was the No. 1 draft choice of the Boston Red Sox following an outstanding career at Temple High School.

Last summer Hacker played for the Boulder Collegians. He hit .442 and paced the team to the semi-finals of the national tournament.

Hacker will leave today for Miami where he will meet the rest of the team for three days of practice. The team will then fly to Nicaragua for the world tournament which features teams from Japan, Korea, Cuba, Phillipines, China, Taiwan, Italy and the Dominican Republic, among others.

The team is coached by Ron Fraser, baseball coach at the University of Miami.



Jim Hacker



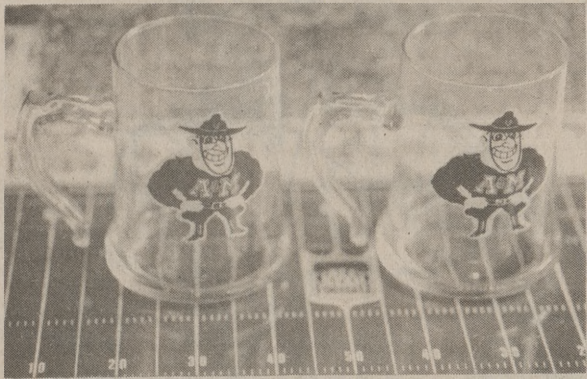
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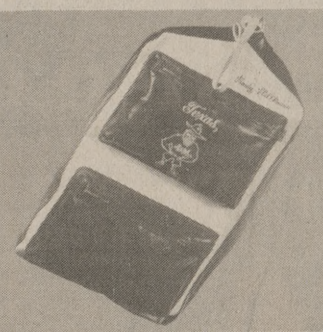
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