

Auclair seeks Olympics

An A&M coed, Cissy Auclair, has been invited to try out for the women's U. S. Olympic basketball team. Kay Don, physical education instructor and coach for the TAMU women's team, said Miss Auclair will be one of 80 hopefuls at-

tending tryouts Saturday at Albuquerque, N. M. Only 12 will be selected. Miss Auclair, 19-year-old freshman from Waco Midway, averaged 20 points per game for the TAMU team which made its debut this season.

Gridders finish spring training

Intra-squad game boasts of experience

By TED BORISKIE

With Saturday's annual Maroon-White game, head football coach Emory Bellard will wrap up 1974 spring training with the brightest outlook he has been afforded since assuming coaching duties at A&M.

With 21 or 22 starters and 45 of 51 lettermen returning from the 1973 team, Bellard can look for a team possessing a commodity rare the last couple of seasons—experience.

"We had a good spring training," said Bellard. "We got the information we needed to get on individual players, worked a lot with fundamentals and consequently we improved."

This year's spring game will be a bit different from contests of the past. Instead of two teams, one Maroon and one White, all of the offense will be in White and all of the defense will be in Maroon.

The first half of the game will see the first team offense pitted against the second team defense and the second team offense lining up against the first team defense. The second units will take on the rest of the squad in the second half while the third units will handle kickoffs, kickoff returns and punt coverage.

Sophomore-to-be David Walker will direct the first team offense. Taking over quarterback duties in the middle of the season last year, Walker used spring training to make his play smoother.

"I would say I am probably most improved in my execution," said Walker. "I feel real confident, pretty sure of myself. I'm really looking forward to the rest of my career."

"It's hard to say how good we'll be next year but all I can say is that I'd hate to be on the opposing teams. We play some pretty tough teams in the first four games but, being realistic, I'd think we should go into the Texas game with no more than one loss." "Walker has a real outstanding spring," said Bellard. "He

has become consistent, solid and correct."

With Walker in the backfield will be his namesake (though not related) Skip Walker, Bubba Bean and Bucky Sams. Skip Walker and Bean both gained over 600 yards as sophomores last year while Sams is the only member of the first team who was not a starter yast season although he did see plenty of playing time.

"We'll still rely on our running game," said David Walker, "but we'll be throwing the ball pretty much. We could see some throwing on first downs Saturday."

When he throws, he'll have a couple of the best targets in the conference in wide receiver Carl Roaches and tight end Richard Osborne.

Center Ricky Seeker is the mainstay of the offensive line and the only senior on the first team offense. Seeker was a unanimous second-team all-conference selection last year behind Texas all-America Bill Wyman, since graduated. Filling in the

rest of the line will be tackles Glenn Bujnoch and Dennis Smelser and guards Billy Lemons and Bruce Welch.

"We've learned a lot this spring," said Lemons. "We're (the line) working together as a team. We know what to do and we know we can do it so the only thing left is to go out on the field next fall and do what we're supposed to do."

Linebacker Ed Simonini leads the defensive charges, all returning starters from the No. 1 defense in the SWC last year. Simonini was a unanimous selection for SWC defensive player of the year and made the Associated Press' second team all-America squad. He will be joined at linebacker Saturday by Kenny Stratton and Garth Ten Napel.

In the front four will be Don Long and Paul Hulin at ends and Ted Lamp and Warren Trahan at tackles. Pat Thomas and Tim Gray are the cornerbacks while James Daniels and Jackie Williams occupy the safety slots.

Mike Jay and David S... will split quarterback duties... backs Ronnie Hubby and Ballard and fullback Jerry... ore in the back field. The... sists of David Greeno at... end, wide receiver Mike... tackles Dennis Swilley and... Burger, guards Craig G... ning and Ted Ginberg with... Freeman at center.

Tank Marshall, Edgar... Jimmy Dean and Blake... line up end to end for the... team front four while Carl... ke, John Paul McCrum... Dan Allen fill in behind... linebackers. Cornerbacks... Thompson and Charlie... safeties Larry Wright and... Williams round out the... team defense.

Kickoff is scheduled... p.m. with a \$3.00 adm... adults and \$1.00 for High... age and under. A&M... will be admitted free with... ID and faculty and staff... season ticket book covers.



DAVID SHIPMAN looks for a receiver past the outstretched hands of a defender in preparation for Saturday's Maroon-White game. The annual Aggie classic is set for 1:30 p.m. Kyle Field. (Photo by Rodger Mallison)

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