

Maroon-White game split in half

Sub fullback Jerry Honore shines in spring finale

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The annual Maroon-White game Saturday was probably two games and maybe more but it was difficult to ascertain.

In the first half, the first team defeated the second team, 7-0. The second team won the second

game in the second half, outscoring the third team, 21-20.

Although the scoreboard said the Maroon team scored 20 points in the second game, a player wearing a maroon jersey never crossed the goal line. This was possible because the Maroon team really had nothing to do with color but really represented the third team in the second half while the White team represented the second team. In the first game the second team was the Maroon team while the first team was the White team. There was a slight variation of this relatively simple alignment in the third quarter (or first quarter of the second game) as the first team backfield played with the second team while the third team used the second team backs. In the last quarter of the afternoon

(the second quarter of the second game), everything was straightened out as the second team backs played with the second team and the third team was complete with their own backs. Every offensive player wore white while the defense was all dressed in maroon. When the Maroon team would get the ball through an interception or fumble recovery, the White team would still retain possession. Occasionally, the White team would score and the Maroon team would receive credit on the scoreboard.

It all added up to a confusing afternoon for scoreboard nuts but wise fans avoided worrying about such trivial items as the score and instead busied themselves with judging the quality of the A&M squad. Using Saturday's games as an example of

A&M's future, many fans may have walked away from Kyle Field a mite disappointed.

A&M head coach Emory Bellard was among those feeling the afternoon left much to be desired.

"I thought the defense played well," said Bellard, "but I was disappointed in our first offense. I had been impressed with their overall play this spring. I think they are an aggressive and real solid unit but today they played like they were just finishing up spring training."

The afternoon was not without bright spots as fullback Jerry Honore emerged as the spring's most pleasant surprise. Honore rushed for 90 yards in 18 carries, running for both the second and third teams. He was responsible for three of the seven touchdowns scored during the afternoon, two of them coming on the ground with the third team and another on a 18-yard pass from second

team quarterback David Shipman.

"Jerry has improved just an incredible amount this spring," said Bellard. "If he continues to improve at his present rate, we would say we could have quality running backs again this spring."

"I feel like I had a real spring," said Honore, "and I'll give it all to Coach Bellard. He gave me the inspiration and drive I needed and helped me build confidence in myself."

Although Shipman and the man Carl Menger were impressive at quarterback in their appearance before many Aggie fans, sophomore David Walker appeared to have the first string role securely nailed down. "As of now, Walker is our first string quarterback and will be considered the same thing we start our fall drills," said Bellard. "I'd say Shipman has a slight edge on the No. 2 position."

Tracksters battle bad weather again

The A&M track squad encountered belligerent week as they visited Des Moines to compete in the highly prestigious Drake Relays.

The Aggies battled wind and rain in both the Kansas Relays and the Baylor Invitational last week and found the same type weather awaiting them in Drake.

It came in a slightly different form in Iowa as the rains fell Friday during prelims while Saturday's finals were run in high, gusting winds.

Scottie Jones was again impressive in the 120-yard high hurdles with his third straight fourth place finish against quality national talent. Jones ran a 13.6, matching his performance of a week before at Kansas, but saw his Drake Relays record of 13.5 fall to Florida State's Danny Smith who turned in a winning time of 13.4. Jones set the record last year and held it jointly with Southern's Rod Milburn.

Freshman Shifton Baker also competed in the 120-yard high hurdles turning in a 14.3 performance, but wasn't able to qualify for the finals.

Baker also ran a 53.7 in the 440-yard intermediate hurdles while teammate Craig McPhail turned in a 54.0 performance but neither qualified for the finals.

The Aggies finished sixth in the mile relay, running a 3:15.5 in the gusting wind. The quartet of Harold Davis, McPhail, Horace Grant and Doug Brodhead ran a 3:13.0 in the preliminaries to qualify.

Sprinter Charles Dawson returned to action for the first time in two weeks, running a nifty 21.2 opening 220 for the sprint medley relay. Brodhead ran the second 220, Grant ran the quarter while Pat Bradley handled the 880. The Aggies finished third in their heat behind the fine teams of Texas Southern and Oklahoma but only the first two teams qualified for the finals.

In the two mile relay, the Aggies continued a string of bad

luck in the event as Bradley and Ron McGonigle got lost in a crowd of finishers after the first lap and had difficulty making a handoff. Fine legs by McGonigle Grant and Adolph Tingan could make up enough lost time as A&M finished seventh in the team field.

Tom Owen returned to competition after three weeks on the injured list and leaped a creditable 23-10 in the long jump but was unable to qualify. Owen has a best of 24-5½ this year.

Bill Newton fought through morning rains and could get off his best toss of only 180 feet in the javelin and couldn't qualify. What was a bad day for almost all the spear throwers.

Brad Blair qualified in the vault and cleared 15-6 but did not place because of misses although four of the top six finishers could make it no higher.

Craig Carter put the shot slightly more than 53 feet but was still short of the qualifying standard.

High jumper Don Riggs couldn't clear the qualifying height of 6-0 although he missed on one jump by scarcely more than an eyelash.

The Aggies travel to Austin Thursday for a quadrangular with Texas, Rice and TCU.

Archery meets begins today

The A&M Intramural Official open archery tournament begins today at 5:00 on the main floor of DeWare Fieldhouse.

Competition will be at a distance of 50 feet with a three-bullseye.

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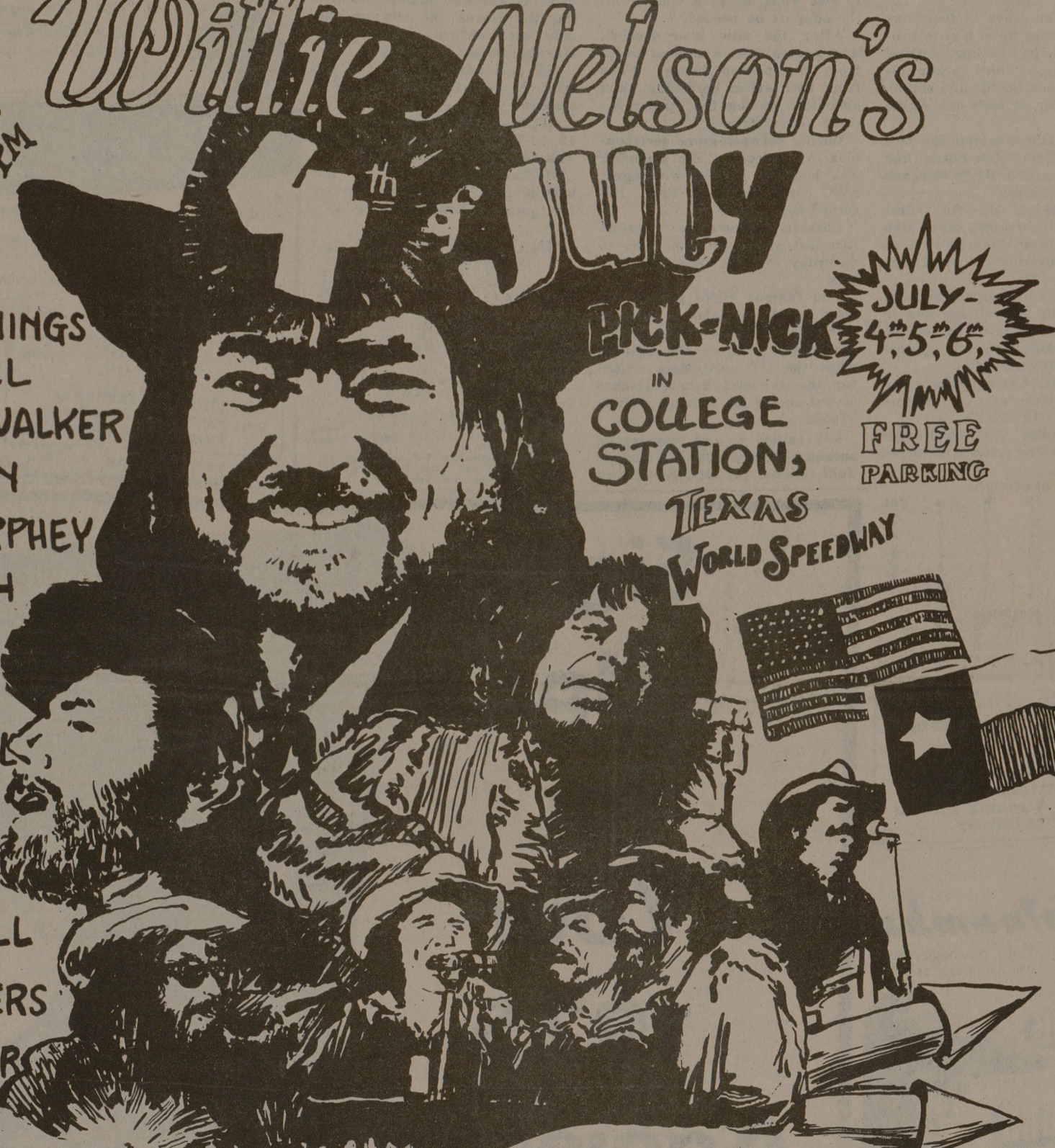
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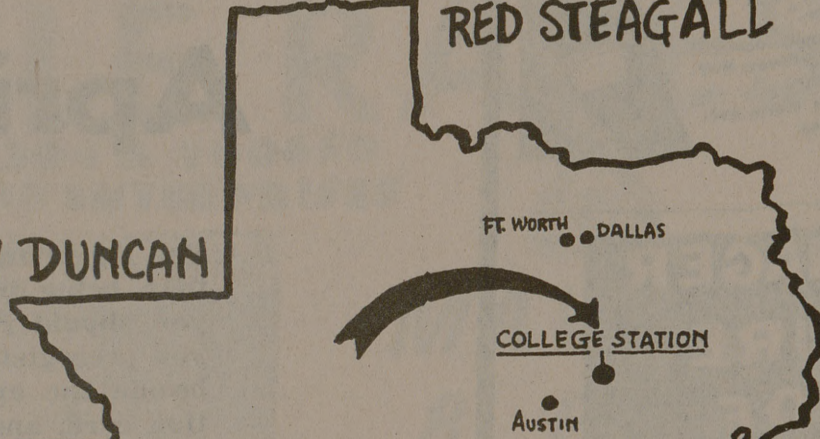
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