

Aggies look good in first scrimmage

By MIKE BRUTON

To a football player two-a-day workouts are like Listerine, some-

thing you hate twice a day. a different attitude Thursday in a controlled scrimmage, by performing like a well disciplined unit. Both the offense and defense moved crisp and executed well for the first scrimmage of the season

Turnovers were the biggest problems of the A&M offense last season, but the ball never hit the ground in the entire scrimmage, excluding incompleted passes. Coach Emory Bellard appraised the offensive unit as being good over all, but having a few spots that needs some

ning behind fine blocking from the starting offensive front. Offensive coordinator Ben Hurt pointed out that the experience of this year's The 1974 Texas Aggies exhibited line showed in the scrimmage, but more contact work is needed. "They looked pretty good today," Hurt said of the offensive line in the scrimmage. "But what they need is

more of this."

Meanwhile, on the defensive end of the field sparks were flying. People like defensive tackle Edgar Fields, cornerback Tim Gray, linebacker John McCrumbly and Ed Simonini were making collisions that could be heard anywhere in Kyle Field. There was always five to six men in on the tackle.

Defensive coordinator Melvin Halfbacks Skip Walker and Robertson said the defense really Bubba Bean had little trouble run- played like veterans. They should,

6-4. It was just one of six of such

Another seeded player was

among the victims. Dick Stockton, a

Long Islander living in Dallas and seeded No. 14, was beaten by the

deft, left-handed Ismael El Shafei of Egypt 4-6, 7-6, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4. El Shafei thus joined an interna-

tional brigade composed of Tom Okker of The Netherlands, No. 6;

Jan Kodes of Czechoslovakia, No.

12; Alex Metreveli of the USSR, No.

13, and little-known Sydney Ball of

Australia in addition to the three

The top-seeded Connors celebrated his 22nd birthday with his win

over Australia's John Alexander and

won a 2-hour, 20-minute duel.

five-set thrillers Monday

intact. "They're hitting good and playing with more poise and confidence," said Robertson. "It looks like they're playing reckless, but they're all conforming to the defensive pattern.

Looking over the whole scrimmage, it is obvious that experience is on the side of the Aggies. Instead of teaching people to play football, Bellard can concentrate on polishing the "Maroon Machine." If the Aggies are to perform better from this first full-speed scrimmage on through the season, they might forfeit their right to lift curfew on New 15% OFF

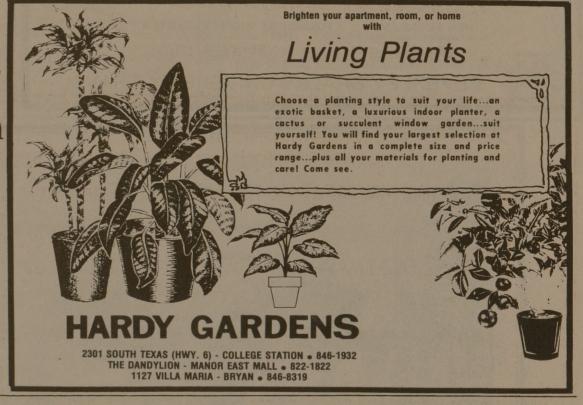
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In a marathon duel finished in semidarkness before some 12,000 at the West Side Tennis Club, the 22-year-old Tanner, from Lookout Mountain, Tenn., toppled the No. 7-seeded Nastase, 4-6, 6-7, 7-5, 6-4,

Linebackers compete for top positions

Official competition for the TAMU football team is 12 days off, but the competition for starting linebacker positions is current and

"Our linebackers are really looking good," said linebacker coach John Paul Young. "We have some pretty hot battles for starting berths

at two spots. Ken Stratton, John Paul McCrumbly and Grady Wilkerson are all seeking the middle position. Garth TenNapel and Lester Hayes

are both eyeing the weakside. Ed Simonini is the choice on the strongside. But Young notes that Jesse Hunnicutt is making head-

"I can see us playing all of them in a game. I'd say our depth is pretty

solid," said Young. The Aggies spent most of their first day of regular school term practice working on team coordination. The workouts were highlighted by the throwing of sophomore quarterback David Walker and the pass catching of tight end Richard Os-

The Aggies will continue workout at 4 p.m. each day.

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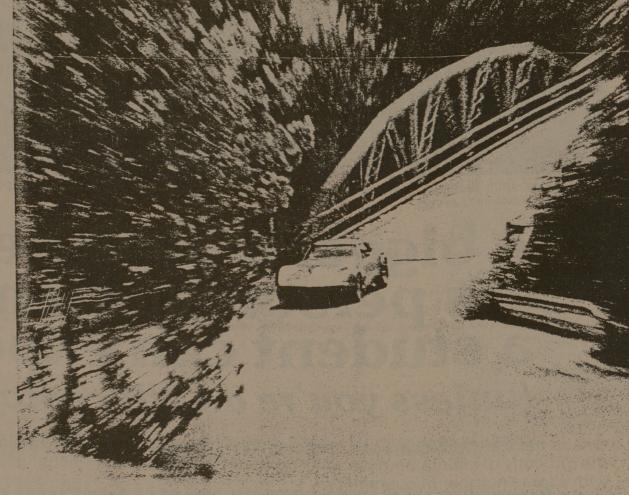
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