

Bob Smith only Aggie to have 1,000 yd. season

Bean looks for 1,000 yards

Since Texas A&M fielded its first football team in 1894, the school has produced only one player who has rushed for more than 1,000 yards in a season—Bob Smith in 1950. But another name could be added to that category in 1974—Bubba Bean.

"Every running back would like to gain 1,000 yards," Bean says. "But mainly I would like to help our team to a championship."

Last year at Clemson, he broke for a 78-yard touchdown jaunt and finished the afternoon with 204 yards as the Aggies took a 30-15 victory.

The 6-foot, 195-pound junior has come a long way from his high school days at Class AA Kirbyville in East Texas where he set state scoring and rushing records. He stepped into the Aggie lineup as a starter in the season opener as a freshman, but he has learned a great deal since then.

"I thought college running was just like high school running," Bean said. "I thought you could just dance around and get by. But I learned you might as well just go ahead and run, because there are other guys just as fast. Now I like to issue punishment instead of taking it."

Bean carried the ball 68 times as a freshman and gained 253 yards for a creditable 3.7 average. He made tremendous improvement as a sophomore, rushing 112 times for a team-leading 711 yards. His 6.3 yards per carry tied with teammate Skip Walker as the best in the Southwest Conference.

Bean had a great spring and an excellent preseason practice. "Bubba is prepared mentally, physically and in every regard to have a good year," coach Emory Bellard said. "He knows what he is doing now. Bubba is an exceptional talent."

In his quest for 1,000 yards, Bean has company in backfield mate Skip Walker who rushed for 618 yards last year. But each has his own distinctive style. "Skip takes short steps and I take long strides," Bean says.

Bellard gives this description of the two styles. "Bubba is a fluid, smooth runner, very deceptive. He moves a lot faster than it looks like. Skip is the jittery type. They have both served their apprenticeship and should be among the top half-backs in the league."

Bean and Walker became the eighth and ninth Aggie runner to gain 1,000 yards in a career. Bean

has 1,146 and Walker 1,015. But that championship is still the most important thing to them.



BUBBA BEAN

Bean ranks second in nation rushing

The Aggies head for Baton Rouge this weekend with some impressive statistics. In the first weekly national statistics release, the Aggies are near the top in almost every category.

Bubba Bean, the Aggies leading rusher in the 24-0 win over Clemson, with 182 yards, ranks second nationally in rushing. Bean also ranks 12th in all-purpose running. Junior running back Skip Walker is tied for ninth in scoring. Walker tallied 12 points in the opener.

Teamwise, the Aggies' 488 yards total offense ranks fourth nationally. 434 yards rushing ranks the Ags fifth. The same yardage is a new school record for A&M.

Defensively, the Aggies rate sixth after allowing only 164 yards in the opener.

The team is tied for first in the scoring defense category after allowing no score by the Tiger offense. Eight other teams also scored shut-outs.

In the Southwest Conference the Aggies lead in total offense and de-

fense and rushing offense and defense. Bean leads the conference in rushing. Running back teammates Bucky Sams is third with 122 yards and Skip Walker is eighth with 86 yards.

Bean, totting a 10.1 yards per carry average, leads the conference also in total offense.

Mike Jay, reserve quarterback, who was thought to be out of commission for two weeks, limped back to practice Wednesday. Jay, who was kicked by a horse Sunday and suffered thigh bruises, returned with only a slight limp. He will be available for action in Saturday's game if needed.

No. 2 cornerback Charlie Arndt was injured in Wednesday's practice session at Kyle Field. Arndt was taken to a hospital for X-rays. A&M trainers feared that Arndt might have suffered a broken collarbone.

Otherwise practice sessions went smooth as the Aggies rehearsed their offensive and defensive assignments for the annual Tiger den battle in Baton Rouge.

TEXAS A&M DEFENSIVE STATISTICS—One Game

Player	Tackles	Assists	Total	Caused Fumble	Rec. Fumble	Int. Pass	Sack QB	Tackles for Losses
Simonini	4	7	11	0	0	0	0	0
Ten Napel	10	10	20	0	1	0	1	1-11 yds.
McCrumbley	7	5	12	0	0	0	0	0
Stratton	2	6	8	0	0	0	0	1-2 yds.
Hulin	4	0	4	1	1	0	1	2-7 yds.
Long	5	2	7	0	0	0	0	0
Trahan	4	0	4	2	0	0	2	2-5 yds.
Lamp	8	1	9	0	0	0	0	1-2 yds.
Schwarz	2	1	3					
Dean	4	1	5					1-3 yds.
Fields	4	2	6					1-1 yd.
Thomas	2	3	5	1	1	0	0	
Daniels	3	3	6	0	0	0	0	
Gray	2	0	2	1	1	0	0	
Williams	4	0	4	1	0	0	0	
Hayes	1	1	2					
Marshall	1	1	2					
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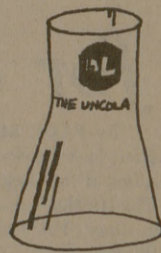
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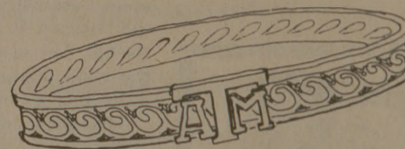
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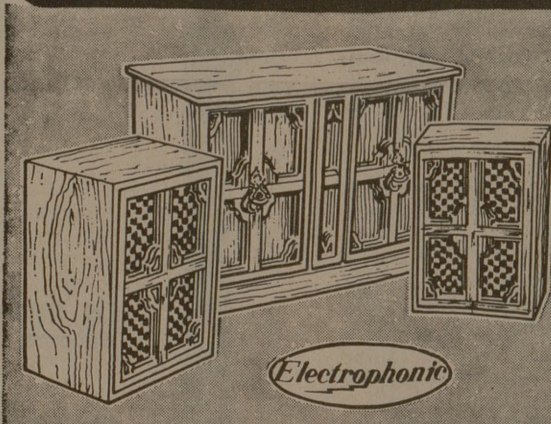
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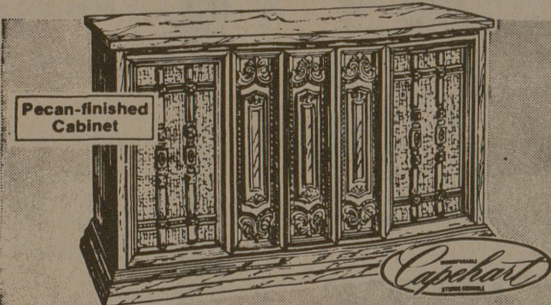


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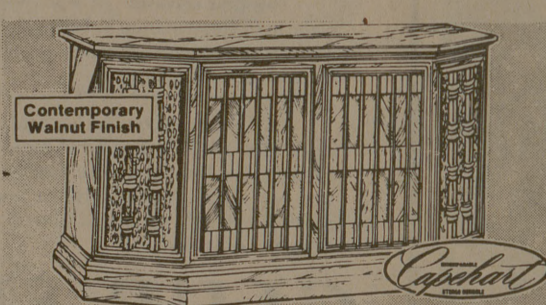


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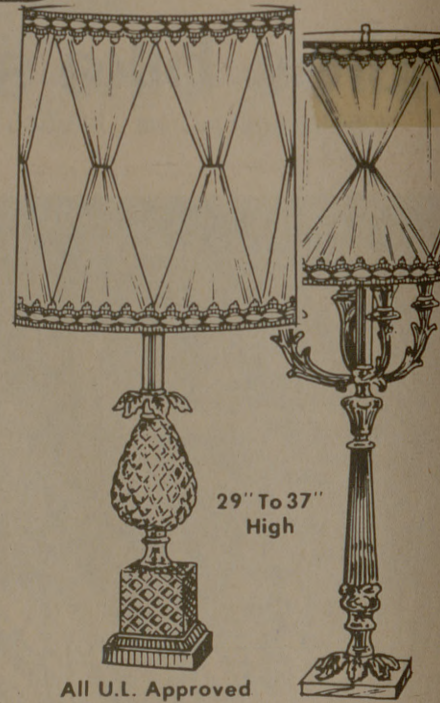


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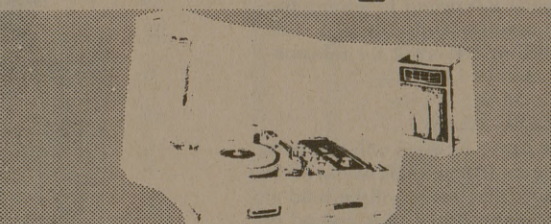
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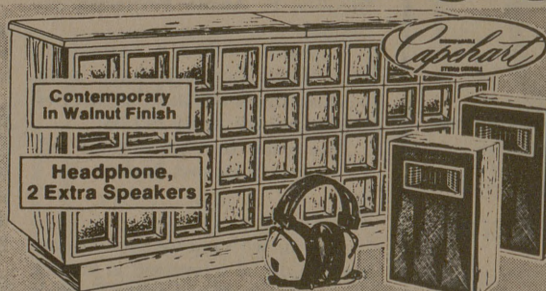


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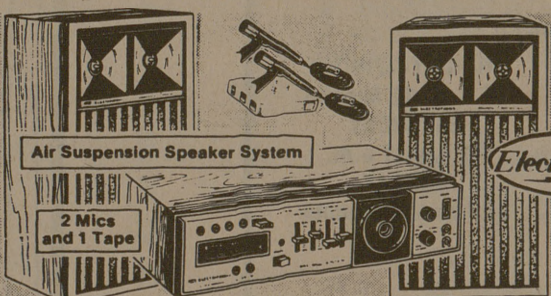


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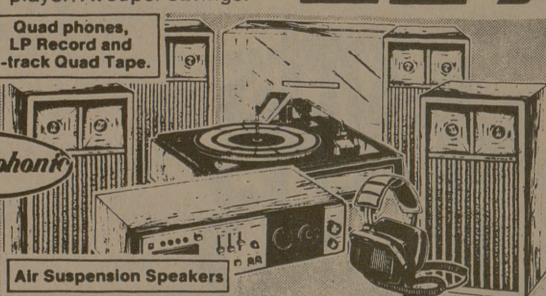


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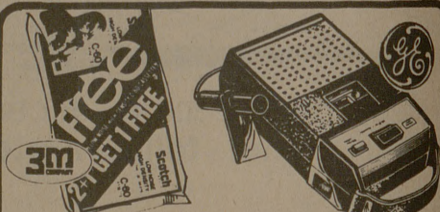


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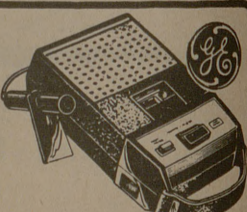


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