

Consol football suffers from participation lag

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A&M Consolidated High School

has not had a winning football season in years. This season the Tigers are 0-4.

The problem lies not in the football team or the coaching, said two team members.

After being waxed by Wharton, the Tigers came back to lose the next three games by small margins. Most impressive of those losses was a 12-14 decision to seventh ranked Hearne on Friday night.

Bill McGee, senior, missed only a single play Friday, leading the offense at quarterback, playing safety on defense and handling punting and kicking chores. It was McGee's pinpoint passing and smooth execu-

tion that almost gave Consolidated the win.

McGee has been at Consolidated for two and a half years, playing previously at a AAAA school in New Jersey. He puts the blame for the weak team on lack of participation.

"Somewhere along the line, between freshman and JV they get disinterested," said McGee.

"The coaching system has improved over last year. We have a

good mixture of youth and experience on the staff," said McGee. "The guys that come out give 100%. I think we're closer as a team because we're small and have hand-caps that other teams don't have."

Local observers seem to think that College Station school district football suffers because the area is basically university-oriented. The families in the area tend to be mid-

dle class with less than usual interest in football.

McGee, whose family is not university oriented, says that there is not as much emphasis on football in this area as others. McGee adds "The school has really supported us. I really think they're proud of us."

On the other end of the spectrum is Mark Pantel, sophomore, who didn't see quite the action Friday night that McGee did.

Pantel played on the freshman team last year. His family is university oriented and he says that Consol football may be weak because the community is basically university oriented.

Pantel said another reason Consol has a weak team is because they don't have an off season in junior high like most other systems. Pantel says the coaching is quite adequate and the team has always been close.

The team gives all their effort.

Both players were pleased about the Hearne game and expressed the idea that the team was confident they could play with and beat Hearne. McGee said, "We really expected to beat them at halftime. Hearne held a 7-6 lead."

McGee said the team will meet Spring this weekend with the desire to win.

It's that desire which keeps Consol football going.


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Cowboys in cellar, 1-2 slate

(AP)—The Dallas Cowboys, who have been to a record eight consecutive National Football League playoffs, are off to their worst start since 1964 and Coach Tom Landry says they've picked a difficult week to make a comeback.

"It's been a long time since the Cowboys have been in such a position in the Eastern Division," Landry said Tuesday. "It's probably the worst early shape we've ever been in."

Landry added, "We haven't picked the best week to make a comeback with Minnesota coming to town. They have a tremendous team."

Dallas was whipped 14-6 by the New York Giants Sunday and are in the National Conference East cellar tied with the Giants, owning identical 1-2 records.

Landry refused to blame quarterback Roger Staubach for the Cowboy demise but added, "That doesn't mean I might not change quarterbacks in a ball game. Roger is still my No. 1 quarterback but if the team is playing well and the quarterback isn't I might make a change hoping the next man might have a good day."

Craig Morton is the Cowboy backup quarterback.

Staubach was booed heavily in Texas Stadium Sunday. He was sacked six times and suffered three interceptions.

"There's nothing wrong with Roger that can't be corrected... he'll never quit and he's my quarterback," Landry said.

Cleveland names first black mgr.

(AP)—The Cleveland Indians will name Frank Robinson as the first black manager in major league baseball on Thursday, it was learned Tuesday night.

The team plans a news conference here sometime Thursday, knowledgeable baseball sources told The Associated Press, to officially announce the choice of the 39-year-old Robinson to succeed Ken Aspromonte, who was fired last Friday, effective at the end of the season.

Batt sports Stallings expresses views about Ags

By PAUL McGRATH
Staff Sports Writer

Here is a quick quiz for you Aggie sports fans:

First question: When was the last time Texas A&M went to the Cotton Bowl?

Answer: 1968 against Alabama, with the Aggies emerging victorious 21-17.

Second question: Who was the head coach that year for A&M?

Answer: Gene Stallings.

Gene Stallings was the Aggie head mentor for seven years and was the last coach to guide the Aggies to a bowl appearance. Stallings was replaced by Emory Bellard in 1972 and is now the defensive backfield coach for the Dallas Cowboys. Stallings had a 27-45-1 record with A&M. How does he feel about his new job?

"I miss being a head coach. I enjoyed college coaching," said Stallings. "It's an enjoyable experience with the Cowboys but it was just as much an enjoyable experience with A&M."

As for the difference between pro and college coaching, Stallings said, "They both have their advantages and disadvantages."

Stallings remarked that the LSU victory should be a tremendous boost to A&M's confidence. "Anytime you beat LSU in Baton Rouge you've accomplished a lot." Although many believe it was an upset victory, Stallings said he would have been more surprised if A&M had lost.

Despite the circulation of remarks that the Southwest Conference has become less prestigious, Stallings feels the SWC has always been a strong conference and can compete favorably with anyone.

The conference winner, added Stallings, will probably be the team

that beats both Arkansas and Texas in the same year. "However, it remains to be seen who will end up top dog," said Stallings.

Flag Football Results

Military C: E2, 42, S015, 12
D: S04, 5, B2, 0
Sg2, 42, S2, 0
Fish A: Sg0, 1, Mband, 0
Sg4, 21, K1, 6
Sg2, 25, L2, 14
Sg6, 21, 11, 0
Independent A: D, 43, OM, 6
B: Vet II, 20, TH, 5
Club A: BAC, 16, DK, 6
Rec A: Turk, 19 (on Penetration); Law, 19
Woman A: Scan, 20, W1, 0
Co-Rec A: POA 18; E2, 0

today's games—
F1 vs F2, field D1 at 5 pm
Sg11 vs B1, field D2 at 5 pm
Sg13 vs D2, field D3 at 5 pm
Whand vs Sg12, field D4 at 6 pm
C1 vs C2, field D4 at 5 pm
A1 vs L1, field D5 at 5 pm
Hotard vs DG, field K1 at 6 pm
McInnis vs Hart, field K2 at 6 pm
M1 vs A1, field K2 at 5 pm (fish)
Whand vs B2, field D6 at 6 pm (fish)
H2 vs Sg1, field EVT at 5 pm (fish)
K2 vs L1, field K1 at 5 pm (fish)
PEI vs S8, field H1 at 6 pm
Sowler vs W1a, field H1 at 5 pm
Keathley vs RN, field H2 at 5 pm
Flew A vs Boozer, field D1 at 6 pm
POS vs Scan, field D2 at 6 pm
DC vs WF, field H2 at 6 pm
PetE vs AccS, field D6 at 5 pm

Bowling Results


League 1 (fish) Sg8, 377, M1, 275
Sg11, 345; B1, 0
H (fish) Sg15, 437; H2, 298
Crock D, 422, Walton 360
N (ev) Moses 497, Utay, 350
Schumacher, 416; Milner 0
O (ev) Furryear, 467; Moore, 449
White, 467; Hart, 464
S (rec) DC 1, 430; Dunn, 418
VetI, 433; LC, 0
Q (ev) AccS II, 446; For, 0

today's games
Sg13 vs N2, lane 1,2 at 5 pm
H2 vs Sg5, lane 3,4 at 5 pm
F2 vs Sg1, lane 5,6 at 5 pm
L2 vs Sg7, lane 7,8 at 5 pm
L2 vs Law, lane 1,2 at 6 pm
Dunn vs Hart IV, lane 3,4 at 6 pm
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