

J. P. McCrumbly thunders through enemy offensive line

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When "The Train" gets up a head of steam you had better move out of the way.

"The Train", also known as Aggie middle linebacker John Paul McCrumbly, often hits opposing running backs with the violent force that his nickname denotes. Time and again a halfback will dart up the middle, momentarily finding an open crack in the Aggie line, only to be greeted by the open arms of McCrumbly. It's like finding a time bomb in your Halloween bag, and baby, that's no treat.

Another thing that probably discomforts other teams is that it doesn't matter to McCrumbly who he hits. Take for example the Clemson game. Coach Bellard was questioning the defense prior to game time on which Clemson players each Aggie defender was assigned to key on. When McCrumbly was asked he replied that he didn't know. The mildly surprised Bellard inquired why. McCrumbly then answered, "I can't remember. All I know is they're Clemson."

McCrumbly got his nickname "The Train" at Woodrow Wilson

High School in Dallas where he played fullback. He added to that image by obtaining an engineer's cap and wearing it while on the sidelines.

That engineer's cap has become McCrumbly's trademark. He said he began wearing the hat "just to be different because not too many people were wearing that kind" although some people told him that it might bring him good luck. When it got cold he just threw it on his head. Of course, it was only natural for McCrumbly to have "The Train" inscribed on the front of the cap.

The cap may or may not have brought him good luck, but it managed to follow him to Tyler Junior College and then to A&M. He bought a new one, but still has the original at his home.

He didn't wear it that much in 1973, his first year at A&M and also didn't wear it with any regularity in the four non-conference games this year. The hat made its introduction to A&M fans during the Tech game and now McCrumbly wears it in all SWC games.

Like the hat, McCrumbly also didn't make many appearances that first year. He now is one of the

mainstays of the Aggie defense.

"I enjoy playing. I got kind of used to playing a lot and wasn't used to sitting on the bench," said McCrumbly.

At 6-2, 253 lbs. McCrumbly provides an imposing figure in the A&M center, one that opponents are usually careful with. McCrumbly states that most teams will threaten the middle until "they get their respect."

The Aggie defense has been particularly impressive in the last two games against TCU and Baylor and has in fact had only one bad game, that being with Kansas.

McCrumbly said the Ags may have been looking ahead to Tech that day and caused them to play poorly. But since that game only one touchdown has been scored against A&M.

"If we don't let them score they can't beat us," says McCrumbly. "Our offense has to get at least three points and if we can hold them, we win."

Personally, McCrumbly feels he has "done all right". Nevertheless, McCrumbly thought he didn't play as well against Baylor because he "didn't have the same feeling" he usually has.

Same feeling or not, most players and coaches will tell you that the play of McCrumbly has thus far been exceptional. As far as the Aggies are concerned, as long as "The Train" stays on the right track everything will be all right.



J. P. McCRUMBLY sits on sideline wearing his train hat at the Baylor game. The big linebacker is seated by Ted Lamp. (Photo by Glen Johnson)

Official football ticket distribution policy set

A new policy for securing student football tickets has gone into effect. There will be five days set aside for students to get tickets.

A student may obtain tickets according to his activity card which states his academic classification or according to his tenure at A&M. The first two numbers of the Student Identification Card represent a tenure classification (71 or below — senior, 72-junior, 73-sophomore, 74-freshman).

Whenever a student's activity card is lower in classification than his identification card, the identification card shall take precedence.

Graduate students and seniors are eligible to pick up tickets on the first day, juniors on the second day, sophomores on the third day, and freshmen on the fourth day. A fifth day shall be open to all students.

Students may pick up a maximum

of 20 tickets for home games. These may either be student tickets or guest tickets. At least one-half of the tickets must be student tickets of the class eligible to obtain tickets on that day.

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Students must have an identification card and an activity card to pick up tickets.

Scouts view top teams for Cotton

DALLAS (AP) — Cotton Bowl scouts will visit five of the seven leading contenders for the guest spot on New Year's Day this Saturday.

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The 1974 attendance so far is an increase of 8.8 per cent over last year when the SWC dropped to a nine-year low average crowd of 35,943 for 46 home games.

The 28 home games to date have drawn 1,094,810 with 18 games left. Texas is the only team with a decrease from last season — down 11.4 per cent. However, Texas has the top attendance average of 56,283.

Rice leads the increase — up 40 per cent. Baylor is up 37, Arkansas 14, Texas Tech 9, TCU 6, Texas A&M 4, and SMU 2 per cent.

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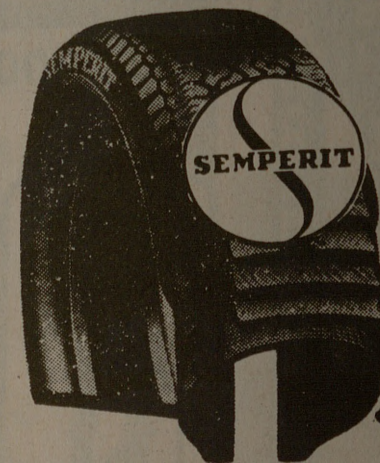
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