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Former Red Raider

Bellard appoints Wilson Offensive coordinator

By ROBERT CESSNA
Staff Sports Writer

Even though football season is behind us, A&M Head Coach Emory Bellard is looking towards next season.

On Saturday Bellard announced the hiring of Tom Wilson as A&M's new offensive coordinator and quarterback coach. Wilson who played four years at Texas Tech had been an assistant coach at his alma mater the past nine years.

Wilson replaces Ben Hurt, Aggie offensive coordinator this past year who left to take the head football coaching job at Middle Tennessee State.

On Saturday Wilson was introduced to the local press. At the time of the press conference Wilson had not talked with Bellard to any great extent and could not answer some of the more pressing questions the fans wish to know.

"I'm glad to be here," was Wilson's first comments about A&M. "It's the only place in the

country to be, I can't wait to get after it," he added.

The Wilson philosophy of football is very direct and to the point. "Move the football and score and don't put pressure on the defense with turnovers," he said.

Many people have speculated that the Aggie offense next year will be a pure wishbone and one reporter asked Wilson what was his experience with the wishbone. "I've never worked with the wishbone but have nothing against the wishbone," answered Wilson.

Wilson's experience has been with the multiple offense approach and this might be the direction the Aggie offense takes.

To begin to familiarize Wilson with the quarterbacks, he has begun looking at films. He could not say anything about the quarterback situation with the limited knowledge he possesses. "I know who they are," was the extent of his comments.

One thing that has amazed the former Raider is Aggie spirit. "Peo-

ple have stayed behind them (A&M) even in a losing year. The support is unbelievable.

Of course we can only wait and see what effect Wilson has on the A&M offense. But it has been said that a team only reflects its coach and if that's the case A&M is in good shape.

Wilson exhibited leadership qualities early in his life as he was captain and most valuable player on both his football and basketball teams in high school.

He was the Raider's starting quarterback his junior and senior years, 1964 and 1965, and still holds the school's career passing record. He completed 241 of 413 passes for 2,932 yards and 23 touchdowns with a 58.4 completion percentage. Wilson played in the Sun Bowl in 1964 and the Gator and Hula Bowls in 1965.

Wilson immediately joined Coach J.T. King's staff at Tech and coached the quarterbacks five years under King and four under Carlen. This included the 1973 team that was 11-1 with quarterback Joe Barnes being drafted by the National Football League Chicago Bears.

Bellard said A&M's offensive staff will have Donnie Wigginton coaching the running backs, Chuck Moser the receivers and scout team, Dan LaGrasta the line, and Bob Stanley assistant line coach.



TOM WILSON

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Aggies bus to Rice to open SWC season

By TONY CALLUCCI
Staff Sports Writer

It's the best versus the worst tonight at Autry court in Houston. The Aggies leading the conference at 8-4 (and make no mistake, the Ags have played good teams this year) will visit Rice to battle the ailing Owls now 3-9 and trailing the league.

The Ags are one game ahead of the Red Raiders who own a 7-5 record. The two are the only confer-

ence teams with a winning record. Houston included. Baylor leads the conference in league play on the basis of a one point win over Rice, Saturday, the only league game played thus far this season.

The 74-73 loss was disappointing for Rice who led most of the way. Many of the Owl's losses have been

close and they have played good teams. They beat Houston Baptist who has also had problems but is still tough. They played California within 10 points and lost to Pan American by only two. They lost to Houston by 21 and Aggie coach Shelby Metcalf, A&M's lead basketball coach, was impressed.

"They weren't intimidated at all, and they broke Houston's press as slick as anybody I've seen. I know they will be tough," said Metcalf.

Don't be fooled though. The Ags lost to Houston by 20, but it was a bad night. And Rice looked like creamed corn soaked in sour mash against Baylor. They should have trounced the Bears. Looking ahead, the Ags should have little trouble with them and should start the conference race on top.

Starting for the Ags will be seniors John Thornton, Jerry Mercer and Mike Floyd and the Ags two leading scorers, juniors Barry Davis at 14.2 and Sonny Parker at 15.5.

KTAM (1240 on A.M. radio) will begin pregame broadcast at 7:20 p.m. Game begins at 7:30.



McDONALD'S INTRAMURAL HIGHLIGHTS



Schedule set for entry

January 21
FLICKERBALL open for co-rec Play begins Monday, January 27 on astro turf practice field. Round-robin play with championship single elimination tournament. Seven players needed.
HANDBALL SINGLES
Play begins Monday, January 27 in DeWare.

February 4
TABLE TENNIS SINGLES. Play begins Monday, February 10.

January 28
FREE THROW open for co-rec. Enter at time of contest. Present A&M ID at 5 p.m., main floor of the Coliseum. Teams or individuals may compete. Team members must shoot consecutively. Twenty shots per contestant. Three people on a team.

February 11
SOFTBALL open for co-rec. Play begins Monday, February 17 on Henderson and Duncan softball fields. Round-robin play with a single-elimination championship tournament.

February 18
TENNIS DOUBLES open for co-rec

February 25
WRESTLING. Individual and team competition.

March 4
SOCCER open for co-rec
GOLF DOUBLES open for co-rec

March 11
FENCING open for co-rec. Individual and team competition. RACKETBALL DOUBLES open for co-rec. TRACK. Individual and team competition

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DeWare

Open Daily 7:30 am-11 am
Reservations should be made for play between 12 pm-1 pm and 4 pm-10 pm A&M IDs will be checked. Use is free.

Coliseum Annex

Open Daily 8 am-10 am
A&M OD's will be checked from 4 pm-10 pm. Use is free. For further information call 845-2624.

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It's great being above all the rest.

Basketball Starts Wed.

Basketball play begins Wednesday, February 22.

Games will be played in the Coliseum Annex from 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. nightly.

There are 187 teams entered in the competition. This is a 46 percent increase over last year's entries.

For schedules of play, come by the Intramural Office.

Team Managers
Tuesday, February 11
Coliseum, Room 232

Halfbreed sport makes score with pass

Flickerball is the combination sport which features the passing of football and the ground rules of basketball.

The idea is to throw the football through the square hole in the goal. If the ball goes through, the team receives three points. If the backboard is hit, one point is awarded. If the board is missed completely, the ball is given to the other team.

The ball is moved forward only through one-hand passing. The player with the ball may run laterally or backward. There is no personal contact, but passes can be blocked.

Teams are composed of seven players. The field is about 54 yards long and 30 yards wide.

Play begins with a jump between two centers. The ball is immediately passed off. When fouls are committed

the offended team receives possession and the offender sits out of the game until a goal is made. Four fouls constitutes a disqualification.

A free throw is awarded when deliberate fouling or unsportsmanlike conduct is detected by officials. The throw is made from a line 30 feet in front of the end line.

Substitutions are made at any time out. Any number of players can be substituted and any player sitting out cannot be subbed for until readmitted to play.

Flickerball entries close January 21 at 5 p.m. The sport is open to all A&M students, faculty and staff. All-male, all-female and co-ed groups are encouraged to enter.

For rules and further information, come by the Intramural Office in DeWare Field House.

