

Sportfolio

Contact shows in drills

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Sports Editor
It's spring football time again and the sparks are flying on Kyle Field. My eyes almost popped out when I saw the first units, offense and defense, butting heads. It didn't take me long to figure out that this was the most physical first day of spring training since Emory Bellard became Head Coach at Texas A&M.



Bellard said in a press conference Wednesday that the teams need a little extra contact this spring. "Your progress may not be spectacular and there is a hesitancy to do it (have contact) because there's a chance of injury, but we feel we need to do it, because that's the kind of spring we need," commented Bellard.

Many people began to question A&M's killer instinct in some of the games of the 1974 season, the TCU game especially. But people seem to forget the fanatical effort that the Aggies displayed against Texas Tech just a week earlier. After performing at such a high pitch it's not unusual for a football team to hit a low ebb. That is, if you call setting a school record of minus 58 yards rushing a low ebb.

The spring drills have already offered an answer to all those who feel that the Aggs were too conservative offensively last year. With the ground chewing, ball control T-Bone offense last year the Aggies didn't have the high scoring games that many fans expected. But Bellard and new offensive coordinator Tom Wilson has fielded a wishbone offense with I-formation variations in the 1975 spring drills.

With the new "I-Bone" offense the Maroon will be able to fully utilize the speed of their backs and receivers. This, of course, will entail more passing. "We're going to put a lot of emphasis on the passing game this spring," remarked Bellard.

Actually the T-Bone is still the basic offense for the Aggies but the added attacks will give the Maroon Machine versatility. Some might argue that these varied attacks will cause confusion amongst the players on execution and blocking assignments. But Wilson has already shown his coaching ability as the Ag offense operated adequately smooth the first two days of spring practice.

I'm not the only one who has faith in the 1975 Aggies and Wilson as one national poll has picked A&M fifth in an early pre-season vote.

As for the killer instinct: if they didn't have it Tuesday and yesterday as I watched practice I'd hate to see them get riled.

The basketball game of the year is set for a 6 p.m. tipoff at C. Rollie White Coliseum this evening. The Battalion Bumbling Basketeers will take on the Aggieland Misfits in

their annual battle of student journalists. There will be no admission charges, everyone is invited. There will be a big party afterwards, the location of the post-game activities will be announced after the game. So, come on out and see Yours Truly and other Batt All-Americans bomb the Aggieland out of the coliseum.

CLUB SPORTS

The Texas A&M Sports Car Club hosts a rally and motorcross over the weekend.

The car rally will be run in parking lot 61 with plaques awarded to the various winners. The Saturday races begin at 10:00 a.m. and will continue nearly five hours.

Sunday, the club sponsors an autocross with trophies and prizes for the winners. Registration begins at 8:00 and the timed runs get underway at 12:30 p.m. Helmets will be required.

The Texas A&M Lacrosse team hosts Dallas in a critical league this Saturday.

The Aggies are 1-1 in league play and need to win their two remaining conference games to snare the title. The A&M stickmen are a member of the Southwest Lacrosse Association.

The A team action starts at 2:30 p.m. on the Memorial Student Center drill field and the B team plays at 11:00 a.m.

The Texas A&M Weightlifting team will send eight lifters to the 1975 National Collegiate Powerlifting Championships held at Northwest Missouri State on April 5 and 6.

Weiskopf takes 3 stroke lead in golf match

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — Tom Weiskopf mastered biting cold and brutal, sometimes dangerous winds with a stunning seven-under-par 64 and assumed a three-stroke lead Thursday in the first round of the \$225,000 Greater Greensboro Open Golf Tournament.

"One of the finest rounds of golf I have ever played," Weiskopf said after his impeccable effort in the all-but-impossible conditions that plagued the 6,643-yard Sedgfield Country Club course.

Dave Hill, his skinny frame buffeted by the gale-force winds, was in second after a 67.

The only others able to break par were Perry Leslie with a 68 and Jerry Heard with a 70. Lee Trevino struggled to a 71 and Johnny Miller shot 72.

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Cards rip Astros with big inning

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Held to only three runs in two previous meetings with Houston, the St. Louis Cardinals erupted for seven hits in the fourth inning Thursday and walloped the Astros 10-5 in exhibition play.

Larry Dierker, trying to hold onto a three-run lead, walked himself into difficulty before Ed Brinkman delivered a two-run single. An error by Astros second baseman Rob Andrews and two-run singles from Bake McBride and Ted Sizemore completed the rally.

Five of the seven runs charged to Dierker were earned.

Houston's Cesar Cedeno homered off starter Claude Osteen in the first inning and the Astros moved to a 3-0 lead in the third on a single by Skip Jutz, Andrews' triple and an RBI single by Cliff Johnson.

Osteen permitted seven of Houston's nine hits as the Cards improved their Grapefruit League record to 11-15. Houston dropped to 12-16.

LOCAL GROUP STIRS CONTROVERSY

Not since former Aggie Sweetheart Snow White was discovered rooming with the seven twisted little cretins has so much controversy hit the A&M Campus. Yesterday an announcement was made that traditional concepts of the word Hero seem to have changed. A group consisting of patrons and employees of Heroes Clothing Store (Northgate) and KTAM Radio 1240 disc jockeys have been seeking a new definition for hero.

Heroes Clothing Store has offered a \$25.00 gift certificate for the person submitting the best definition of a Hero prior to April 26. They have also offered a certificate good for \$1.00 toward any purchase of \$5.00 or more to every person who enters a definition. Big rewards for a little help!

OPPOSITION

Opposition came from three sources as the group threatens traditional concepts by offering a list of people who could suggest certain qualities helpful in forming a definition of a Hero. One complaint was from students who felt that local leaders and student leaders should have been included in the lists and pictures. Another was from authorities who requested that the planned inclusion of local persons be omitted. The third suggestion was that Patty

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We are prepared for a certain amount of opposition as we seek a definition that applies to today. If Patty would like to drop in and discuss her situation we will visit with her — otherwise we will stand firm — martyr — like — in the face of opposition. Heroes has been long noted for its interest in keeping contemporary things available to the public — things like Indian Imports, uncommonly de-

signed casuals, and now . . . a search for even more eye-catching concepts.

Drop in — we'll offer you a lemon-drop and whisper thoughts of local heroes in your ear. We'll tell you things we cannot put in print — and we'll show you some interesting ways to cover up your body. Every visit is worth a buck — and if yours is the selected definition the extra \$25 could add to your new image! Listen to the discussion on KTAM — read about it in the Batt — or come on by and get the word in person!

ENTRY FORM

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
A&M student Yes No
Graduation Date _____
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Attach this form to definition. Submit by mail or in person by Friday, April 25th. Winner to be announced April 26th. You need not be present to win. Decision of judges is final.

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