

I'm not the Quarterback

Beware of my feature articles

By DAVID WALKER
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In last week's column I said that the day of the jinx is over. I'm wrong, there is a jinx — me. I jinxed three basketball players this year with feature stories. After each story the player went out and had his worst game of the year. I did a big story after the Tech loss on how John Thornton wanted a re-

match with Tech. Well, the Red Raiders went out and lost to Baylor so there was no rematch.

The biggest jinx came a couple of weeks ago when I had my first column. I wrote a funny little story on the trials and tribulations of having the same name as the school's number one signal caller. That did it, I'm sorry David. I should have never called him the number one

signal caller.

The Aggies have a new number one man now — or do they?

David Shipman (At least half of the name is the same) started at the QB slot for the Maroons in Saturday's Maroon and White game. Mike Jay and David Walker also saw action with the number one Maroons.

Coach Emory still won't say that

Shipman is number one even though he started and had the most impressive statistics. "We'll choose a quarterback at a later date," Ballard said after the game Saturday. "All three quarterbacks will get deserved consideration after tonight. We are at a point where we can choose a QB because of positive reasons rather than negative ones," Ballard added.

Shipman had more time with the first team than Jay or Walker but all three had impressive stats. Shipman had 92 yards on 20 carries for a 4.6 average. He hit on eight of 13 passes for 183 yards and one TD. Mike Jay carried the pigskin nine times for 45 yards and a five-yard average. He hit both passes that he threw for 31 yards and one TD.

David Walker carried the ball one time for three yards and hit two of two passes for 73 yards and one TD.

Sports writers from around the state kept asking Ballard about his QB situation and he kept reminding them that he didn't know. "I'd like to use them all," Ballard said. After the way all three looked Saturday night it would be nice if he could.

It should be an interesting fall next year when the Ags start working out and the race picks up again for the number one QB spot.

Just thought I would give some of you something to think about. In the past the TAMU Athletic Department has gone out of its way to see that all students get into all sports events.

Remember the Tech football game last year when they put up

Owls sign basketballer from Ohio

HOUSTON (AP) — Rice basketball Coach Bob Polk announced Tuesday the signing of Kettering, Ohio schoolboy Andy Miller to an athletic scholarship.

The 6-foot-6 195-pound Miller averaged 15 points and 11 rebounds on the Fairmont West High School team in Dayton that won the Western Ohio League championship.



extra seats, remember all the conference basketball games when they set up closed circuit TV, remember the Texas baseball series when they put up extra seats, well those days are over.

The department went out of their way to see that you could see all these games but now I wouldn't blame them if they don't go to that trouble next year. With the \$10 season pass there will be limited \$3.50 tickets on sale and when they are gone there won't be any extra seats for anything but \$7.

You really blew it students, you don't know how good you had it. Next year when you are sitting home listening to a home basketball game just think, "If I had only gone for the \$17.50 plan I would be watching this game now."

Ag golfers make trek to Arizona

By NICK VOINIS
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The Texas Aggie Golf team is in Tempe, Arizona today ready to begin play in the 54-hole Sun Devil Invitational tomorrow.

The tournament, hosted by Arizona State University, will take place at the McCormick Ranch Golf Course May 1, 2, 3. The field the Aggies will be facing won't be as tough as the recent All-America Invitational in Houston. Three teams out of the nation's top ten will be competing including Oklahoma State (No. 3), Brigham Young (No. 4), and Arizona State (No. 6).

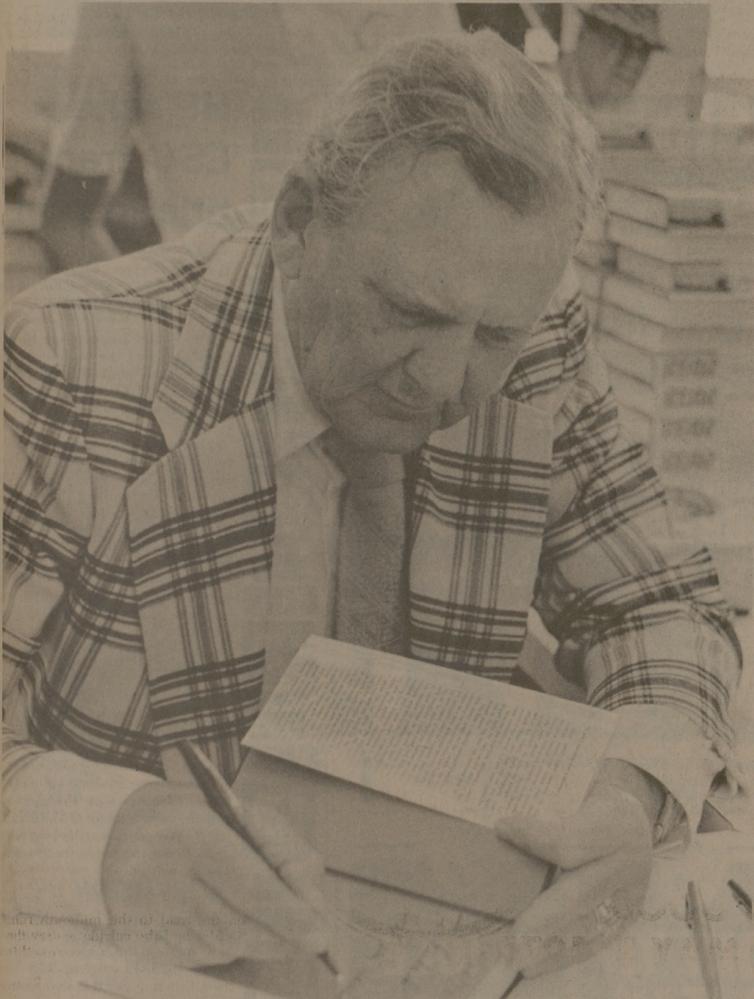
The field will be made up mainly of west coast teams including the Western Athletic Conference and the Pacific 8 Conference schools. Some top teams out of these conferences are Southern California and San Jose State. The Aggies will be the only Southwest Conference member to compete in this affair.

Aggie Coach Bob Ellis will be taking along a six man team composed of Bobby Baker (team leader at the AAI), Monte Schauer, Ed Pennington, Al Pryor, Tom Sutter and Gail Mayfield.

This tournament will be the final regular season match for seniors Pennington and Pryor before next month's SWC Championships in Lubbock on the 19th, 20th and 21st. The SDI will mark Mayfield's first tournament action this year, Pryor's second and Pennington's third.

Aggie regular Steve Whiteside will not be making the trip because of classes. His absence will be missed by the team because of his steady performances all year.

The sophomore from Midland wishes he was with his teammates, but is looking forward to the upcoming SWC Championships. Whiteside says the team to beat in the SDI will be the host, Arizona State.



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