

Bellard Press Conference

Coaches trade praises

By DAVID WALKER Sports Writer

This past Saturday the 1975 edition of the Texas Aggie football team did something only seven other Aggie teams have done in the past 25 years. They assured themselves of a winning season.

Halfway through the 1975 season the Aggies find themselves 6-0 and the back slapping has already begun for what could be one of the biggest games of the year — Texas A&M versus Baylor.

Baylor coach Grant Teaff began the pre-game compliments Monday.

"Texas A&M has an awesome football team, offensively and defensively. They just have great personnel."

Aggie coach Emory Bellard echoed yesterday at his press conference.

"Baylor has a fine football team. I think that they are a better team now than they were last year. Overall their talent is stronger, and they've got more depth," he said.

"Baylor has a strong offensive line and their receivers are excellent. They've got fine running backs in Cleveland Franklin and Pat McNeil and a fine quarterback in Mark Jackson who can hurt you with the pass or run," Bellard added.

Baylor opened the season with a victory over Mississippi then tied

Auburn and Michigan before dropping their last two to South Carolina and Arkansas.

Bellard said that Baylor was much better than their 1-2-2 record might indicate. "They've had some times where they've had some turnovers that have kept them from expressing what a good football team that they are."

Bellard said that the Aggies would have to stop Franklin and McNeil and defend against the play action pass to be successful against the Bears.

"McNeil and Franklin can both run inside and outside very effectively," Bellard said.

"On offense we're going to have to sustain drives and score. Last year we moved the ball a lot on

Baylor but we could never get it in the endzone," Bellard said.

He also said that all hands should be fit and ready to go by Saturday. Bubba Bean who has a bruised thigh is expected to be full speed for the Bears along with cornerback Pat Thomas who will be at full speed for the first time since the opening game against Mississippi.

Freshman fullback George Woodard who has been out since the LSU game is also expected to be back at full speed this week.

Bellard was asked if any changes would be made to strengthen the Aggie punch up the middle where fullback Ronnie Hubby is averaging only 2.9 yards per carry.

"Our freshman fullbacks are going to receive quite a bit of consideration this week," Bellard said.

Hubby is expected to start Saturday.

Kickoff time is 1:30 Saturday afternoon with Athletic Department officials predicting the largest home crowd ever. The record is 52,974 for the Texas game in 1973.

Intramurals

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