

Starts second game

Dennard 'thrilled' with chance

By MARLA GAMMON
Battalion Sports Writer

For some people, the saying about there being a silver lining behind a dark cloud holds true. Mark Dennard will attest to it anyway. Dennard became the starting center last week after regular Henry Tracy was injured in a freak accident at practice. (Tracy was operated on Tuesday in Houston for a detached retina and doctors say he will regain full eyesight in the injured eye.) For the 6-1, 240 lb. sophomore from Bay City, starting for the Aggies had to be the biggest thrill in his career.

"This had to be the biggest thing. Wind up starting on the No. 3 team in the nation," he said.

Although it was a thrill for Dennard, starting also caused him some anxiety. He didn't get to sleep until 4 a.m. Saturday for one thing.

"It was really a shock. I knew

Henry had been hit, but I didn't know how serious it was."

Dennard has been playing football since seventh grade. He was a three-year letterman at Bay City High where he played guard and linebacker. He made all-District two years and played in the Coaches All Star game. He played guard as a freshman for the Aggies and was moved to center last spring. To him, playing center is the harder of the two positions.

"Playing center is more difficult than playing guard. You have the responsibility of getting the ball off and then blocking. At guard you don't have that extra responsibility. You just have to block," says Dennard.

Dennard played in the same district in high school as defensive tackle Jimmy Dean and deep snapper Matt Freeman. They didn't become acquainted though until Dennard came to A&M.

"Yeah, I played against them when I was a junior," says Dennard. "I didn't know them personally in high school. I only knew them through scouting reports. We became pretty good friends after I got up here."

Increased attendance at home football games has been one of the highlights of the Aggies' 1975 football season. Although Kyle Field holds only 48,000 people the attendance this year may average over 50,000. And despite what anyone says a partial crowd usually gives a team a boost.

"The crowds and stuff get the team fired up," says Dennard. "When we played in Kansas no one was there and we had to get ourselves up. It helps to have a crowd behind you."

When Dennard is not busy playing football he enjoys hunting and fishing. He excels not only on the football field, but also in the classroom as he has a 3.1 grade point ratio.

Although Dennard found his role as a starter as a result of a freak accident, it is no freak accident that the Aggies are where they are today. No doubt they will both continue to excel.

Deer season opens with 'fair' forecast

By LEE ROY LESCHPER JR.
Battalion Staff Writer

Local deer hunters can only expect a "fair" season this fall, local biologist David Rideout said yesterday.

The state-wide deer season opens Saturday, one-half hour before sunrise, and runs through Jan. 4.

Rideout, Bryan-based Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologist, said this year's deer population in Brazos and Grimes Counties was "about fifty per cent below that of 1974." A very poor fawn crop could mean more of the same next year.

"A lot of the drop is because ranchers in the area have been keeping more cattle on their pastures in recent years and overgrazing," he said.

Too large a deer population in the past and changes in land clearing practices also probably contributed to the drop, he said. He emphasized that hunting had little effect on the population drop.

An acorn crop 15-20% below last year's could also affect local deer in later stages of winter when they depend heavily on acorns as a food supply.

Rideout said he has seen few "poor" deer this year, with most in fair condition. Bucks are carrying

"some pretty nice racks," he said, "but there just aren't as many of them."

No doe permits will be issued for Brazos and Grimes Counties this year due to the drop in population over last year. A small number of permits will be issued in Madison and Burleson Counties.

"Overall, it should be a fair year," Rideout said. "There should be a few pretty nice bucks. We had a harvest of over 1,200 bucks and 1,000 does last year, but I don't expect over 700 bucks, and of course no does, this year."

State-wide, conditions are slightly better. Rideout said both the Hill Country and South Texas should have good seasons. The Hill Country had a good acorn crop last year which helped in producing 100% fawn crop this spring. Hill Country bucks were showing very good antler development during the spring and summer, and recent rains should bring them through the season in good condition.

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Sullivan succeeds Robert Marr.

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Bill Liston of the Boston Herald American was named vice chairman, Larry Claffin of the Herald American was reelected secretary-treasurer and Larry Eldridge of the Christian Science Monitor was reelected assistant secretary-treasurer.

CLEMSON, S.C. — Six persons will be inducted into the Clemson Athletic Hall of Fame at halftime of Saturday's Clemson-Maryland football game.

They are James G. "Mutt" Gee of Huntsville, Tex., who lettered in baseball and football in 1914-1917; the late B. C. "Stumpy" Banks of St. Matthews, a football player who was graduated in 1919; Taylor M. "Mac" Folger of Spartanburg, football and track, 1934-36; Charlie Woods, Jr., of Birmingham, Ala., football, 1936-38; H. R. "Randy" Mahaffey of Avondale Estates, Ga., basketball, 1965-67; and special inductee Capt. Frank J. Jervey of Clemson.

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