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Aggies prepare strategy

Texas A&M head football coach Emory Bellard had his men moving in all directions last week when they began their two-a-day workouts in preparation for their first game against Virginia Tech on September 11, here in College Station.

The tentative starting offense for the Aggies (above left) has Adger Armstrong at left halfback, Darrell Smith at right halfback, George Woodard at fullback and David Shipman in the quarterback position. Here, Shipman prepares to deliver a hand-off to one of his backs, as they build a quick momentum.

The six ugl...oops, handsome gentlemen in the upper right corner are members of the Fight'n Texas Aggie defense. They can be some of the most genteel characters in town. but one member said that they are the toughest and meanest when they have to be. From left to right, they are Stacy Breihan, right end; Jimmy Dean, right tackle; Jesse Hunnicutt, weak linebacker; Robert Jackson, middle linebacker; Edgar Fields, left tackle; and Garry Milligan,

Bellard said that he cannot name any weaknesses in the Aggie team, but added that he was not sure at the moment, "how strong our strengths are going to be.

In the lower left photo, Bellard watches punter Lee White as he prepares to kick the ball off the page. Kevin Monk, a linebacker for the Aggies, watches from out of the end



Players not only factor

lanagers, trainers work to

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The unsung heroes are going to receive a song today. Well, at least some recognition.

These men are an important factor in any football team's quest for a

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championship, A&M being no exception. However, you most probably won't hear their names echoed through the sound system at Kyle Field this fall.

So, before the Fight'n Aggie football team has a chance to take all the glory, via journalistic sen-sationalism, let's take a look at the Fight'n Aggie managers and train-The captain of this team is Billy Pickard, who joined the Texas A&M staff as athletic trainer in January,

1965 and enters his fifth season in the dual role of trainer and equipment manager this year.

Pickard was born in San Antonio and was graduated from Central Catholic High in 1952. He then en-tered A&M where he served as a student trainer. Following his graduation from A&M, he worked one year as trainer at Port Arthur Jefferson High and

served seven and one half years as

trainer at Brazosport High in Freeport, Texas. Pickard is an active member of the Texas Athletic Trainers Association and has held various offices in that

organization. Pickard says that he anticipates a great year" for the Aggies. And although he told Spec Gammon, sports information director for A&M, Monday, that he does not like to hear a player or anyone talk about their own or someone else's freedom from injury, he did say that the team has been fortunate so far this year. He added that usually as soon as you "you don't have, you turn up with an injury.

The managers and trainers are working long hours during the 10 ays of two-a-day workouts for the football team. Pickard says that his day begins at 5:30 a.m. and ends about 11:30 p.m. He admits that these are long hours, but said, "it's only for 10 days."

The duties of the managers and trainers cover a wide variety of chores. Taking care of the aches and pains of the players and sometimes the coaches is foremost on their list. They have to keep all those bodies functioning properly, especially if we are going to take a championship.

During the two-a-day workouts, which began the 19th for four days of practice without pads and will end this week with the players in full gear, the trainers wrapped many ankles. A couple of them figured that they use four cases (32 rolls/case) per practice. They doubled this figure for the two workouts per day, added that each roll contained 10 or 15 yards of tape and concluded that they use "quite a bit." during a wrapping session. Fin QDA, a tape adherent, is speat the area to be taped. Then lubricant, much like vase applied to protect the skin fm tation. Next, the gauze part applied to prevent blisters of tect any injuries already susta Pro-wrap precedes the tapen in the removal the tape with pain of taking off all the hairm

The smell of Cramergesic, ing ointment for muscle same fills the air of the training Gerald Thompson, who wo Wally Groff, the assistant at he rector for business affairs, say one can "get addicted to it."

nostrils...some pleasant..som so. A myriad of colors can served also, within the com this fumigated room. The late the many sprays, the antisep toughening, cooling and dear kind, line the shelves. Pills these colors. Many of the patake four salt tablets and two pills, a calcium-iron vitamin. each practice.

Other smells often tinti

One trainer said that some players get shots of well B12...not because it help physically, he said, but been the psychological effect.

get to supply the team with fire of Gatorade per practice. In that they supply 1,000 cups drink per day (during two and use about 2,000 pounds)

The trainers also have to be iar with some technical equiposuch as a medcolator, which tronically stimulates the mu blood clots, they said, and the blood flow. They said sound creates heat and

Not only do the manag trainers perform importar they often have to do the chores, such as cleaning, one else wants to do, bu done. They must also help the morale of injured ath may start feeling sorry for selves.

speeds the healing process.

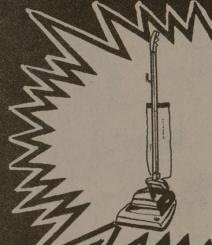
This championship tean of 10 trainers: seniors, Dav and Mike Woodard; junior Mitchell and David Evans, mores Gary Lamb, Chris and Karl Kapchinski; freshm Cuerbello, Tom Dean and Johnson and 7 managers. sellons of the company of the c Payne; juniors, Terry Kin Gary Wayne; sophomore, Capt and Lane Pitma freshmen, Jeil Hampton and

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