

Strong showing for early fall

By PAUL ARNETT
Battalion Sports Editor

On a peaceful Indian summer afternoon, the Texas Aggies calmly took the field and destroyed the Virginia Tech Gobblers. The ingredients of the victory were very similar to last year—a strong defense, a complimentary offense.

"Our defense was outstanding," said coach Emory Bellard. "We had our offense tied down and overpowered, playing like our defense of year ago."

The defense was outstanding, yielding only 93 total yards. If Robert Jackson was not popping someone, Jimmy Dean was. The defensive tandem combined for 24 tackles and ten assists.

But this day did not just belong to the defense. The offense came to life, racking up 385 total yards, with 50 coming through the air. And that the most Ags is a very pleasant surprise.

Quarterbacks David Shipman and David Walker each had their individual moments. Shipman guided the Aggies on long drives, with tactical mistakes being the only item keeping the ball out of the endzone. He passed well, spotting his receivers quickly, and putting something on the ball to avoid interceptions.

But it was a special day for David Walker. The turmoil of personal life kept Walker away from A&M awhile. Last spring it appeared that Louisiana Tech would be the uniform Walker would don. Yet as quickly as he left, Walker decided to come back. He worked hard in fall workouts, and fate gave him his chance on Saturday.

Walker took this opportunity, and

turned it into success. He threw the ball for 47 yards, completing three passes out of six attempts, and one long touchdown pass dropped. It was a strong offensive showing, and one Bellard was pleased with.

"Walker did a fine job," Bellard said. "He threw the ball well, finding the open man on most occasions."

The strongest offensive man for the Aggies was George Woodard. Woodard rushed for a 111 yards, and caught three passes totaling 64 yards.

"I played tightend when I was a sophomore in high school," Woodard said. "Because of that, I am used to handling a passing situation."

The performance by the Aggies on Saturday was good. They played good football offensively, and outstanding defensively. The only problems were the kicking game and penalties.

Bellard said, "Our kicking game did not shine, but it looked good. Franklin has been kicking well in practice, and he will be there at the end of the season."

"Penalties hurt us some on defense, but this is the mark of aggressive defensive play, so these can be overlooked."

For a first game the Aggies have to be pleased with their performance. There were few mental errors, and minimal mishandling of the ball. The defense could not have played better, and the offense looked crisper than in years past.

The Aggies take on Kansas State next Saturday at Kyle Field. There are some memories of Kansas State saying A&M was not that good, so the players should be ready to put helmet against leather.



Battalion photo by Kevin Venner

Unable to penetrate the Aggies' endzone for a score, Virginia Tech quarterback, M. K. Barnes (left), can do nothing but watch the A&M defense.

Consolation for Consol

Midway— The A&M Consolidated Tigers came within the width of the uprights on the goalpost from winning their first football game of the 1976 season.

The Tigers and Midway High School tied 6-6 in their game Friday night.

A second quarter extra point attempt by Kenny Dean of the Tigers hit the upright and fell no good which left the score 6-6. The remainder of the game was dominated by great defensive play by both teams and the game ended in a deadlock.

The Panthers of Midway struck first, capitalizing on a fumble by

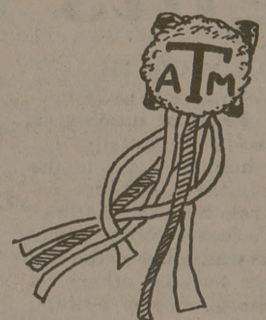
Tiger quarterback, Kyle Cunningham on his own 28 yard line. On the next play, Midway's quarterback, Mark Witcher threw a touchdown pass to his tight end, Buddy Griffin making the score 6-0. Andy Hawkins extra point try was low and wide to the left.

The Tiger offense came right back, however, led by fine running by Brad Smith and a passing attack from Cunningham to his tight end Paul Gardner.

The game ended in excitement with a flurry of wild passes, interceptions, and a missed field goal by Midway with only 18 seconds remaining.

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Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — A Louisiana State University football player, Rusty Domingue, was booked for attempted murder early Sunday, three hours after he helped his team tie top-ranked Nebraska.

Police said he was accused of stabbing Richard C. Connally, 24, of New Orleans, in a fight on a street near the LSU campus. Connally was listed in fair condition at a Baton Rouge hospital.

Domingue, 21, from Port Arthur, Tex., was a starting linebacker for LSU and blocked a fourth quarter field goal attempt Saturday night to help preserve his team's surprise 6-6 tie with Nebraska.

Witnesses said Domingue and Connally got into a fight after the football player kicked Connally's sports car. Witnesses said Domingue pulled a "folding knife" and stabbed Connally once in the upper chest.

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they are interested. The success of Extramural sports can, however, only be insured by continued student initiative and support. To find out more about current extramural sports, or to possibly organize a new one, check with the Intramural Office, who will be glad to assist you in any way possible.



Bowling, Golf To Close Soon

Entries for Intramural League Bowling close on Tuesday, September 14 at the IM Office. Play will begin on Monday, September 27 at the MSC Bowling Lanes in the basement of the MSC.

formation and to enter this competition, be sure to drop by the IM Office in DeWare Fieldhouse between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Intramural League play will not be sanctioned by the American Bowling Congress, but their governing rules will be followed. Teams will consist of 3 members, and mixed teams will consist of two people, one male and one female. None of the teams will be allowed to have more than one member of the A&M Bowling team, or more than one member who has competed with the team at a TIBC Meet.

Golf Singles entries will also close on Tuesday, September 21 at the IM Office. The time for the competition will be announced at a later date, but it will be on a Saturday or a Sunday and will be held on the A&M Golf Course.

All of the league matches will consist of each participant bowling one game with the highest team total determining the winner. Ties will be decided by each bowler rebowling the 9th and 10th frames, and the foul system will be used in all matches. For more in-

formation and registration, check with the IM Office. Also, be sure to check next week's McDonalds Highlights for information on Handball and Badminton Singles, whose entries close on Tuesday, September 28.

Officials Lament

By JOHN MEYER

QUESTION: What Intramural team enters flag football every year? What team enters each division and makes it to the All-University playoffs every single year? Do you think that they have ever won the championship game?

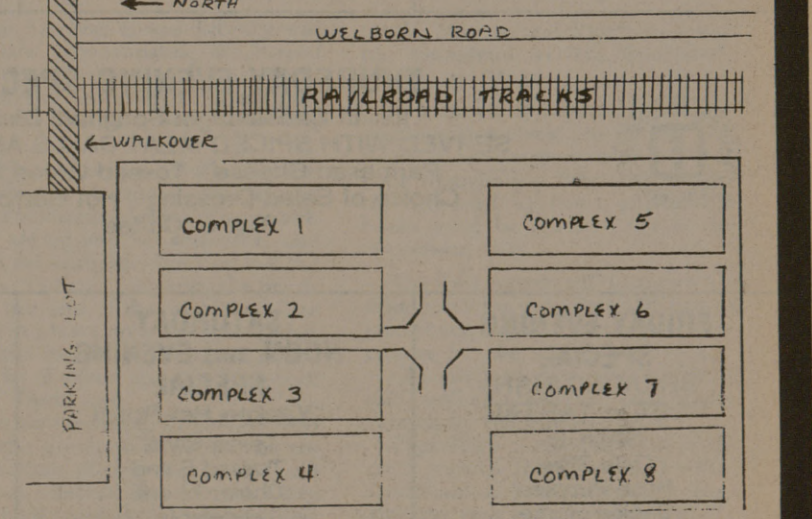
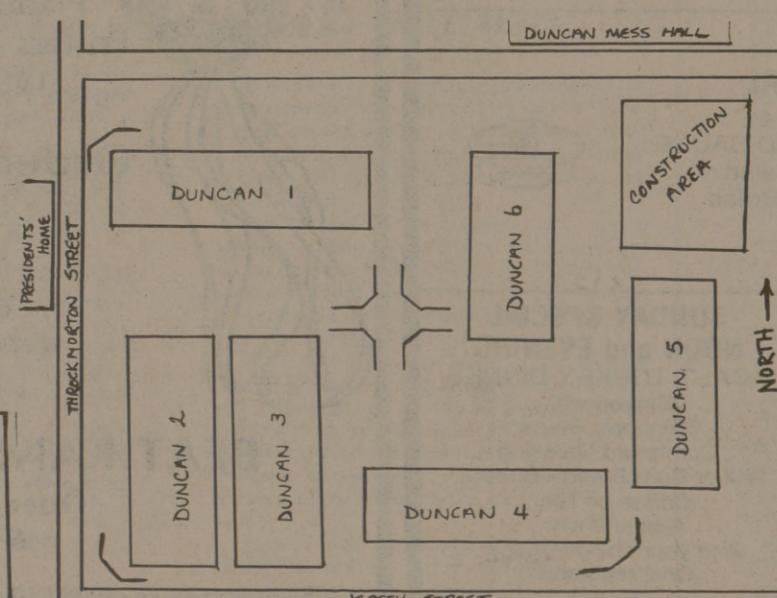
ANSWER: Officials are of course the team to which I am referring. Each year a stalwart group of men and women gather to play the officiating game. Some of those people are seasoned, experienced, professional officials. Some are rookies who are willing to learn the complex job. The officials attend weekly rules meetings, study the rules on their own, and talk about rules with their friends. They have the nerve to go to games and call exactly what they see while using the rules as

guidelines. Players and officials all benefit from studying the rules. Rules are not designed to be secrets. It is funny how easy it is to remember partial rules or old rules. I guarantee that the IM officials will be studying their rules throughout the season; hopefully players will read the rules at least once.

Before you attempt to put your foot where it does not fit, read your rule sheets. Remember that the official's judgment is always correct and that all communication should be in a sportsmanlike manner.

By the way, the officials have won some games. "If you don't want to win, why keep score?" Luckily the officials have their own scoring system. (Next week: How to get the officials to cheat for you so you can win all of your games).

Officials are always an integral part of any competition where rules must be enforced and penalties assessed. IM Officials are well-trained and are there to promote good sportsmanship and fair competition.



Above is a map of the IM Football fields found near the Duncan Dining Hall, while the new Complex Fields are shown at the right. Most IM flag football games will be held on these fields.

Refs' Corner
There will be a meeting for all football officials on Thursday, September 16 at 8:00 p.m. in room 267 of C. Rollie White.

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