

Aggies complete spring workouts

Maroons whitewash Whites

By NATHAN HINES

The Aggies completed their spring football workouts Saturday with the playing of the annual Maroon and White game. The game went as most figured it would with the Maroon team, made up of the first team offense and defense, defeating the White team, consisting of the rest of the Aggie squad, by the score of 38 to 0.

The white team received the opening kickoff and after making a first down they were forced to punt. Maroon received the ball on their 35-yard line and three plays later Tony Franklin attempted a 72-yard field goal that had the distance but was wide to the left.

The game was close at first. The White team, on their second possession, started a drive from its 20 and wound up on the Maroon's 39-yard line, before having to punt.

The Maroon's received the punt on its nine-yard line and started to march down the field. This drive was aided by a pass from David Walker to Russell Mikeska for 60 yards. David Brothers went up the middle for five, Eddie Hardin went up the middle for two and David Walker went around right end for seven yards to score. Franklin's point after try was good and the Maroon team had the lead.

Unable to move the ball after re-

ceiving the kickoff the White's punted and three plays later Hardin went up the middle on a draw for 30 yards and the touchdown. Franklin tacked on the extra point and the Maroon's led 14 to 0.

Assisted by 20 yards of penalties and a 21-yard run by Hardin, the Maroon's set up for the first touchdown pass of the season; a 43 yard bomb to Mikeska. Franklin's extra point was good. The Maroon's led 21 to 0 at the half.

The Maroon's scored again with 11:38 left in the game on a four-yard run by Hardin. The extra point was good.

Franklin, made a 54-yard field

goal later in the third quarter to up the Maroon's lead to 31-0.

The last touchdown of the game occurred when Walker hit Darrell Smith on a 26 yard-pass play. Franklin added the last point of the game.

When Coach Emory Bellard was asked his opinion of the game and of spring training as a whole he said, "We got a lot done and a lot taught this spring. The boys looked a little ragged in some spots today, but that is to be expected."

"Our defense made excellent progress and when we get the best 11 of these guys we will play good football."

Bellard was also impressed with Hardin's performance at fullback.

"George had a strained hamstring that has kept him out of practice for about two weeks, Bellard said. "We have been working with him trying to get it back into shape for the game today, but things didn't work out as they should and we decided

not to play him to keep from injuring it worse.

"Hardin stepped in and did a heck of a job running the ball. He made a couple of long gains plus hitting the middle with strength. I was pleased with Eddie's performance today and I hope to see more of the same in the coming years."

Bellard was most pleased with his entire offensive backfield.

"We had good games out of all of our backfield with Dickey, Brothers and Walker all running with the ball well. Curtis Dickey was a little disappointed that his 49-yard screen pass touchdown was called back because of a penalty, but he just laughed it off and tried that much harder."

"Walker threw the ball real well today. I feel that the offense is well rounded and that by September, we are going to be tougher."

Defensive coach, Melvin Robertson, was all smiles when he was asked about the defense.

"They played ball like I thought they would," coach Robertson said. "They played reckless, reaction football, and they played tough, and tough is the kind of defense I like to see."

"A&M football has been built on the defense for the last few years,

and these boys have too much pride to let A&M down by playing poor defense.

"I will admit that they did look rough in some spots like the secondary, but they haven't worked on passing much this year. "But don't worry...they will."

Aggies finish second

By WAYNE NELSON

Sunday's final round of the Southwest Conference (SWC) Golf Tournament was not quite as exciting as originally expected. The Houston Cougars extended their string of championships to four in as many years outdistancing second place Texas A&M by 34 shots.

Before Sunday's final round, the Aggies were in striking distance, just 12 shots behind Houston. But the front nine took its toll and saw the Aggies fall to a distant second place.

The Aggies as a team shot 25 over par on the first nine holes of the last

round, taking them out of the competition.

"We played fairly well for 45 holes of the tournament by playing it 18 over par," Coach Bob Ellis said. "If it wasn't for that nine holes we would have probably been in the race."

The Aggies' total for the three days was 907. A&M was followed by SMU with 914, Texas was fourth with 915, followed by TCU at 915, Arkansas at 920, Texas Tech at 941 and Baylor with 954.

Individually, the Cougars took the top three honors. Ed Fiori won medalist with a one-under-par total

of 215. Fiori was followed by teammates John Stark and Mike Booker, who finished with 216 and 218 respectively.

The next two finishers were Doug Ward and Monte Schauer of A&M, who scored 222 and 223 for their three day effort.

"Monte and Doug played pretty good tournaments finishing fourth and fifth, but considering the conditions, their play was above par," Coach Ellis said.

The other Aggies who played were Bobby Baker who finished at 228, Jerry Orebaugh at 234 and Dave Orgin and Tim Carlton at 235.

The Aggies now head for Athens Ga., where they will compete in the Southern Invitational beginning May 23.

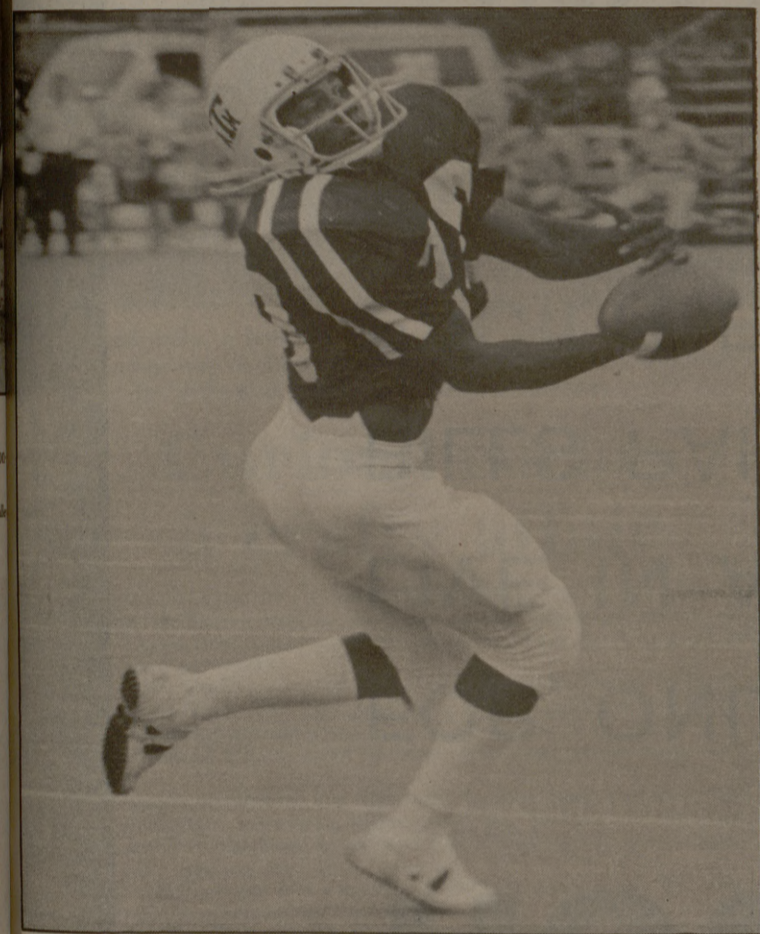
"We're really excited about the Southern because it is such a super tournament and on one day the college players get to play with touring professionals," Ellis said.

Because of the Aggies performance in the conference tournament, the team will probably receive an invitation to the National Collegiate Athletic Association Tournament (NCAA) to be played in Hamilton, N.Y. in June.

"Overall the year went pretty well," Ellis said. "We never played consistently well as a team. If we could have had all the players play some good rounds consistently and some puts would have fallen that didn't, we would be looking at a completely different situation."

"I'm really proud of the guys. They played hard all year and they never played scared."

Ellis is already looking toward next year with the announcement of the signing of Richard Cromwell, whose credentials include breaking a course record set by Jack Nicklaus on a course in his home state of Florida.



Oops

Wide receiver, Darrell Smith, drops a pass during the Maroon-White contest. Smith was a runningback last year, and was moved to split-end this spring. The Maroons defeated the Whites, 38-0.

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