

SWC teams prepare for season

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COLLEGE STATION — Four members of Texas A&M's backfield scored touchdowns on first attempts Tuesday during a two-hour Aggie scrimmage.

They were quarterback David Walker, fullback George Woodard and halfbacks Curtis Dickey and David Brothers.

Dickey added 159 on eight carries and Brothers had 111 on eight carries. Dickey also caught a touchdown pass and scored on four other carries. Woodard had five touchdowns.

Walker had 11 completions in 14 attempts for 207 yards and three touchdowns. Split end Darrell Smith was the prime target with eight catches for 155 yards and two touchdowns.

The second offense also had a high scoring afternoon. The Aggies have scheduled scrimmages for Thursday and Saturday before beginning routine preparations for the Sept. 10 season opener against Kansas.

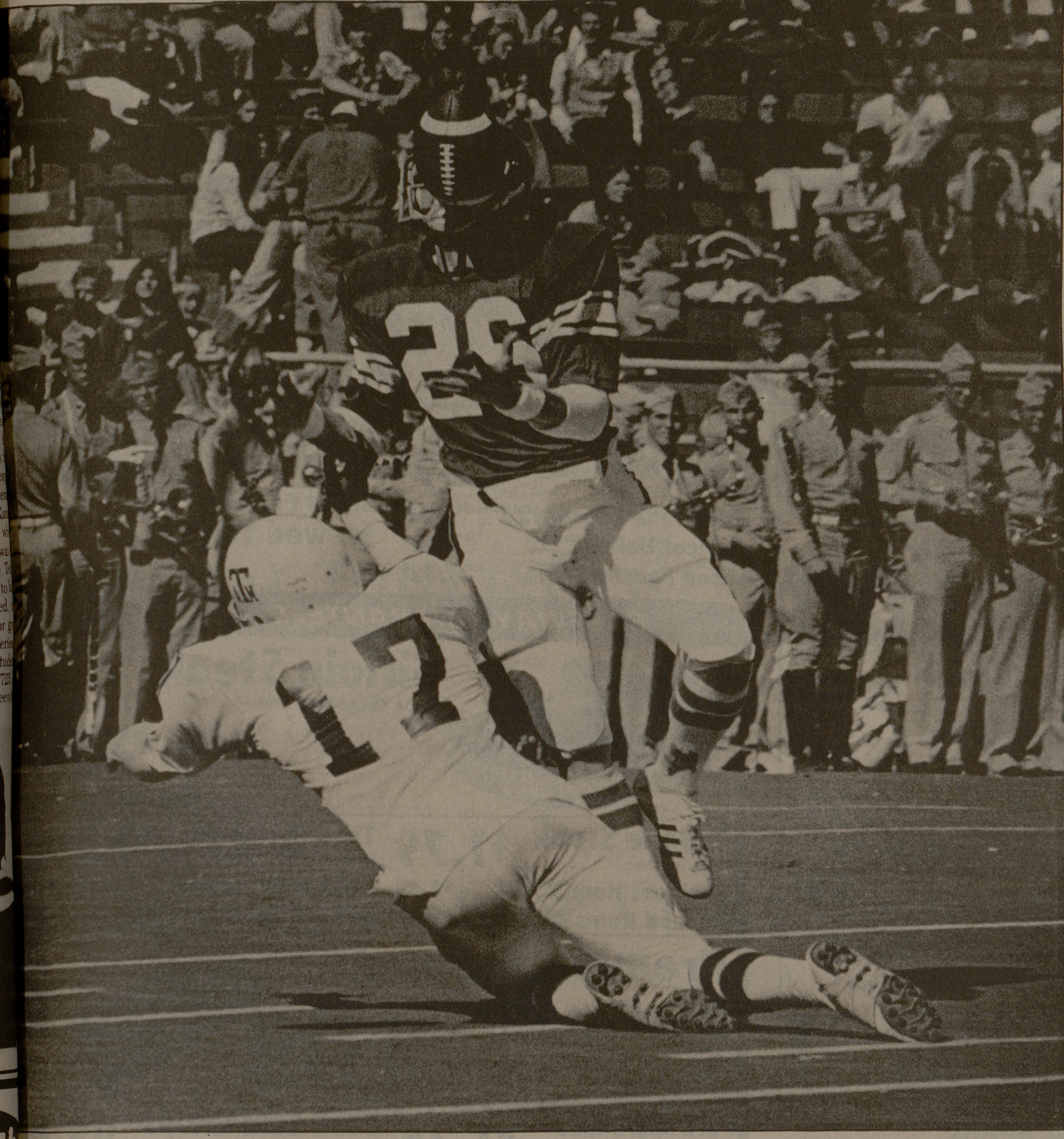
is picking up as we get closer to the season.

Holtz said he was encouraged by studying film of Arkansas' scrimmage last Saturday.

"Looking at the scrimmage film was enough to really encourage me, but there are a lot of disappointing things that stick out like a sore thumb," he said. "We need to be more consistent."

Holtz cited defensive ends Cornelius Smith and Marty Mitchum for their play.

"Our ends probably played the best they've played all fall," he said.



A young defensive squad will suit out against Kansas on September 10th, with the real question mark falling upon the defensive secondary. Last year A&M's secondary began

slowly, but was solid by the end of the season. Willie Thompson (No. 17) was badly beaten on this play against Texas Tech.

Staubach will not start

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DALLAS — Dallas coach Tom Landry said yesterday quarterback Roger Staubach would miss his second straight exhibition game this weekend because of a pulled hamstring.

Roger is throwing in practice every day," said Landry. "But he isn't set up quick and strong. He is sitting ready for the season even though he isn't playing."

"But the doctors say it is best to wait until our last preseason game to play him. He has some discoloration and plenty of soreness."

Would Landry play Staubach this week against the Houston Oilers if it was a regular season game.

"That would be a tough decision," Landry said. "If he pulls the muscle again it would be five or six weeks before he would be ready. So we will just wait another week."

"Roger just doesn't heal as quick as he used to."

That means backup quarterback Danny White, who guided the Cowboys in a late drive that pulled out a 23-21 win over Baltimore last week, will get his second straight start for Dallas.

And while Landry expressed mild concern over Staubach's condition, he was not concerned at all over the shape of his prized rookie running back — Tony Dorsett.

Dorsett had been bothered by a bruised knee during training camp, but he gained 99 yards in 18 carries in his most extensive workout to date last week.

"Tony is all right physically," Landry said. "His performance last week was real encouraging. It was not surprising, of course. We expected it."

Dorsett's quick bursts — more than once he appeared on the verge of breaking for long distance touchdowns — make him a likely candidate for a starting position when the Cowboys open the regular season next month at Minnesota.

But Landry is not yet ready to say who will be his starting halfback.

"I would not like to go on record at this time with a definite statement," Landry said. "I know Dorsett will play a lot and Preston Pearson will play a lot. They are both valuable to the team."

"We're not going to hold Tony out of action this week. He is ready

to play and if you are going to try to protect a player who is well you might as well not play him at all."

"What's more, he needs the work. He needs the experience. If he is going to play against Minnesota he needs all the experience he can get."

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Texas defeats Royals

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Dennis Leonard, 14-11, walked Mike Hargrove to open the game and Bert Campanaris followed with a bunt single, his 2,000th major league hit and his first of four in the game. Claudell Washington singled home Hargrove, Horton hit a sacrifice fly and Jim Sundberg tripled in Washington to make it 3-0.

Hargrove walked again to open the second and scored on Campanaris' double. Horton drove in the next two runs, homering in the third and doubling home Washington in the seventh. The homer was Horton's seventh of the season against Kansas City and 12th overall. Toby Harrah's 21st homer gave Texas a 7-2 lead in the eighth.

Kansas City got its runs in the second when Amos Otis tripled home Darrell Porter, who had walked, and scored on a groundout by Fred Patek.

The 38-year-old Perry, 12-10, allowed only one hit after the fourth inning, while completing his 11th game of the season. He struck out six and walked two.

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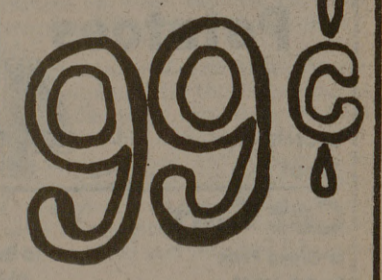
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