

Quarterback: Good run, no throw

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NORMAN, Okla. — It doesn't bother Oklahoma quarterback Thomas Lott that he can probably run down the football field faster than he can throw the ball.

"All my life I've been a halfback," said Lott, who serves as the telegraphic sight for the Sooners' awe-inspiring wishbone attack. "I don't think I've ever thrown the ball more than three or four times in a game. I was moved to quarterback my sophomore year in high school because of injuries.

"I didn't really want to play quarterback in college. But so many schools were recruiting me as a quarterback. They said they might let me switch to halfback after a year or two. I didn't know if they were truthful to me so I figured I'd better go to a school where the quarterback could run the ball."

That school turned out to be Oklahoma and Lott was thrust into a starting role much sooner than he had anticipated when he took over in the fifth game of his sophomore season last year against Texas when

Dean Blevins came down with a groin infection.

Blevins never made it back into the starting lineup as Lott went on to rush for 630 yards and seven touchdowns. But Lott's passing was nothing short of anemic with two completions in 12 attempts and three interceptions.

"I threw the ball quite a bit this summer," said Lott. "My arm is strong enough to throw it. We'll throw the ball a little more this year. We need to throw it to keep the defense honest, to keep them

from stacking up on our running game.

"I like to throw the ball. It makes me feel good when I complete passes. It gives us that much more we can come at teams offensively with. We've passes designed for me. . . roll outs, down the line stuff that I'd better get suited to throw."

Lott said he has studied films of other college quarterbacks in an attempt to master the passing puzzle. He said he has viewed films of Joe Roth (California), Steve Pisarczewicz (Missouri) and Charlie

Weatherbie (Oklahoma State). But even that leaves him confused.

"Passing is a lot like running," said Lott. "People develop their own styles. They don't do anything specific. They set up different, they release it different."

"But I'm working on it. I think I'm improving. I haven't really thrown the ball that much and all this is kind of new to me. But when people knock Oklahoma's passing game it doesn't really bother me. The main thing is to win. . . no matter how it gets done."

New approaches in intramurals

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The intramural program at Texas A&M is the largest in the state. Dennis Corrington, director of intramurals and recreational sports, wants it to remain that way.

"We are going to try new approaches to get everyone involved," Corrington said. "With these approaches, we hope to make the in-

tramural program have a more recreational atmosphere."

The program offers 40 recreational areas of competition. Men, as well as women, are encouraged to form teams and compete in the varied events.

Students who want to form teams and compete in events offered this month face the following deadlines. Entries for flag football and tennis

singles end September 13th; golf singles and bowling face a September 20th deadline; while entries for handball singles and badminton close the 27th.

One of Corrington's new approaches will be to divide the football teams into two leagues. If participants feel that they have a strong team then they will compete in division AB. Division BC will consist of teams with lesser abilities.

All teams, regardless of record, will be allowed to compete in the play-offs. The tournament will have a round robin format, with each division having its own play-off games.

"We hope that this will take some of the pressure off the idea of winning," Corrington said. "In the past only the best teams got to compete and that took some of the fun out of it. This format will not only ease the pressure of the players, but with the officials as well."

This year more than 150 people have applied for an official's job. Corrington said that the intramural office is also interested in hiring writers and photographers.

"We use the money allotted to us by hiring people to work for us," said Jim Jeter, associate director of intramurals. "We are always trying to improve our program."

Reservation policies is another area the intramural office hopes it has improved upon. Tennis and handball courts can be reserved by calling the Intramural Reservation Office at 845-2624. Courts can be reserved one working day in advance. All reservations are for one hour periods and begin on the hour.

The handball courts are available at the following times: MWF — 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. TTH — 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. Saturday — 8:00 a.m. to 12 midnight and Sunday — 8:00 a.m. to 12 midnight.

The tennis courts are available Monday through Friday — 4:00 p.m. to midnight and Saturday and Sunday — 8:00 a.m. to midnight.

Reservations for all courts must be confirmed 15 minutes before the hour. A current faculty, staff, or student I.D. must be presented to confirm the reservation.

Operational hours of G. Rollie White Coliseum, DeWare weight room and the swimming pools can be found by calling 845-7526.

"We hope to improve everyone's knowledge of our events and schedules," Corrington said. "We want to keep that number one rating."



Battalion photo by Pat O'Malley
Cornerback Mike Williams (No. 10) is a pivotal man for the Ags this fall. His play, coupled with safety Carl Grulich, could decide whether or not the Aggies will be in the Cotton Bowl on Jan. 1.

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