

Curtis Dickey wants 1,500-yard season

By DAVID BOGGAN
The second fastest football player in the nation rests his 6-foot-2, 202-pound body in his room after a hard afternoon workout. He concentrates on a heavyweight fight on television.

The young athlete is Curtis Dickey, sophomore halfback for Texas A&M. He is very quiet and

answers questions as briefly as possible.

Eight miles away, in Bryan, Mrs. Thelma Dickey sits in the home where she raised Curtis and his two older and two younger brothers. She speaks proudly of her middle son.

"I never thought that I would have been so lucky as to have a son playing college football," she says, "especially Curtis because of his being shy."

"He never does have much to say,

Sometime you wouldn't even know he was in the house."

Dickey, the all-district, all-state, all-America footballer from Bryan High School, decided to attend A&M for two reasons.

"I like living close to my mother. If she needs anything, I'm right here to help out," Dickey says. "Also, I knew I had a good chance of becoming first team."

He wasted no time doing that. By the third game of last season he was an Aggie starter. He gained 726 yards on 142 carries and scored eight touchdowns. He caught 13 passes for 146 yards and threw two halfback passes for touchdowns. He

was voted SWC Offensive Freshman of the Year.

Mrs. Dickey likes having Curtis close to home, too.

"I can get to see him play in person. If he went away from home I might only get to see him on television," she says, "but I told him it was up to him where he wanted to go."

"I used to not care anything for football," Mrs. Dickey says. "I never saw a football game until they were telling me how good Curtis was and how I ought to go watch him at Bryan High. I went to the first one and I've been going ever since."

"I guess that I just enjoy seeing him play so much that I never worry about him," she adds. "I just pray that nothing happens to him."

Dickey, who gained 136 yards and one touchdown in last week's opener against Kansas, wants to rush for 1,500 yards this season, which is more than double his record last season.

"He's going to get those 1,500 yards, too," says his roommate, Jimmy Hamilton, sophomore cornerback.

Dickey feels it is too early in his career to speculate on his future in football, and he contends that he prepares for this year's games one at a time. When Michigan's number one rating is mentioned, however, he does voice an opinion.

"That is going to have to change," he says, and he believes it will

change on October 1 when A&M meets Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Mention track to Dickey and he starts laughing. "Are you going to ask me about Lam Jones?" he asks. He is accustomed to questions about the fastest football player in the nation from t.u.

"I believe I could have beat him (in the conference meet last May) if

I would have started training two weeks earlier," says Dickey, who runs a 9.4 hundred. "I had a fantastic start, but my finish wasn't all that strong and he had a strong finish."

"I just run. I don't think about anything really," Dickey says of his speed. "I just give it all I've got and if I win, I win. It just comes natural."

"He always was fast," Dickey says. She laughs as she explains how he used to run the Brahmas bulls on a farm where used to live.

What was it like raising a A&M football star?
"I never had any trouble with him," Mrs. Dickey says. "He always a good child."



Quarterback David Walker (No. 8) was one of the few bright spots for the Texas Aggies against Virginia Tech. The senior from Louisiana hit 8 out of 11 passes for 97 yards. The Aggies defeated the Gobblers 27-6.

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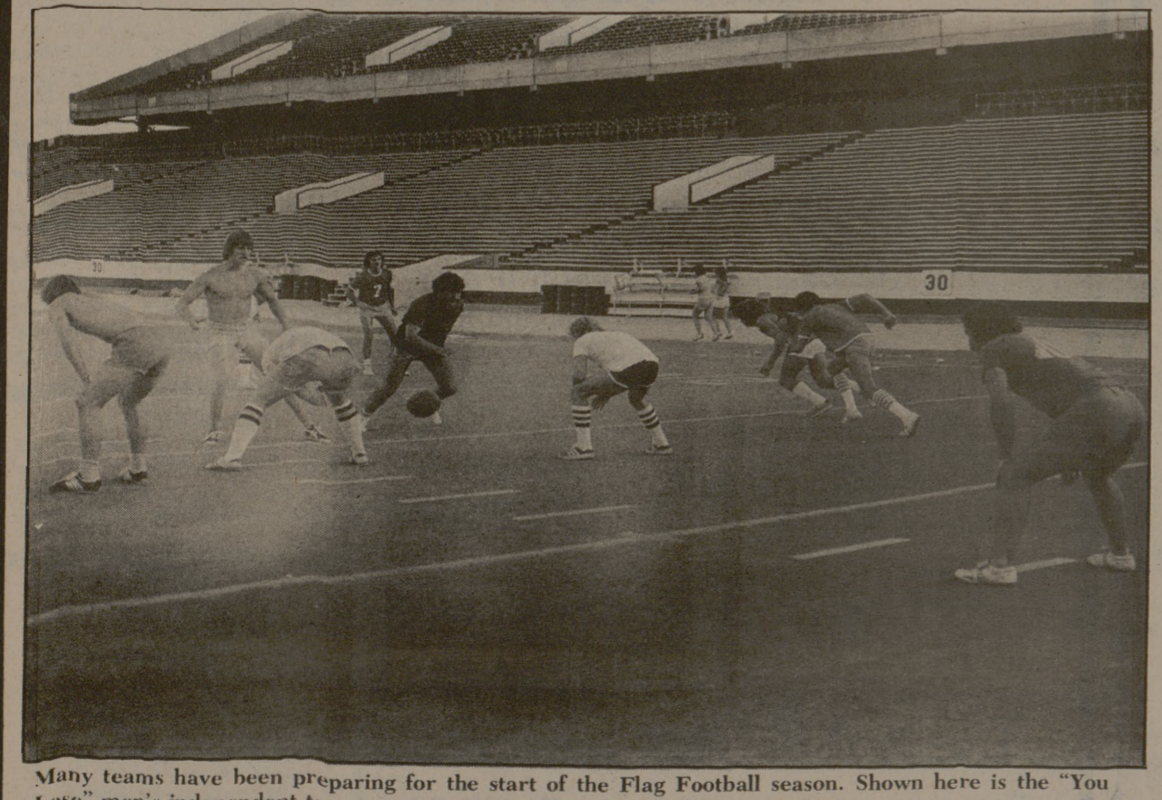
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Football Officials' Clinic
There will be 102 officials sporting the stylish zebra-stripe uniform this flag football season. From the latest total of 430 football teams, it would probably be safe to say that they will be earning their pay. Five clinics, three in class and two on the field, have been held by assistant director James Welford. The purpose of these clinics is of course to help inexperienced and experienced officials to do their job better. All rules were discussed and role-play situations were presented to the referees and umpires. All participants seemed enthusiastic and conscientious about their future responsibilities.
All officials will be given bi-weekly take-home quizzes to keep them on top of the rules. Welford also stated that officials will take a firm and consistent approach to flagrant offenders of the rules (so, play nice). The officials themselves have done the bulk of the studying on their own time and have called practice games without pay. They have also received instruction on proper positioning for good calling, so, they are trying to do a good job for you.
The major change in flag football this year are smaller penalties (from 15 to 10 yards) because of the 80 yard field situation.
Duffers get ready
September 20 marks the deadline for golf singles entries. The competition for this tournament precluded by an 18-hole qualifying round on Sept. 25th. The top 16 individuals will then go into single elimination 9-hole playoffs. Winter rules will be in effect and play will start from the white tees.
Scores will be recorded on a medalist basis (purely on the number of strokes it takes to complete the course). A green fee of \$2.00 for students, faculty-staff, \$2.50 wk. days, \$3.50 wk. ends will be paid for each round played. The tournament will be held on the Texas A&M University golf course.

IM SPORT SHORTS
Intramural Badminton
Badminton Intramurals will include men's and women's singles, doubles and mixed doubles.
Competition will begin October 3 with the entries opening September 19 and closing September 27. The games will be played Monday thru Thursday beginning at 5 p.m. and ending at 10 p.m. The eligibility requirements are stated in the Intramural Handbook. The categories for competition will be the standard A, B, or C. Class A is considered highly skilled and competitive. It is also the only category that the All-University honors are bestowed upon. Class B is considered moderately skilled and competitive. Class C is for the casual skilled and mildly competitive. Winners of all classes of competition will receive Intramural Championship T-shirts.
Matches will be the best two out of three games, a game consisting of 21 points. Competition will be single elimination. Schedules for games to be played will be posted September 29 in the Intramural Office. Participants are asked to provide their own racquets; however, a limited number may be checked out from the IM Office. Any questions concerning the tournament can be answered at the Intramural Office.
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Entries Closing: Bowling September 20
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Home Run Hitting " "
Entries Opening: Handball Singles September 19
Badminton " "



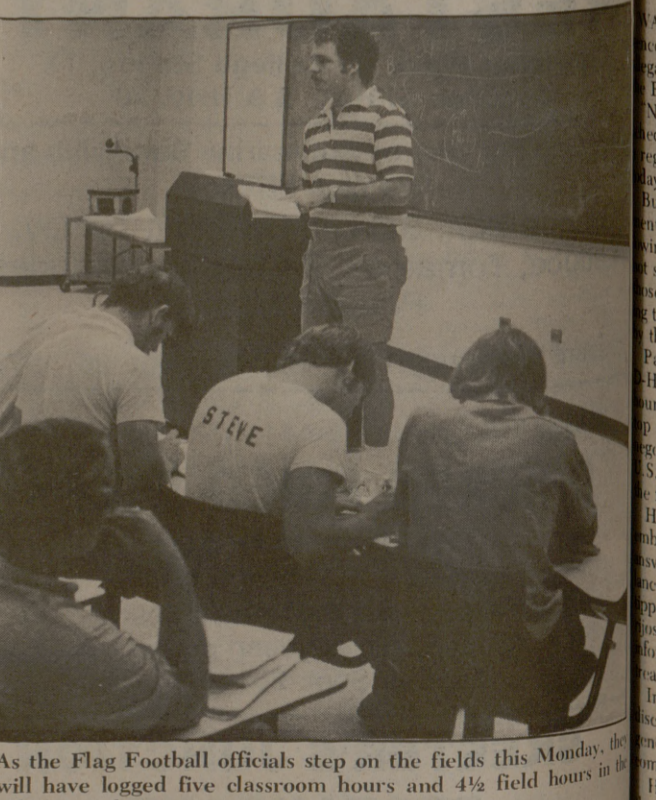
Many teams have been preparing for the start of the Flag Football season. Shown here is the "You Lose" men's independent team.

Fish Day Results

1. E-1	26. K-1
2. F-2	27. M-1
3. D-1	28. I-1
4. Sq. 7, B-Co Band	29. Q-2
5. Sq. 3	30. Sq. 9
6. Sq. 10	31. B-2
7. W-1 (M)	
8. Sq. 2	
9. A-1	
10. Sq. 4, C-2	
11. C-1	
12. Sq.-1, F-1	
13. L-1, Sq. 11, 4 Batt. Band, M-2	
14. Sq. 12	
15. E-Z	
16. H-2	
17. S-2	
18. B-1	
19. Sq. 8	
20. A-CO., Band	
21. K-2	
22. Sq. 15	
23. N-1	
24. Sq. 6	
25. W-1 (W), B-Batt. Band	

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As the Flag Football officials step on the fields this Monday, they will have logged five classroom hours and 4½ field hours in officiating clinics.