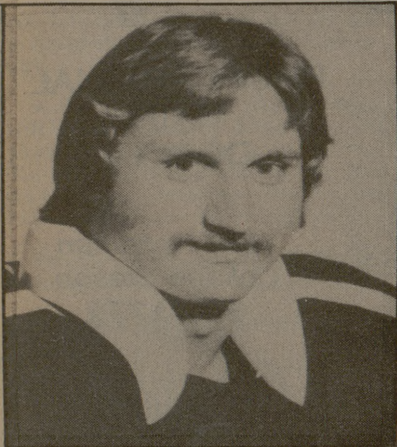


# Kocurek wins position



Kocurek

Every sport has its different perspectives and Texas A&M linebacker Jimmy Kocurek has viewed college football from a number of angles.

The 6-2, 215-pound junior from El Campo came to A&M as a quarterback, worked as a free safety as a sophomore and has since been moved to linebacker where he presently is a starter for the Aggies.

Kocurek, who is shooting for his second varsity letter in 1977, is listed as a junior athletically, but is classified academically as a senior. The reason is he didn't see any game action his sophomore season, therefore leaving him an extra year of eligibility.

Moving around as much as he has on the A&M depth chart did not surprise Kocurek.

"When Coach (Paul) Register (assistant coach) recruited me, he told me that I could play any of the three positions. Moving around wasn't that difficult, I just wanted to play — wherever I could."

After being moved to strongside linebacker in 1976, Kocurek was in a position where he saw little action because of the veteran crew in front of him — Kevin Monk (who is still starting at strong LB), Robert Jackson (MLB and all-America), and Jesse Hunnicutt (weaksid LB). Kocurek was switched to the weak side last spring after Hunnicutt played out his eligibility and even though he played very little in 1976, Kocurek feels he went through a valuable learning process.

"I always knew I'd get my chance to be a starter, it was just a matter of time. In the meantime, I had some good examples to study. I don't worry about trying to play like they did. I studied the way they played the position, but I think in order to be good, you have to be yourself."

So far this season, "doing it his way" has established him as the third leading tackler on the team with 41 stops, 18 of them unassisted. He has recovered two fumbles and has made three tackles behind the line of scrimmage. A&M linebacker coach John Paul Young is especially pleased with Kocurek's progress over the past two years. Jimmy has played a lot better this year than we thought he would. When he was moved to linebacker a year ago, he was far behind fundamentally. Since, he has trained himself into a technically sound linebacker. He lacks mobility to a certain degree but makes up for that in aggressiveness and desire. He's also a smart football player and studies the game films very intensely.

This past summer, Kocurek put himself through a conditioning program that helped him get ready for

the '77 season. It included lifting weights three times a week, playing some basketball to improve his quickness and a running program that increased steadily up until time for two-a-days to begin in August.

With only three starters returning from last year, the Aggie defense was the source of much concern at the onset of the season. But after the first four games, it has been proven that it is still a major obstacle for opponents.

"We're still not as good as we should be," says Kocurek. "We're still making a few fundamental mistakes that need to be corrected. But we still play aggressive and work together as a team — that's a characteristic that never changes with us."

After an open date last weekend, the Ags have gotten their legs back under them following their loss to Michigan two weeks ago, and are ready to take on the Bears this Saturday in Waco.

"Baylor always plays us tough," says Kocurek. "I understand they've got some injuries that have slowed them down but they always seem ready when we line up against them."

## Knieval's wreck really does hurt

**United Press International**  
HOLLYWOOD — Universal Studios will pay Evel Knieval \$9,588 to repair his Stutz automobile, damaged when it was stolen during filming of a "Bionic Woman" episode last month.

The white car, valued at more than \$100,000, was taken by a man who told Knieval he had been asked to move the car because it was blocking traffic.

The suspect reportedly panicked when stopped by a studio security guard, and crashed the car into a gate.



Woodard

Bennett

Franklin

# Aggie notes. . .

A year ago, the Aggies were coming off a 27-16 loss to Texas Tech when they faced Baylor. A&M beat Baylor, 24-0, and went on to win 10 straight before Michigan snapped the streak.

Tony Franklin on Russell Erleben's breaking his NCAA field goal record of 65 years with a 67-yarder in Texas' 72-15 win over Rice: "I'm happy for Russell. I tried to phone him to congratulate him but couldn't get in touch. I'm glad he did it, too, because it gives me a goal to shoot at. I intend to get that record back."

When Paul Hornung of the *Columbus Dispatch* covered the A&M-Michigan game at Ann Arbor, it was the first time ever he'd gone to Michigan Stadium and not covered Ohio State.

Although he has had two punts of 11 and 14 yards, David Appleby still boasts a 42.8-yard average on 24 punts this season. Last year he averaged 39.7 on 50 kicks.

Franklin has kicked 7 consecutive field goals. The NCAA record is 11.

When George Woodard rushed 39 times against Michigan (153 net yards), it marked the second time for such in his career. He carried 39 times against Kansas State in 1976. The SWC record is 41 carries in one game, set by Mark Green of A&M vs. SMU in 1971.

Woodard soon should break one of A&M's oldest records, career TDs. Joel Hunt (1925-27) scored 30. Woodard now has 26. He scored 5 as a freshman, 17 as a sophomore and has 4 this year.

A&M has had only two players rush for more than 200 yards in a game. Bob Smith did it twice, 297 vs. SMU in 1950 and 214 vs. Texas Tech in 1949. Bubba Bean had 204 vs. Clemson in 1973.

Proof of A&M's youth this fall is that only 10 seniors are among the playing personnel. There are three on offense: QB David Walker, center Mark Dennard and tackle Frank Myers. There are six on defense: Safety Ralph Barret, end Phil Bennett, cornerbacks Mike Williams and Wade Miles, linebacker Kevin Monk and tackle Steve Spitzberger. The 10th is deep-snap center Don Wright.

A win over Baylor Saturday would be icing on the cake for defensive end Stacy Breihan and fullback Eddie Hardin. Both celebrate birthday anniversaries Sunday. Breihan, from San Marcos, will be 21 and Hardin, from Houston Madison, will be 22.

A&M's Board of Regents have approved expansion of Kyle Field with work to start following the 1978 season. A third deck on each side will increase the seating by 14,500, for a capacity of 64,200. Plus a new press box will be built, along with

training facilities, dressing rooms and physical education facilities.

A&M's 5,000-seat baseball stadium is rising rapidly and will be ready for use next spring. Located across Welborn Road, Southwest of Kyle Field.

The new tennis facilities just south of Kyle Field also is expected to be ready for use this spring.

December 3rd will be a busy sports day at A&M at high noon, in G. Rollie White Coliseum, A&M women play Stephen F. Austin in basketball, 2:50 p.m. the Aggies take on Houston in SWC basketball at Kyle Field, a game that will be on TV at then at 7:30 p.m., the Aggie basketball team meets Houston Baptist back at G. Rollie White.

The undefeated Texas A&M women's cross country team competes in the Houston Invitational at Houston Saturday.

With four runners finishing in the top ten, the Aggies easily won their own invitational last Sunday. Freshman Ileana Hocking was first and junior Martha Sartain was second with Cindy Cochran seventh and Kim Mallory eighth in the two-mile race. Cathy Coker was 14th, Susan Johnston 20th and Marty McGraw 36th.

A&M had 32 points to 70 for runnerup Houston. A total of 56 runners competed representing nine teams.

The Texas A&M men's cross country team competes in the North Texas State Invitational in Denton Friday.

The Aggies finished sixth in the Arlington Invitational last Friday with Manfred Kohrs taking third place and Lane Mitchell finishing fifth.

The Texas A&M women's softball team hopes to regain its hitting form before Friday when it competes in the TALAW state tournament in Denton.

The Aggies lost four out of five games in the Lamar Tournament in Beaumont last weekend and scored only two runs in the losses.

The Aggies had only two hits in the 4-0 loss to UTA in the opener and lost to Sam Houston 2-1. Kim Bellamy went 3-for-4 and was the winning pitcher in an 11-2 romp over Lamar, but then the Aggie bats went cold and got only one hit in a 1-0 loss to SFA. A&M lost its final game to TWU 2-1. The Aggies are 10-7 for the season.

The Texas A&M women's volleyball team takes a 19-6 record into the 18-team Sam Houston Tournament in Huntsville Friday and Saturday. A&M meets Lee College at 9 a.m. Friday in the first match. Other teams in A&M's pool are Lamar, St. Phillips, West Texas State and Wharton Junior College. The quarterfinals start at 11:30 p.m. Saturday.

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A — F	OCT. 17 — NOV. 4
G — K	NOV. 7 — NOV. 11
L — O	NOV. 14 — NOV. 18
P — S	NOV. 21 — NOV. 30
T — Z	DEC. 1 — DEC. 9

**MAKEUPS for Seniors and Graduates only**  
JAN. 16 — JAN. 27

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Coeds - Optional  
Corps (Fish and Sophs.) - Class A Winter  
Corps (Jrs. and Srs.) - Midnights

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## Top 20

**United Press International**  
NEW YORK — The United Press International Board of Coaches has named the top 20 teams after the fifth week of college football season with place votes and record in parentheses:  
Team  
1. Michigan (31) (5-0)  
2. Texas (10) (4-0)  
3. Colorado (5-0)  
4. Alabama (4-1)  
5. Ohio St. (4-1)  
6. Oklahoma (4-1)  
7. Southern Cal (4-1)  
8. Arkansas (4-0)  
9. Nebraska (4-1)  
10. Penn State (4-1)  
11. Louisiana St. (3-1)  
12. (tie) Pitt (3-1-1)  
13. (tie) Notre Dame (3-1)  
14. Texas A&M (3-1)  
15. (tie) Texas Tech (4-1)  
16. (tie) Wisconsin (5-0)  
17. Houston (3-1)  
18. (tie) No. Tex. St. (5-1)  
19. (tie) BYU (3-1)  
20. N.C. St. (5-1)

**Note:** By agreement with the American Football Coaches Association, teams on probation by the NCAA are ineligible for top 20 national championship consideration by the UPI Board of Coaches. Those teams currently on probation for 1977 are: Kentucky, Michigan State, Redlands (Calif.), West Texas State (Colo.).

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