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# Jayhawks have a new look

By SEAN PETTY  
Battalion Staff

The Texas Aggies will open their 1978 campaign against a young Kansas Jayhawk team that has a new offensive look.

The Jayhawks have dumped the wishbone in favor of what head coach Bud Moore calls "a multiple scheme offense."

"The multiple scheme offense is basically just what it says. You'll see some veer, some play-action and some drop back. You'll also see a split backfield, some I-formation and two wide-outs at times," Moore said.

What that means is that Kansas will be throwing anything and everything at the Aggies on Saturday. With the new offense, the Jayhawks should come out throwing the ball a lot more than last year.

The Aggies defeated the Jayhawks last year in Kyle Field 28-14. Two Kansas turnovers inside their own 20-yard line lead to early Aggie scores and long touchdown runs by fullback George Woodard and halfback Curtis Dickey closed the door on Kansas' 1977 season opener.

But the Jayhawks are tough on home openers. The Aggies traveled to Lawrence in 1974 ranked fourth in the nation. The Aggies left Kansas' Memorial Stadium with their first defeat, losing to the Jayhawks 28-10. That was the first meeting between the two teams. The Aggies are favored to win the third meeting this Saturday.

Although the Aggies are favored, the Kansas coaches and players will not take it sitting down.

"I can think of lot of people I'd rather open up against than A&M. They are an experienced team with no weaknesses that I can see. They aren't the kind of team you want to throw a young squad like ours against the first day of the season, but we aren't shying away from them by any means," said Moore.

"I'd just as soon open up with someone like A&M as anyone else. We need to play teams like them to improve and come together ourselves. They're big, fast and talented, but I think our defense matches up well against their offense. Like most games, it will probably come down to who makes the big plays and who avoids turnovers," defensive back Leroy Irvin said about playing the Aggies.

Besides a new offense, the Jayhawks seem to have been running a hospital of sorts this fall. They lost two linemen before fall practice even started and since that time have kept the doctors busy with 14 injured players who will not see action this week against the Aggies.

The Kansas defense seems to be one of the brighter spots for the Jayhawks this year.

"With the exception of problems in the secondary end, I feel confident about our defense. A big part of our success this year is going to be the offense. If our defense spends as much time on the field last year, we could have problems," Moore said.

What does Moore think about Aggie's potent offense? "Offensively, A&M's special major concern," the Kansas coach said. "With Curtis Dickey, Armstrong, David Brothers and Mike Mosley all in the backfield, they ought to be the 440-yard relay instead of wishbone."

"I don't think the loss of Woodard will hurt them. Their other backs all have good passing ability and they are even more effective. The formation of the I-formation as an alternative to the wishbone is going to make our job even tougher."

As far as the A&M defense, Moore said, "Just like their offense, I can't see any weakness in their defense. They were young last year but improved as the year went on and they have most of their backs back."

The season opener will kick off at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Kansas' modeled Memorial Stadium.

## Kansas defeats Aggies?

United Press International  
LAWRENCE, Kan. — Kansas defeated Texas A&M Tuesday afternoon on quarterback Flip Wilson's 40-yard pass to Jimmy Little with only seconds remaining on the clock.

The Jayhawks were wishing the victory was the real thing, but the win was only part of a television special starring the comedian. Wilson, dressed in full pads and jersey, performed the show's speaking parts. Quarterback Harry Sydney doubled for action sequences.

Wilson and Kansas football team began filming the football spoof that is to be televised here next January's Super Bowl. The comedian filmed sequences in locker rooms and with the KU offensive and defensive squads in mock KU-Texas A&M plays. Jayhawk defensive players were suited out in Texas A&M uniforms.

The show is to include footage from the KU-Texas A&M football game Saturday in Lawrence.

Kansas coach Bud Moore said his team enjoyed the afternoon and the attention of some 4,000 fans, but complained that the Jayhawks didn't accomplish much Tuesday.

"I don't think we accomplished enough today," he said. "The TV special interfered, but I knew it would. It's good for the university and I think our kids enjoyed it."

Thursday Wilson is to don dress and makeup to portray his character, Geraldine, trying out for cheerleader with the aid of the KU pom-pom squad and the Sunflower Girls, the university's athletic hostesses.

KU is to be prominently identified on the program, expected to be broadcast Jan. 13.

The promotional value will more than make up for any inconvenience," Sports Information Director Don Baker said. "They even changed the script for us. Originally it was to be a fictitious school."

Wilson is to travel to St. Louis Friday where the Cardinals will be used for another segment of the program.

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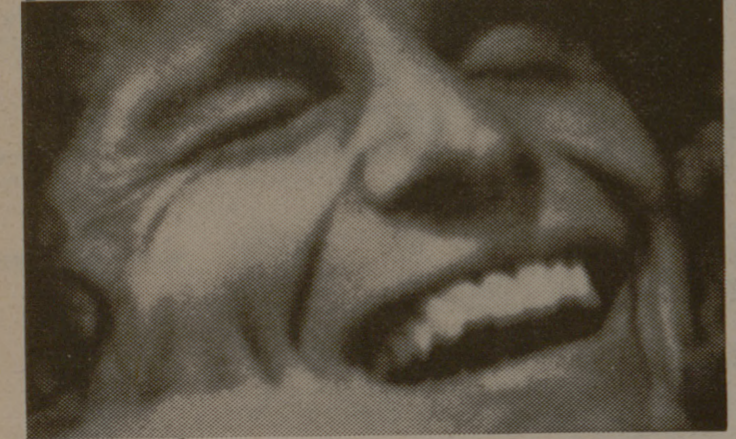


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## Grulich sets example on and off field

By NATHAN HINES  
Battalion Reporter

Carl Grulich has to be one of the nicest people a person could ever meet—off the football field. However, in the locker room, he goes through a Jeckyll-Hyde process to become one of the hardest hitting, quickest and smartest free safeties in the Southwest Conference.

People who know him cannot say enough nice things about the 6-foot, 194-pound junior from Richardson.

"He is a great guy, what more can you say," said defensive end James Zachery. "He sets a good example on and off the field and he has a positive attitude for the team."

Dick Frazee, linebacker, said of Grulich, "He words hard for the

team. He is a great guy and everyone looks up to him. He was all-conference last year and we respect him for it."

Defensive coach Melvin Robertson summed it up by saying, "Carl is the kind of kid you want your son to be like. He is a super person and a super athlete."

Grulich is the president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at Texas A&M. He is concerned with the spiritual growth of the team as well as the growth of playing ability.

Grulich was the mainstay of the Aggie defense last year, intercepting two passes and making 100 unassisted tackles and 34 assisted tackles. "I'm proud of this (the tackles)

but I'm not happy," Grulich said. "Anytime a free safety makes that many unassisted tackles there are holes in the defensive line. These holes hurt us a lot last year because I felt my main responsibility was the run instead of the pass. Because of this, the secondary got burned on the long pass too many times."

"There have been some questions about how good our secondary will be this year. We should be a lot better because we have more experience and our defensive line and linebackers are stronger. The line will give a better pass rush and not allow the quarterbacks to have a lot of time to throw the ball. They should contain the run better,

which will let us concentrate on the pass."

"Our goal in the secondary is not to allow any long plays, running or passing."

Grulich sees improvements outside the defense, as well.

"The defense isn't the only thing that has improved this year, the junior free safety said. "We made a lot of changes in personnel at different positions that have helped; however, the biggest and probably the most important change is the addition of the I-formation."

"This will do more for the offense by giving Curtis Dickey a chance to show his talents. The I-formation will also make Mike Mosley more

effective because of the passes with the run option."

"A&M probably has the most explosive offense in the nation because we have the ability, strength and speed to break the long run nearly any play," Grulich said.

"The offense has improved this year, but the key to the Aggies will be the defense, reasoned. "If the defense can beat the opposition under 17 points a game, which I think we can, we beat anyone."

"The defense will be put to test this week against Kansas, ran the wishbone offense last year but they scrapped it to run a ple formation offense."

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