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Aggies host Owls

Emotional game expected

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In the midst of the resignations and designations this week, the fact that Texas A&M has a football game this week has almost been overlooked.

Their fourth Southwest Conference game of the season, the Aggies will play the Rice Owls in Kyle Field Friday at 1:30. This will be the first meeting of the two teams.

"We are catching A&M at the best time," Rice head coach Ray Alborn said Thursday. "I just know they'll be emotionally high for the game with (Emory) Bellard resigning. The A&M-Rice games have always been emotional contests. The Aggies will be playing for Bellard and (Tom) Wilson. They will want to do good for Wilson in his first game as head coach. They will want to do good for Bellard, knowing he won't be back. The quarterback Randy Hertel is the Bellard's resignation and have one of two possible effects on the Aggies' attitude at game time. It could really go either way," Owl sophomore said. "I've read the papers where a few of the players are really upset, so this could have a negative effect on them. But they've also lost two games in a row (to Houston 33-0 and to

Baylor 24-6), so I'm sure they will come out playing and come out fighting. No, I don't think they will fold at all."

Hertel will likely be Rice's starting quarterback Saturday, even though he is suffering from a hip pointer.

"Hertel will probably start at quarterback," Alborn speculated. "He was about 90 percent effective going into Thursday's practice but the hip pointer is still hobbling him a little. We'll have to wait and see how he does before we decide."

In fact, Alborn is taking a wait-and-see attitude on several of his players this week. Injuries have beset the Owls in the same full-scale manner that the Aggies have experienced.

"We are going to have to wait until Saturday to see if some of our players will be able to play," the Rice coach said. "Doug Cunningham (split end), Mike South (center) and Darryl Grant (nose guard) are all on our 'maybe' list this week. Bo Broern (tail back) and Frank Wilson (linebacker) were hurt in the Texas Tech game (last week). Dennis Blair (linebacker) is out for the season with a shoulder separation. So you can see that we are really hurting."

But the Owls are not alone in the injury situation. Wilson announced Thursday that Curtis Dickey will be held out of Saturday's game with a

strained knee that he reinjured against Baylor. The Aggies did however receive some good news in the doctor's report. Running back Adgar Armstrong, who missed the Baylor game, will return to action this week, providing some much needed depth in the Aggie backfield.

"Dickey being out can't do anything but help us," Alborn said. "He is capable of blowing a game open at any time."

The Owls anticipate a different Aggie offense under Wilson.

"We look for the I-formation with Wilson as coach," Alborn said. "We expect them to throw a lot and open up their attack."

According to Hertel, Texas A&M can look for a new offensive style from the Owls, who last year did not run against the Aggies until the second quarter.

"We expect a lot of man-to-man coverage and a real good pass rush from the A&M defense," Hertel said. "So we hope to establish a running attack early in the game and pass on them later. We used to throw 40 times a game last year. This year we probably average 28 passes a game."

Hertel is the SWC's fourth-leading passer. He has averaged 137 yards per game in the air with six touchdown passes.

"We have David (Houser) and Doug (Cunningham) and a couple of

other guys who can catch the ball if you put it anywhere near them," Hertel said of his receivers.

Should Hertel not be able to play the entire game, the Owls have a freshman quarterback who may see action.

"Robert Hoffman will be our second string quarterback," Alborn said, "especially after his game against Texas Tech. He wasn't too impressive statistically. He was 3-for-6 and had one good run. But the team rallied behind him and that's the important thing. He came into the game with the score 35-6 (Tech's favor) and turned the route into a game, pulling us to within seven points in five minutes." The Owls finally lost to the Raiders 42-28.

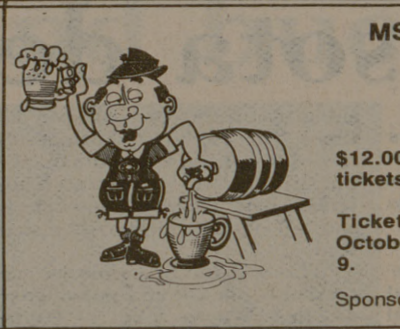
The Owls' running attack is based on 6-foot-2, 210-pound running back Earl Cooper. The junior has gained 161 on 42 carries this year and is the Owls second-leading rusher behind the injured Broeren. Cooper gained 125 yards against the Aggies last year.

Last year in Rice Stadium, the Aggies defeated the Owls 28-14, but Rice had an impressive second half performance.

"I think we're a better team this year," Hertel said. "For one thing, most of our players are more experienced and more confident. I just hope we can stay with the Aggies and play a good game."



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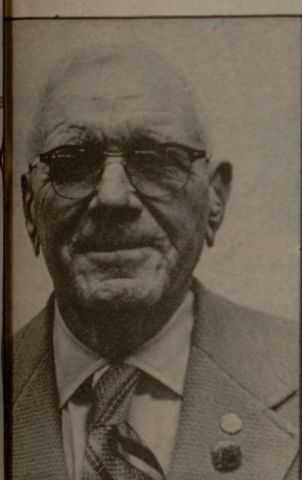


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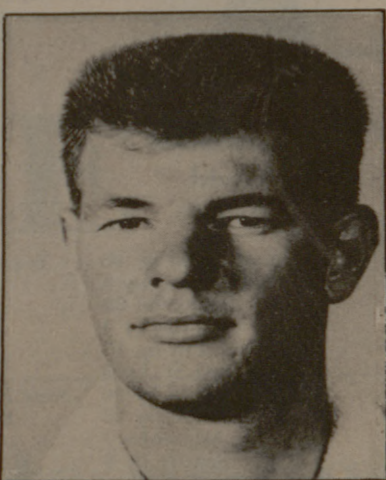
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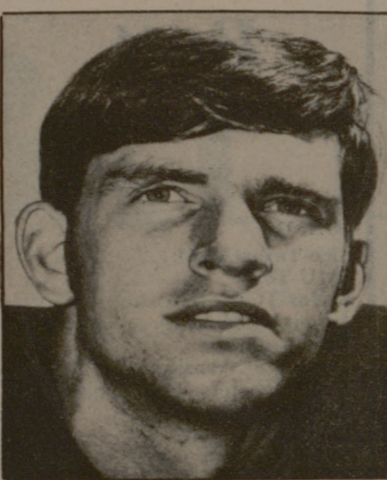
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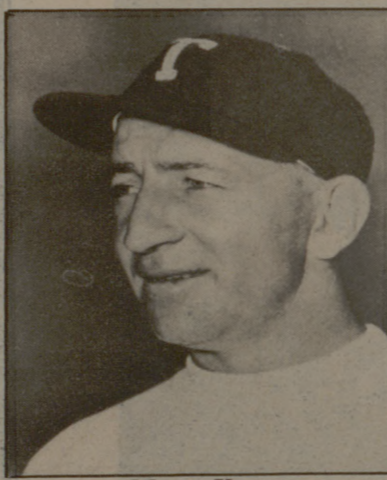
C. E. "Pat" Olsen



John DeWitt



Dave Elmendorf



Marty Karow

Four to be inducted into Hall of Fame

Baseball is the common denominator as three athletes and a coach have been elected to the A&M Athletic Hall of Fame. The 1978 honorees are C.E. "Pat" Olsen '23, John DeWitt '51, Dave Elmendorf '71 and coach Marty Karow.

The four newest members of the Hall of Fame were selected by the A&M Letterman's Association during halftime ceremonies at the A&M-Rice football game Saturday.

Olsen's entire life has been intertwined with baseball since he earned three letters in the sport at A&M. He holds the distinction of being Texas twice in one year. His vigorous support of A&M in many ways was recognized last spring when the new 5,000-seat baseball stadium was named in his honor. He lives in Clifton where he founded Research Manufacturing Co. in 1952.

DeWitt was a three-sport star earning letters in basketball in 1950-51, baseball in 1949-50-51 and track in 1952. He won the Southwest Conference 440-yard dash in 1952 with a time of 49.8 seconds. DeWitt lives in Dallas where he owns a contracting firm.

Elmendorf was one of the greatest great-athletes in A&M history. He lettered in football in 1968-69-70

and earned All-American honors in 1970 as a safety. He lettered in baseball in 1968-69-70-71 and earned All-American honors in 1971 as a centerfielder. He set a Southwest Conference record by hitting three home runs in one game against Texas Tech in Lubbock in 1969. He also earned Academic All-America recognition in both sports. He never attended summer school, yet completed his degree work in four years and was graduated with honors with a degree in Economics. He lives in

Los Angeles where he is an All-Pro safety for the Los Angeles Rams.

Karow was not a graduate of A&M, but served many years as backfield in 1938 after five years with the Boston Red Sox of the American League. He coached the baseball team in 1938-41 and the basketball team in 1942 before leaving to serve in World War II. He returned to coach basketball in 1946-50 and baseball in 1948-50 while also serving as assistant football coach. He left A&M in 1950 to

return to his alma mater Ohio State where he coached five Big Ten champions. He is now retired and living in Sun City, Ariz.

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