

viewpoint

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Ags show their colors very Saturday in fall

Dallas they're red or blue. In Houston they're usually red. And block they wear red or black.

urday night, at Bryan's Viking Stadium, they will wear maroon. plenty of it. It's that leisure suit time of the year

oust be spring; football's in the air. The 1979 football season off with the annual Maroon and White intrasquad game Satur-

ignaling the end of spring drills and the beginning of hope for

matter what time of year, where ever you find college football, find boisterous alumni cheering their schools on. They'll be Saturday night, blazon in maroon

ey colors are the identification factor used by teammates to guish themselves from their enemies. The same holds true for suits. Around Kyle Field, a maroon double-knit, two-piece is uch a sign of a friend as a Winnebago's horn sounding the War

ool colors are sacred to the institutions that they are identified Everyone in the state knows Texas A&M fans by the maroon white. But years ago, before leisure suits became the trademark eturning Ag, red and white were the colors worn by the Aggie

vasn't until the fall of 1923 that the present day colors became a of Texas A&M.

ken from "The History of the Association of Former Students of A&M University 1876-1976", a thesis by John A. Adams Jr., tory of the colors' adoption begins in 1921. A poem praising Aggie football coach Charlie B. Moran appeared on the front of the Nov. 1, 1921, Texas Aggie newspaper to congratulate him ng selected to the Coaches Hall of Fame:

> He's a grand old man, Though we don't like to brag. And his worth he will prove to you soon;

He's the idol of the team we love, That fights for the dear old maroon,

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And we stand by him, Though we lose or win, And our faith in him will stand, Though other coaches may be good, Take your hat off to Coach Moran.

attempt to rhyme maroon with Moran was one of the first ons of the color in any connection with Texas A&M. Although A&M teams had worn a band of maroon and white around their erseys during the early 1920's, the rallying colors of the Corps of ets at athletic events, banquets and commencement were red and

September, 1923, James Sullivan, business manager of athletics, ally dressed the football team in maroon jerseys. Like the Corps, changed from the West Point style gray uniform to the olive drab of World War I, Sullivan hoped to give the team a new look for 1923 season. Of the change Sullivan commented, "The darker colors will add to the appearance of the team in that it will make ook heavier and more uniform.

Since 1923, maroon and white have been the official colors of Texas M. And thank goodness. Can you imagine hundreds of orange opiece polyester suits from Sears roaming the campus every footveekend next fall? Or even this Saturday

History could be made

Spurs closing in on title

SAN ANTONIO — The San Antonio Spurs go after their first NBA playoff series win in history tonight, needing only one more triumph over the Philadelphia 76ers to move into the Eastern Conference cham-

pionship round.
"We're not overconfident by any means," said San Antonio coach Doug Moe. "We know what we have to do to win. If anything, we're a little nervous and anxious to get it

San Antonio took a 3-1 lead in the series last Sunday with a 115-112 decision in Philadelphia. If the 76ers win tonight, the series will go back to Philadelphia for game six Sunday afternoon and if the series goes a full seven games the finale will be played next Wednesday night in San Antonio.

This is the third year for the Spurs in the NBA and they have made the playoffs all three years. But in their inaugural NBA season they lost to Boston in two straight in the opening mini-series and last year the Spurs fell to eventual champion Washington in six games after win-

In their 12 years of ABA-NBA existence the Spurs have made the playoffs 11 times, but have never won a seven-game playoff series.

The Spurs hope to once again contain Julius Erving, who scored 39 points in Philadelphia's only win in the series but who had managed only four points through the first three quarters last Sunday.

Larry Kenon, despite suffering a fever early in the week, will again be guarding Erving. Kenon missed Tuesday's workout, but was expected to be at full strength for tonight's game.

Moe, however, plans to put forward Allan Bristow back in the starting lineup despite the outstanding job done in Sunday's game by Mark Olberding

Olberding scored 17 points, grabbed eight rebounds and helped in the double-teaming of mammoth Darryl Dawkins when the 6-11 Philadelphia hulk was in the game. Dawkins scored only 13 points.

Moe said he used Olberding in Philadelphia because Bristow former 76er — seems to have a hard time playing well against his former teammates on their home court.

"I think Allan may get a little paranoid when we play in Philadel-

he's never had a good game for us up there.

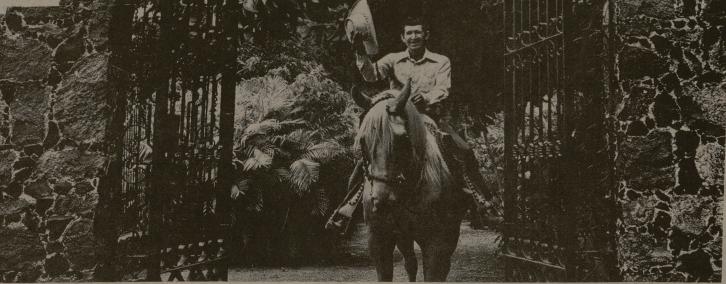
"It's true players do better in some places than in others," Bristow

phia," said Moe. "It may be because he used to be a 76er, but it seems than on the road. I also know that for us to win on the road we have to be physical and that Mark and Coby (Dietrick) are more physical than I



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