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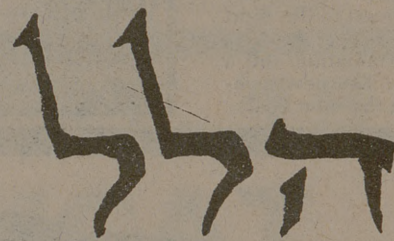
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Time is up for the Aggies

Well it's here.
You thought it would never get here but it did. The A&M coaches never thought it would arrive but it finally did. The Aggie football players never thought they would make it through two-a-days but they did.

The first players arrived Aug. 13. They were a group of freshmen who showed up as raw talent ready and willing to learn what college football was all about. They had promising backgrounds and would show, after two-a-day workouts, that head coach Tom Wilson and his staff had done a very good job recruiting. They worked for four days running plays, working with the coaches, learning plays and trying to prepare for the day they would put on the pads with big boys.

The veterans arrived Aug. 17 knowing full well what was in store for them the next two weeks. It had been a good summer with over 30 players staying and working in College Station. They diligently reported to the weight room between 3 and 8 p.m. daily to lift weights. The Aggies came back noticeably



viewpoint

By SEAN PETTY
Battalion Sports Editor

stronger than ever before as a team. The sweat of over 80 Aggie football players has poured on to Kyle Field for over two weeks. The cuts, bumps, bruises, pulled muscles, sore muscles, twisted ankles and headaches have come and gone as they do every fall.

Gallons and gallons of water and Gatorade or Quick-Kick have been consumed along with salt pills and vitamins to fend off the damaging heat and humidity of the scorching afternoons on the AstroTurf of Kyle Field.

Already hundreds of yards of tape, wraps and bandages have been used to hold the Aggie team together through the daily practices. And there will be a lot more tape used as the season progresses and nagging injuries begin to occur.

Each week the small pains will be tougher to get rid of and Sunday morning will be a painful experience for a lot of battle-battered players.

At times, practices dragged on endlessly as the coaches and players alike grew weary of the repetition of plays. The same plays and same mistakes were being made over and over.

The coaches watched film after film of practices and scrimmages. They ran them backward and forward and backward and forward into the wee hours of the morning.

And everyday, the players and coaches came back to the field to smooth and tune and workout the mistakes to where the Aggies started coming together and looking like a team.

The freshmen started improving and several caught the coaches' eyes immediately and started pushing the veterans a little harder.

Gary Kubiak, a freshman quarterback from Houston St. Pius, sur-

prised Aggie coaches with his ability to run the option as well as he. They already knew the kid could pass as he broke almost every high school passing record at present Minnesota Viking quarterback, Tommy Kramer.

Kubiak was just one of a pleasant surprises the coaches experienced.

Freshman running back Hector showed coaches and some fans why LSU fought so hard to have him in Baton Rouge. He showed moves and quickness like other Aggie back. But he showed was human as his jitterbug running caused him to lose the several times. If he overcame the butter fingers, he should be something else.

There were also freshmen next Jackson and Ronnie James proved that A&M is very talented running backs now.

But the man who drew the biggest applause when he took the ball in the scrimmages was No. 33, George Woodard. He's been last two weeks testing his leg strength for the day it doesn't hurt. He's not at full speed but he has a long, long way.

The scrimmages showed a "good things." And they brought out the biggest problem of the Aggies, the punting game. It was resolved and fast.

It's all over. This week is the game week for the Aggies. There is no more time for takes. The injuries must heal. The players must be physically ready. Much more importantly, the game of the season now is the Texas Aggies and that's all there is to it.

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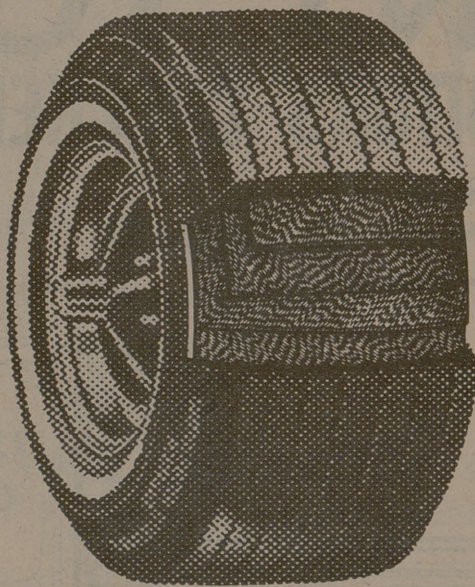
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