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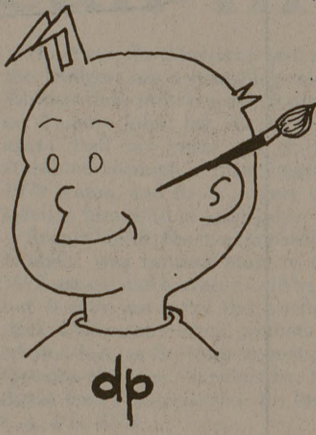
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Maroon-White tilt Saturday at Kyle

By MIKE BURRICHTER
Sports Editor
The Texas A&M football team will conclude spring football drills this Saturday with the Maroon-White game.

The game will be played at Kyle Field at 2 p.m. Tickets are on sale at the ticket office in G. Rollie White Coliseum and will be sold at Kyle Field Saturday. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1 for children.

Head coach Tom Wilson's starting backfield will consist of Mike Mosley at quarterback, Earnest Jackson at tailback and Elvis Walker at fullback. At the beginning of the spring drills a month ago, Walker was a third-string tailback. That was before David Hill, Ronnie James and Roger Wiley went down with injuries. Wiley will be lost for the season with torn ligaments in his left knee. James, with a broken ankle, and Hill, with a pulled hamstring muscle, will return for the fall season.

Jackson also won his job by default. Engaged in a neck and neck race with Johnny Hector, Jackson won the job a week and a half ago when Hector went down with a bruised shoulder.

Wilson says he's not particularly worried about his depleted backfield, confident he'll have a healthy one when the fall rolls around. What he is worried about is the team's depth.

"Our first units and some reserves have performed well, but we have to have adequate depth," he said. "We'll have to get a lot of depth from the freshmen coming this fall."

Wilson says he's particularly concerned with the tight end and punting positions. There will be no punt-

ing in the Maroon-White game, and Wilson said earlier in the week punting duties would be won by someone in the fall. He said depth tight end will come from the freshmen crop he has coming this fall.

Other than Wiley, the Aggies have

only lost one other player for the season. Second-team center Cal Lilly was lost for the season two weeks ago with practically the same injury as Wiley's. They will both go through a nine-month rehabilitation program together.

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Runners in Waco

The Texas A&M women's track team travels to Waco today to compete in the Baylor Invitational. Coach Bill Nix is using this meet as tune-up for next week's state meet in Austin.

"Most everybody is healthy," said Nix. "The break last week helped the team's conditioning, and we should be ready to go for the next two weeks."

Nix, who will take 22 women to Baylor, indicated he will be experimenting this week. Sandra Brown will run the 800-meters,

along with her usual events which include the 1,500- and 3,000-meters. "If she does well," Nix said, "she might possibly run all three at the state meet next weekend."

Nix said he would also be shuffling his relay people in hopes that he can find a winning combination that can be used in Austin next Friday and Saturday.

"Everybody is really trying," he said, "and we should see a breakthrough on previous best times for different individuals. We should be pretty impressive."

Women run at Baylor; tune up for state meet

Texas A&M women's basketball team, with seven returnees including five letterwomen, began spring training Monday.

Two of the returnees who head coach Cheri Rapp expects to help the team improve on last season's 9-12 record, are junior Trigg Crawford and sophomore Lori Foreman.

"They have the potential to be two of the best in the state," said Rapp. With the team's lack of height, Rapp plans for the Aggies to be a running club, and expects sophomore Kelley Sullivan to direct the

offense. "She's handling the ball which in turn should improve the team's overall game."

"We have some good players," Rapp said, commenting on next season's chances, "but I can't say how well we will do until recruiting is over."

Fall practice begins during the second week of September and the Aggie Ladies will open the season Nov. 14 against Southeastern Louisiana in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Mitchell dumps Horns

United Press International
AUSTIN — Victor Mitchell, a 6-10½ junior college All-America from Amarillo College who had signed with the University of Texas, now has signed a Big Eight Conference letter of intent with the University of Kansas.

Mitchell, who averaged 26.6 points and 13.6 rebounds per game in the 1979-80 season, signed Wednesday with Kansas. He signed last year with Texas, but could not qualify academically for admission and remained at Amarillo another year.

Mitchell told reporters in Amarillo that Texas' signing of Mike Wacker, a 6-8 prospect from San Marcos, influenced his decision against coming to Texas.

"That pushed me," he said. "I really had planned to go to Texas. I liked Coach (Barry) Dowd and Coach (Abe) Lemons. The fact that he's an All-American and I'm an All-American and no All-American is going to sign to go someplace and sit on the bench. They told me they were recruiting him, but I didn't expect him to sign with Texas."

Mitchell said he was concerned that he, Wacker and Texas sophomore center LaSalle Thompson all would play post for the Longhorns, forcing at least one of them to the bench.

Lemons was philosophical about not signing Mitchell. "You can't lose anything you never had," Lemons said.

Asked his reaction to Mitchell's comments that the signing of Wacker influenced him against coming to Texas, Lemons replied, "Anybody that's afraid of that, I wouldn't want him."

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