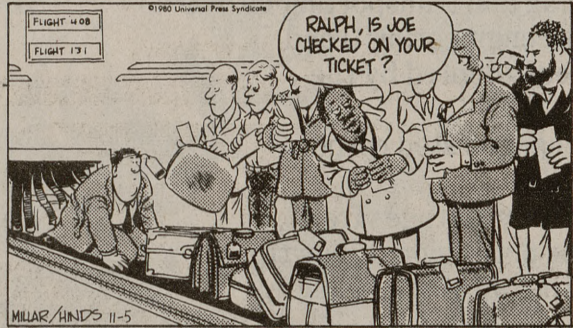


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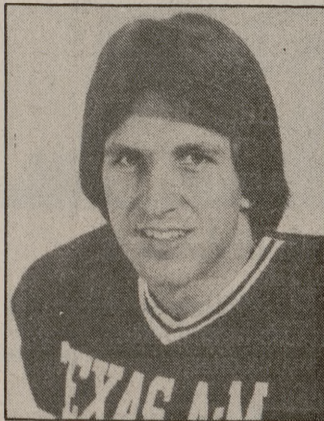
by Jeff Millar & Bill Hinds



Beal OK, taking snaps; may start against Hogs

By RICHARD OLIVER

On Oct. 4, David Beal started his dual post game as quarterback of the Texas A&M football team. The result was a 41-21 smear of the Texas Tech Red Raiders.



David Beal

Beal ran for four touchdowns in that game. On Oct. 11, Beal sat in the Houston Astro dome visitor's locker room while clutching a swollen, painful wrist after being tackled hard in that half action against the Houston Oilers. The diagnosis: broken wrist.

The season seemed lost at the time, but now the senior signal-caller is taking snaps again and should be ready to take on Arkansas in Fayetteville.

Beal tried to take some snaps yesterday (Monday), said Beal Tuesday. "I didn't have a real center out there, so I took some snaps from the ers of the (wide) Bandy. It feels a lot better at a time-lapse than I have all the wrappings off and am just getting to be sore for awhile, but it's going to get better every day."

Beal said he's looking forward to possibly playing against the Razorbacks, especially since he grew up in

Russellville, Ark., where he was an all-state quarterback.

"I'm getting fired up," he said. "It's always good to play in front of people you know... there's an incentive. I'm looking forward to it."

A&M Head Coach Tom Wilson also is looking forward to Beal's return. Since his quarterback has been injured, Texas A&M is 0-4.

"There's a chance he will start,"

said Wilson Tuesday. "He worked out a little Monday. Most of it was a test. Of course, he's got close to two weeks to get ready. He was released to start practicing tomorrow (today)."

"I'm encouraged. Very much so. I think it'll help us a great deal. He did a great job when he was in there against Texas Tech and Houston."

But Beal is still concerned about A&M's lack of offensive punch.

"It does surprise me (that the Aggies have failed to score)," he said. "We've been able to move the ball. But we haven't been able to score. Whenever we get down there, something has happened. We don't have the inability to move the ball. We've done nothing different than we've done in the past. I don't think it's inexperience."

But Beal won't say his return will change things that much.

"Heck, I don't have any idea if it will," he said. "I don't have the answers to what the problem is. I really don't think any one person will change it that much."

"We don't have any more pressure on us. It's a chance to play the game as it should be played and have fun."

Basketball coaches to meet

Southwest Conference basketball coaches meet with media Sunday morning in Dallas for their annual pre-season preview.

losing in overtime to eventual national champion Louisville.

A&M's first cage action comes on Nov. 22 with an exhibition game against a touring Windsor (Canada) club. The contest will be in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

The Aggies open regular-season play on Nov. 28 when they travel to Bangor, Maine to play the University of Maine. They'll open home play Dec. 2 against Texas Southern.

Ag players in tourney

Texas A&M's Liliana Fernandez advanced to the semifinals of the Houston Fall tennis tournament last day before losing to Lori McNeil.

Earlier, Fernandez had beaten Elliot of Trinity, the No. 3 seed, 6-2, 6-4, in the quarterfinals.

Two A&M women's doubles — Fernandez-Pam Hill and Lynn Hooten-Terri Nuetze — advanced to the quarterfinals before the OPEC cup.

With Texas A&M tennis teams will play in the April Sound Invitational Thursday through Sunday at the Conroe.

A&M site of ball meet

Texas A&M University will be the site of the 1980 Texas Association of Collegiate Athletics for Women Volleyball Meet Thursday through Saturday.

The tournament will be held on the main floor of G. Rollie White Coliseum.

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Rugby team, 2-2, to travel to Arkansas

Texas A&M's rugby team will try to rebound from defeat Saturday as it takes part in a 32-team tournament to be held in Little Rock, Ark.

The season record for the Ags is 2-2 after the loss to the Houston Old Boys Rugby Club.

The tournament includes college teams and rugby clubs from around the nation. The clubs are composed of amateurs not affiliated with a school or university.

The Ags will begin to play at 11:30 a.m. Saturday.

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