

Sports

Wilson pleased with team's offensive progress

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The Texas Aggies continued

their spring workouts over the weekend with perhaps one of the most promising scrimmages to

date. Coach Tom Wilson carried his troops through a tough 1½ hours of scrimmage Saturday

morning and was obviously pleased with what he saw. "We had a good scrimmage.

We're very, very pleased with our first team offensive unit. With the exception of three drives (2 fumbles, 1 penalty) they were not stopped," he said.

Statistics showed that the first team offense handled the first team defense with ease at times. The offense compiled over 400 yards total, 297 through the air.

Junior signal-caller Gary Kubiak stepped into the vacant quarterback slot and seems to have secured it for the fall. During Saturday's scrimmage he completed 10 of 15 passes for 213 yards and an 80-yard touchdown pass to Mike Whitwell before leaving with a bruised shin.

Backup quarterback John Elkins came in and completed 4 of 6 passes for 84 yards, one a 24-yard touchdown pass to Don Jones.

The running game has continued to improve and seems to be solid going into the last hard week of spring drills.

Tailback Thomas Sanders carried the ball 15 times for 41 yards and fullback David Hill carried four times for 58 yards, including a 45-yard gallop through the first team defense.

Johnny Hector, used sparingly, ran seven times for 29 yards and one touchdown.

Wilson was confident in his offense saying, "Our running and

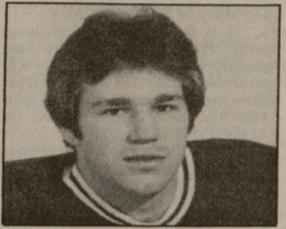
accounted for much of the showing in Saturday's game. Linebackers Jerry Blum and Bobby Strogon missed with injuries and the offense wasn't at full strength.

Wilson was not satisfied with the play of the defense but refused to make excuses for the poor showing. "I was displeasing to see as much yardage against the defense as we did today," he said. "We have a lot of work to do back here."

Overall Wilson was very even with the offense going against the defense. "I was pleased with the offensive production but only thing that is displeasing is the poor pass defense."

"At this stage of spring we are very pleased with the progress of the team. Offense is everything was pleasing. The schedule for next week is tough practice calls for much of the week — tough workouts and long sessions."

The Aggies will play again Wednesday at 4 p.m.



Gary Kubiak

passing game is very complete."

While the offense was pleasing to Wilson, he said the defense leaves much to be desired. Texas A&M, traditionally noted for its outstanding defenses, could have some depth problems due to injuries.

"We weren't pleased with the progress of the defense. They played on occasions, though," he said.

Injuries in the defensive unit

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Aggies lose to Horned Frogs

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The TCU Horned Frogs played three baseball games this weekend. Texas A&M University played one.

The Aggies were swept in a three-game series for the first time since 1971 when Texas did it, and the drubbing makes every game crucial from this moment on.

The Ags will play Oklahoma City tonight at Pat Olsen Field, a doubleheader beginning at 5:30 p.m. Another doubleheader will be played Tuesday, starting at 1 p.m.

Entering the series, the Aggies were batting .313 as a team, less than spectacular 5.03 team ERA. When the series was over, the superb batting average had dipped into the .200s and the team ERA had also dipped a bit.

Friday, Greg Moore handed Texas A&M a three-hitter. The Frogs scored four runs in one inning to triumph, 4-0. Aggie starter Flores lasted 7½ innings, but Head Coach Tom Chandler was disappointed that the right hander gave up only one earned run. Shortstop Billy Cannon, who had a tough weekend defensively, offensively, suffered two errors in the game. Perry Swanson, who had a fine pitching performance in relief.

Saturday, Cannon committed three errors and catcher Joe Cannon won 16 of their last 18 games and are 5-1 in conference play.

In game one, Rick Luecken, 5-1, suffered his first defeat. He earned four runs on six hits while the Aggies could manage only one run against Frogs' hurler Greg Meyer, 3-0.

In game two, the Aggies finally came alive, scoring two runs in the second inning off of TCU's Glenn Pierce, 3-1. Roberto singled to open the inning, and a walk to Szekely, a single to Priess and two fielder's choices scored the runs. The Ags managed five hits in the game.

Texas A&M starter Robert Slavens, 1-2, however, gave up the third and three more in the fifth as TCU won the game, 4-2.

Priess had two singles and Clint Heard contributed the Aggie extra base hit of the series, a double, in the third inning.

Saturday's contests were played under a threatening condition. The first game was delayed 50 minutes by rain in the third inning. A tornado watch was in effect throughout the afternoon.

"We're not going to lay down and die," said Hodde. "Monday and Tuesday are going to decide how we do Friday (against Houston)."

"We don't need just to win, we need to play well. We've got our confidence back. Some of these kids are hurting for confidence. The only way to get out of it is to do well."

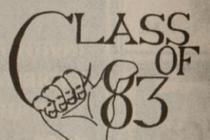
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