

# sports

## Aggies prepare for alumni game

by Bill Robinson  
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Timing and technique drills were emphasized during the Texas A&M football team's spring workout in Kyle Field Monday night.

In its 17th practice of the spring, the team worked out in shorts and shoulder pads in what Coach Jackie Sherrill called a teaching session. He said the workout went well and com-

mented on several individuals who are making progress. "I'm still very high on Gary Kubiak," he said. "He is one of the top five quarterbacks nationally on the collegiate level."

Kubiak completed 12 of 18 passes for 146 yards in Saturday's scrimmage, and led the offense by passing for three touchdowns. But the Aggie receivers earned most of Sherrill's praise Monday.

"Jimmy Teal (a freshman) is developing into a fine receiver," he said. "The receiving corps could be one of the team's strong points next season, once the freshmen arrive."

Teal caught passes worth 69 yards in the scrimmage Saturday afternoon. Sherrill also commented on the alumni game, scheduled for 6 p.m. Saturday.

"(I'm) hoping the student body will help A&M set a spring game attendance record," he said. People in the community have expressed a great deal of

interest in the game but it will take student support to break Notre Dame's record of 35,000 for a spring contest, he said. Students with a current Texas A&M I.D. will be admitted free, while admission for non-students is \$5. Tickets for high school students and younger are \$2. All tickets are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The team will practice in shorts and pads today and scrimmage Wednesday in its last workout before facing the alumni team. Alumni players will work out Thursday and Friday. All practice sessions begin at 4

p.m. and are open to the public. Wide receiver Don Jones back at practice today, although he still has a bruised toe on his right foot.

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Malone's three-year, \$1.1 million contract with the Rockets ends this year and the 6-11 mainstay of the Rockets becomes a free agent at the end of the NBA playoffs.

The bidding for Malone's services is expected to be fierce. Through April 20, Malone was averaging 14.7 rebounds and 31.1 points per game and he

almost single-handedly carried the team into the playoffs. Patterson expressed confidence. "We'll sign him probably," Patterson said. "Between now and the middle of the summer, I'd say we'll sign him."

Patterson declined comment on a suggestion by Dick Vertlieb, a former general manager at Seattle, Golden State and Indiana, that Houston businesses should raise funds to meet a possible \$2 million or \$3 million offer for Malone.

"That's weird. It doesn't even deserve any comment," Patterson said. "That idea wouldn't work at all. No one would give up their assets. Everybody needs to control their franchise without outside help."

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