

Aggies, Mavs set for Saturday's showdown

Sherrill's defensive changes stick; Smith, Bryant to start

by Frank L. Christlieb
 Sports Editor

George Smith knows the Texas Aggies have a good football team. And he's not ashamed to let people know how he feels about his team's character.

And Smith, Texas A&M's freshman fullback from Douglas, Ga., says he hasn't had much time to get nervous about Saturday's game with the University of Texas-Arlington Movin' Mavs. He's trying to enter the game with a clear mind and conscience.

In other words, Smith says, forget about Boston College.

"Good football teams are the ones that put things like that behind them, and I think we're definitely a good football team," Smith said after Thursday's one-hour workout.

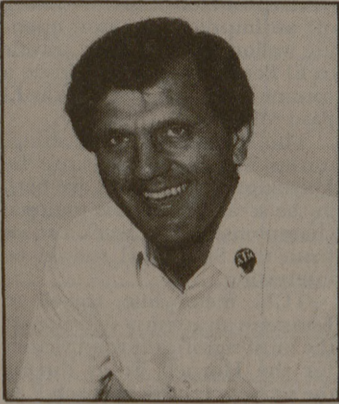
Smith should be nervous. It's not every day a first-year player gets thrust into a starting position in the Aggie backfield.

But the prospect of starting his first college football game hasn't given him the shakes.

Smith's confidence about Saturday's game, which starts at 6 p.m. in Kyle Field, can probably be traced to the Aggies' 38-16 loss to Boston College two weeks ago.

When starter Earnest Jackson sustained a knee injury that will sideline him for about four to six weeks, Coach Jackie Sherrill tossed Smith into a nest full of Eagles. And instead of letting the Eagles throw him out of the nest, Smith emerged from the Aggies' loss as one of the few bright spots of the evening.

Rushing for 41 yards on four carries and nabbing two passes for 13 against the Eagles, Smith



Aggie coach Jackie Sherrill

has earned a chance to prove his ability as a starter behind quarterback Gary Kubiak and alongside tailback Johnny Hector.

Although his left ankle, which he sprains every so often, has given him problems since the Aggies' end-of-summer workouts, Smith says he couldn't be more ready for Saturday's game.

But he's not going to make a commotion about his starting spot.

"I feel like it's not that big of a deal," he said. "I'll just do whatever it takes for this team to win, whether it be starting or subbing or whatever."

In the Movin' Mavs, Texas A&M will face a team that stam-peded past Sam Houston State 63-10 last weekend. It's hard to judge the strength of the UTA squad on the basis of its one-sided victory over the lowly Bearcats, but Smith said the Aggies are aware of the Mavs' talents.

"I feel like it doesn't matter who you play, but anytime you score 63 points, you're doing something right," he said. "So we won't judge them by what they did last week ... and we won't take them lightly just because they played a bad team."

And in turn, the Mavericks and Coach Bud Elliott don't regard the Aggies as pushovers just because they lost—and lost big—a game that everyone thought they'd win. Elliott, who has been coaching at UTA for nine years, said his players know about the offensive unit led by Kubiak and Co.

"We're extremely impressed with their offense," he said. "Kubiak reads defenses real well and throws the ball well, and we know that Hector is an extremely good running back."

"We feel that George Smith is a dandy, and overall, A&M has great outside speed. The offensive line is better than most people were saying, too."

Kubiak opened the season against Boston College by com-

See UTA page 17



photo by Donn Friedman

Aggie trainer Bob Bitters cools down a tired Matt Darwin during Texas A&M's loss to Boston College two weeks ago. The Aggies' starting center and his

teammates will face the UTA Movin' Mavs Saturday at 6 p.m. in Kyle Field.

MISSION CAR WASH

3301 Texas Ave.

\$1 off exterior wash

Sundays only 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
 Student ID Required

The Resale Gallery Furniture
 New and Used
 at affordable prices
 2795 S. Texas 775-7300
 across from Brazos Savings

3707 E. 29TH (TOWN & COUNTRY CENTER)

SARITA'S SMOKE SHOP

- PIPES
- SNUFF
- SPITONS
- PIPE RACKS
- ROLLING PAPER
- CIGARS - IMPORTED AND DOMESTIC
- LIGHTERS/FLUID
- IMPORTED CIGARETTES
- CUSTOM BLENDED TOBACCO
- CANDLES THAT KILL TOBACCO ODOOR

SOON IN COLLEGE STATION

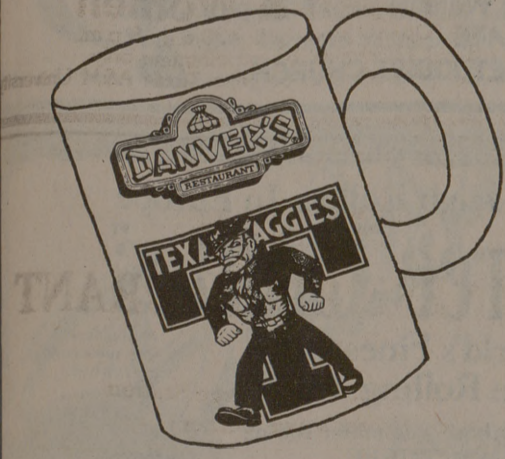
FUN • FOOD • DRINK =

TECS

CULPEPPER PLAZA

Our Toast To You!

Buy a Dr Pepper **\$1²⁵** and keep the mug.



While Supplies Last
DANVER'S AGGIE MUGS!
 Refills **25¢** with Mug
 thru 10/31/82



Be a Pepper

201 Dominik College Station 693-6119

M S C
AGGIE CINEMA
 PRESENTS

RAGTIME

Friday Theater 8 p.m.

THE WARRIORS

Saturday Theater Midnight

JEAN COCTEAU'S 1946 Classic
Beauty and the Beast