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Twelfth Man team chosen

One of the most cherished traditions of Texas A&M will come to life once again when the Aggies host the University of Texas at El Paso at Kyle Field Saturday.

Texas A&M Head Football Coach Jackie Sherrill announced Monday the members of the Aggie Twelfth Man kickoff team for the 1984-85 season.

Last season, the Twelfth Man squad consisted of 16 players, who covered the Aggie kickoffs at home games and allowed an average of just 13.1 yards per runback.

For the '84 season, the squad has been increased by four because a greater amount of talented players tried out for the team compared to last year.

"We got a lot more quality players coming out to compete for the team," Sherrill said. "I think that this year's team will be a lot more physical and tougher, although we won't have the speed we had last year."

Last year we had a couple of players that were true 4.5 speeds (in the 40 yard dash). We still have a couple in the 4.5 to 4.6 range, but most of them will be in the 4.7 speed area."

Ten players return from last year's squad: Bill Allison, a senior from San Antonio; Tom Arthur, a senior from Houston; Jeff Blair, a senior from Clute; Larry Johnson, a senior from San Antonio; Ike Liles, a senior from Stamford; Keith Newton, a junior from Abilene; Ron Reynolds, a junior from Killeen; Tom Bevans, a senior from Houston; Robert Crouch, a senior from Po-

teet; and James Barrett, a senior from Midkiff.

The team also acquired ten new members for 1984: Chad Adair, a freshman from Friendswood; Jeff Boutwell, a junior from Cameron; Ronnie Glenn, a freshman from San Antonio; Corey Linscombe, a sophomore from Universal City; Bobby Middleton, a sophomore from Hill-sboro; David Phillips, a senior from Nacogdoches; Shawn Slocum, a freshman from Bryan; Mark Wurzbach, a sophomore from Bryan; Ashley Eddington, a junior from San Antonio; and Dennis Mudd, a senior from Yoakum.

Coach Sherrill said the kickoff team will be well prepared for the UTEP Miners come Saturday.

"Since the fall camp started, they have probably covered more than 150 kickoffs, so they are in good shape and they are ready to put on show the first game," Sherrill said. "We're excited about it."

Roy Kokemoor, a graduate assistant working with the Ags' secondary, takes over as coach of the Twelfth Man squad after former Aggie star quarterback David Beal left after the 1983 season.

"These kids don't lany enthusiasm," Kokemoor said. "Everything they approach they do it wide out and you could see that the other night in the scrimmage when we had them on the punt block and kickoff teams."

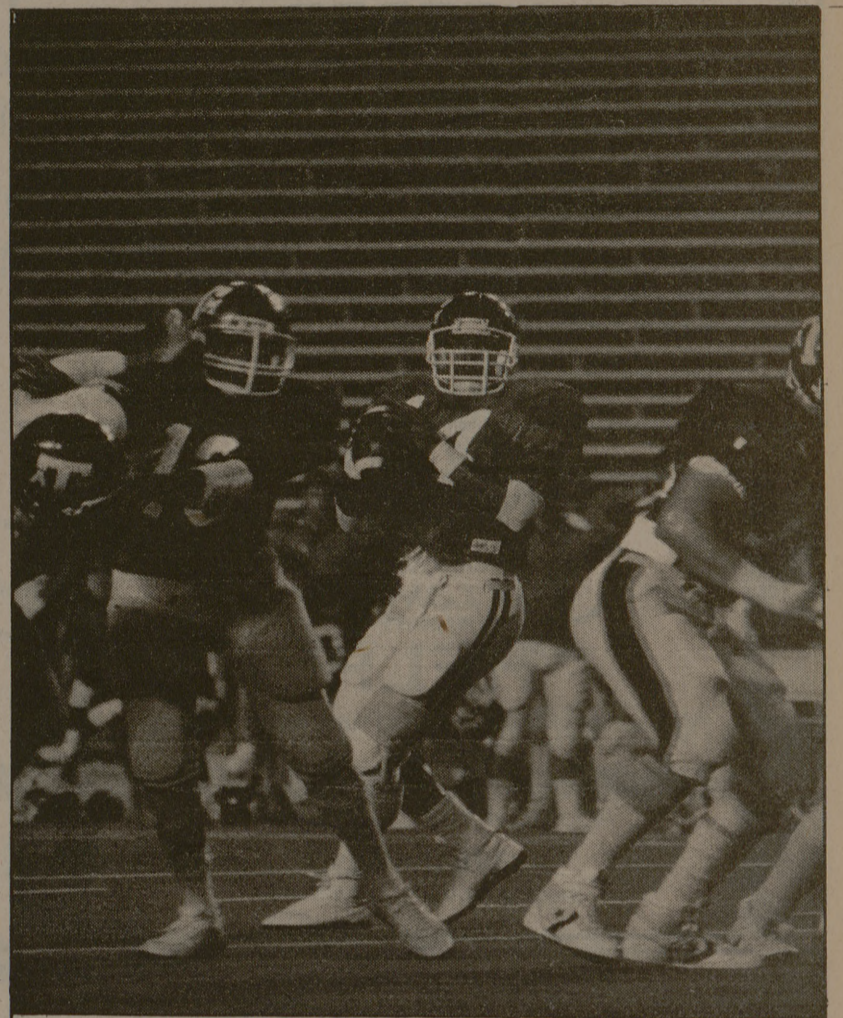


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Texas A&M quarterback Kevin Murray looks down field for an open receiver during a scrimmage at Kyle Field Friday.

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Erleben waived by New Orleans

United Press International

NEW ORLEANS — Punter Russell Erleben, who spent the New Orleans Saints' final preseason game on the sideline watching rookie punter Brian Hansen, was among six Saints put on waivers Monday.

Erleben, a University of Texas star who was New Orleans' No. 1 draft pick in 1979, asked to be waived so he can try to join another team, a Saints spokesman said.

Saints insiders said Erleben might be picked up by the Dallas Cowboys or the San Francisco 49ers.

Although New Orleans lost Saturday's final preseason game to Washington 14-9, Coach Bum Phillips praised young Hansen's five punts

for an average 38.2-yards, three of them downed inside the 10.

Also waived by the Saints Monday were veteran guard Jim Pietrzak, tight end Bobby Fowler, linebacker Rob Nairne, running back Cliff Austin and linebacker Chris Martin.

Five players were put on the injured reserve list, including nose tackle Gary Lewis. Doctors concerned about a cyst in his chest have ordered a biopsy to check for cancer, said spokesman Rusty Kasmiersky.

Also on injured reserve are linebacker James Haynes, rotator cuff injury to his shoulder; tight end Larry Hardy, thigh injury; linebacker Ken Bordelon, hamstring pull; and wide receiver Mike Dellocono, back injury.

Erleben, who shares an NCAA record for a 67-yard field goal against Rice, was beginning his fifth year with the Saints. He ranked seventh in NFC punting last year, punting 74 times for a 41-yard average.

Pietrzak, out of Eastern Michigan in 1974, was also beginning his fifth year with New Orleans. He saw action in every game last year and handled every punt snap of the season.

Nairne's problems with his Achilles tendon kept him out of the starting lineup in all but the first game last season. But the former Oregon Stater saw action at outside linebacker and was on special teams. The Saints gave up their fifth-round

draft choice in the 1983 draft to get Nairne.

Austin missed the first five games with a shoulder injury last season, his first with the Saints. He led Clemson in rushing as a junior and senior, and carried 27 times for 260 yards in his senior game against Duke.

Martin, also beginning his second year with the Saints, was discovered by Phillips in the 1982 Senior Bowl. The Alabama native out of Auburn played mostly as a second teamer in 15 games last season, but missed the last game with an ankle injury.

Fowler, a 6-2, 230-pound tight end, joined the Saints this year as a free agent out of Louisiana Tech and Angleton (Texas) High School.

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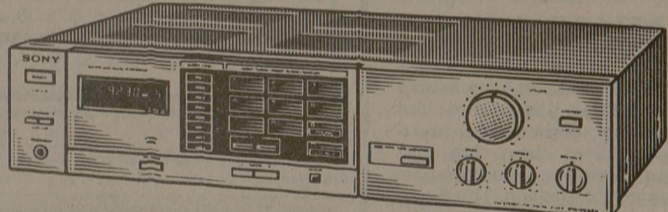
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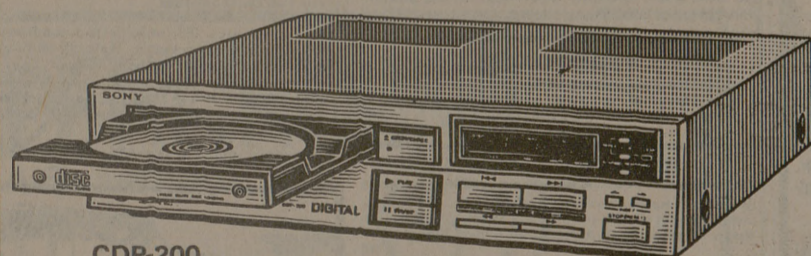
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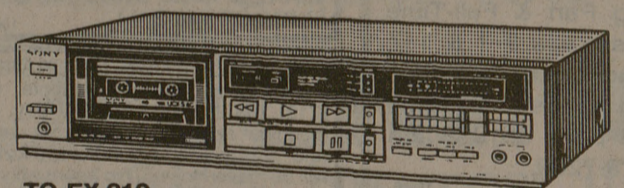


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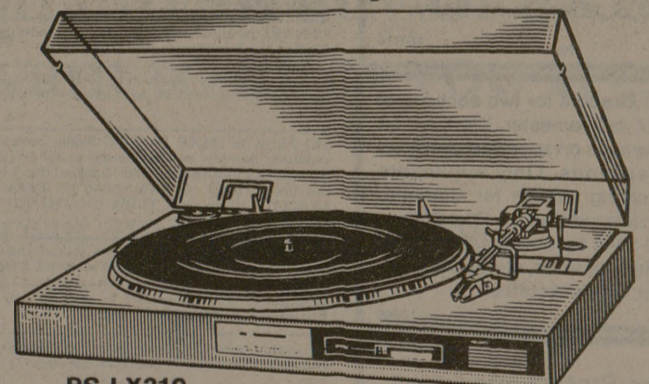
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