

# '85 Aggs mixing old faces with new offense



Texas A&M quarterback Craig Stump, shown here scrambling against TCU last season, led the Aggies

to season-ending upsets over TCU and Texas. Stump, along with '83 starter Kevin Murray, should

both be more than capable of running the Aggies' newly installed "run-and-shoot" style offense.

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Texas A&M offensive coordinator Lynn Amedee says that Head Coach Jackie Sherrill's promise that the Aggie football program is on the right track should be evident in 1985.

Amedee says that this year, although it would be nice to have, the Aggies will not have to depend on incoming freshmen to produce immediately.

And there are also a few other things that are going to change at Kyle Field this year. The most noticeable difference will be that the Aggies should be filling the air with footballs.

Lynn Amedee, going into his first year of being A&M's offensive coordinator, has installed his "control offense, a system similar to the "run-and-shoot" offense used by the former the Houston Gamblers of the United States Football League.

"The similarity of the two styles is that the wide receivers have to read the defensive alignment along with the quarterback in both systems and that a lot of the sets and options are pretty much the same," Amedee says.

But he says there are also some notable differences between the two systems.

"The 'run and shoot' depends on the quarterback getting to the outside, while our offense will be more of a drop back style of passing attack," Amedee says. "We will also be using a running game more than most of the 'run and shoot' teams."

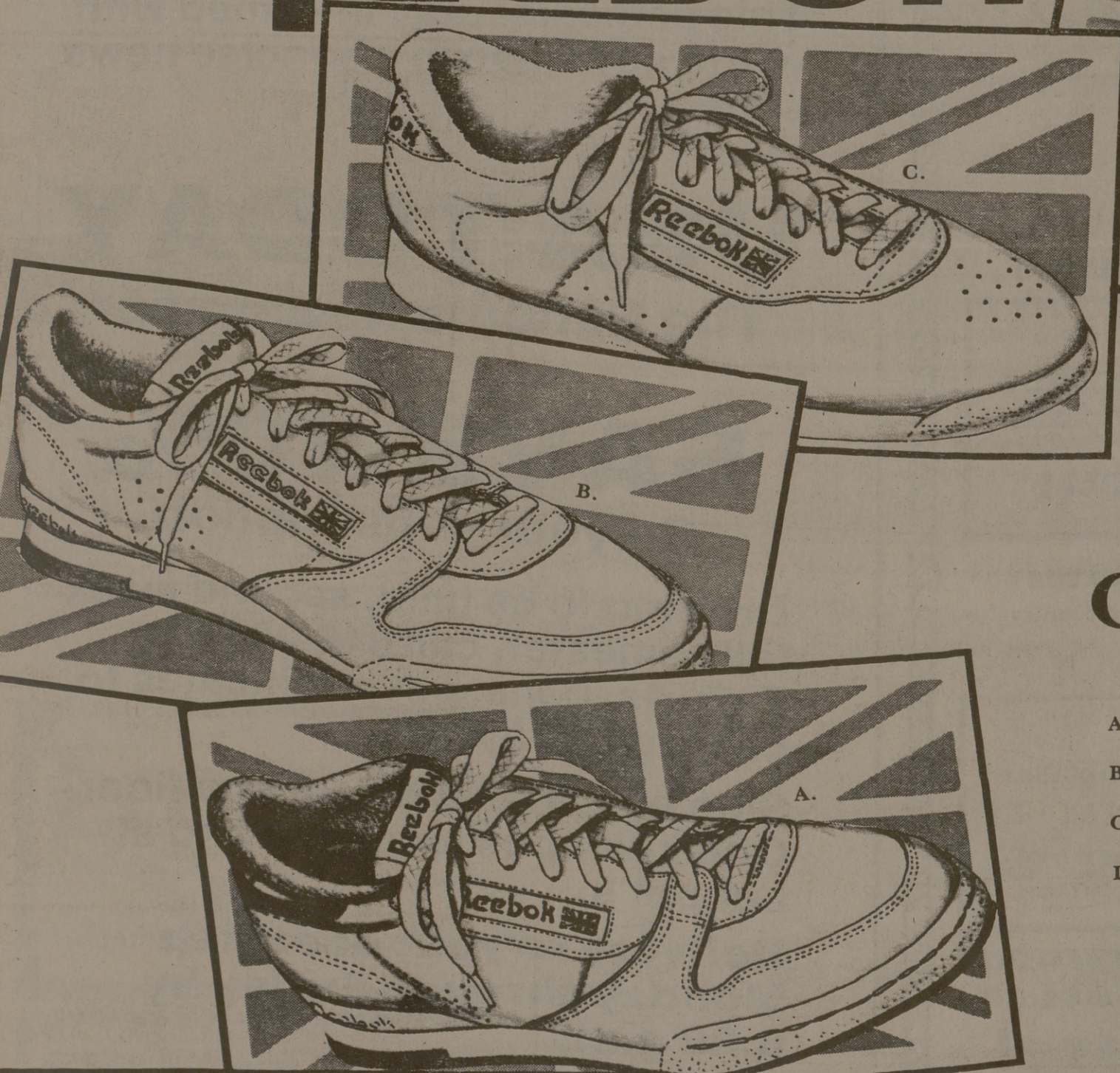
"What a lot of people don't realize is that I'm not just a pass oriented coach," Amedee says. "When I was with LSU in 1977, we set the sixth all-time rushing record in the Southeastern Conference."

"That year we averaged 394 yards a game on the ground and 412.9 yards a game in total offense," he says, referring to an LSU record book.

Since Vanderbilt averaged more than 300 yards a game in the air last season, Amedee says his goal for the

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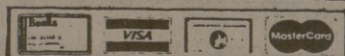
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