Sports

Sherrill hopes offensive line is 'on the Ball' against SMU

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100000000000000000000000000000000000000	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Miami, Fla. (55)	7-0-0	1,193	1
2. Penn State (4)	7-0-0	1,107	6
3. Michigan (1)	7-0-0	1,081	4
4. Oklahoma	6-1-0	1,017	5
5. Auburn	7-0-0	986	7
6. Washington	6-1-0	818	8
7. Arizona St.	6-0-1	798	9
8. Alabama	7-1-0	792	2
9. Nebraska	6-1-0	684	. 3
10. Texas A&M	6-1-0	679	10
11. lowa	6-1-0	602	11
12 LSU	5-1-0	597	12
13. Arkansas	6-1-0	467	14
14. Arizona	6-1-0	428	15
15. UCLA	5-2-0	343	17
16. N. Carolina St.	5-1-1	262	20
17. Ohio St.	6-2-0	188	
18. S. California	5-2-0	173	1
19. Mississippi St.	6-2-0	93	13
20. Florida St.	4-2-1	65	-

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By Homer Jacobs Assistant Sports Editor

Texas A&M coach Jackie Sherrill is not looking forward to having a Ball on the field in Texas Stadium

Southern Methodist University's Jerry Ball, that is.
Sherrill said at his press conference Tuesday that the defensive right tackle, who has been almost impossible for past A&M offensive lines to block, once again could pose many problems for the Aggies.

"(In last year's game) I guess in the first three plays, he caused two fumbles," Sherrill said. "We didn't

A&M left guard Trace McGuire will draw the task of blocking the 278-pound All-America candidate.

"That is a mismatch," Sherrill eaid.

He also said the inconsistent play of A&M's offensive line this season can be traced to a lack of continuous

"We've never had the five (linemen) together there healthy," Sherrill said. "We're not, as a group, as

good up front simply because of the

(missed) practice time."

He said all five starting offensive linemen — left tackle Louis Cheek, right guard Jerry Fontenot, center Matt Wilson, right tackle Marshall Land and McGuire — will play Sat-urday, although Wilson and Land still are nursing injuries.

Sherrill said the Aggies may gain an advantage if the Mustangs blitz a lot, which would force their de-fensive backs into a man-to-man situation with A&M receivers.

"They're not very good man (coverage) players," he said.

And with quarterback Kevin Mur-ray in the pocket, Sherrill said, that ust makes a defensive team more vulnerable to the blitz.

'There's no question that he's (Murray) not an easy quarterback to blitz because he's not going to get frustrated and flushed out of the pocket," Sherrill said.

Aggie Notes . . . SMU has beaten A&M five out of the last six times the teams have met, including the only three meetings at Texas Stadium. The last three games have been decided by a total of 13 points.



Photo by Anthony S. Casper

All-American Archers

Texas A&M President Frank E. Vandiver congratulates A&M Archery Club members Gary Boecker (left) and Tommy Thompson for being named to this year's All-American Archery Team.

lexas Race of Champions will be held next weekend

&M action on rectangular foot-all fields the weekend of Nov. 8-, but action can be found on the val at Texas World Speedway r the 10th Annual Texas Race

Champions
The Texas Race of Champions ll be the final event of seven ces held on Sunday, Nov. 9. erry Labonte, a two-time winer of the Texas Race of Chamons, is the defending cham-on. Racing great Bobby Allison, who finished second last year, will

try for his first championship.
Other two-time Texas Race of Champions in the competition "The Beaumont Flyer" Freddy Fryar and Jimmy Finger.

Practice and qualifying will be held Nov. 8 with a party held that night in the speedway infield. For further information, contact the Texas World Speedway, P.O. Box AJ, College Station, Texas, 77840 or call (409) 693-2500.

Aggie basketball player Crite injures hand

By Ken Sury

Texas A&M basketball player Winston Crite will be out of action for about a month after breaking a bone in his left hand Friday during

Crite, a three-year starter for the Aggies, fractured the bone which extends from the index finger, basket-ball trainer Mike Ricke said. Crite's hand is in a cast and he is expected to miss three to four weeks of practice due to the injury.

This is fourth time in his A&M career that the 6-7 forward from Bakersfield, Calif., has been injured early in the season. As a junior last

year he suffered an ankle injury. He broke his nose his sophomore year and bruised his thigh as a freshman.

Winston had his annual injury, A&M Coach Shelby Metcalf said. "I'm just glad it came early in the year and it doesn't appear he'll miss

any games.
"The one thing I dread us fighting to keep him off the floor. He's so big and strong he'll want to get back on the floor.

It was a subdued Crite who watched from the bench during practice Tuesday.

"I don't know why this happens," Crite said. "I lifted weights over the summer, ran and got my ankles strong. You try to everything you

can to get ready for the season, but I can't seem to make it through October without getting injured.

Crite, a second-team All-Southwest Conference player last season, said it was frustrating not being able to practice with the rest of the team.
"It's real tough for me," he said,

because I love the sport. I love playing basketball. I'm so much better than last year, so it's really frustrat-ing. I just have to understand that these things happen."

Last year Crite led the Aggies with

an average of eight rebounds a game Aggies. His 13.3 points-per-game average was second on the team be-hind SWC scoring leader Don Mar-



Winston Crite

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