

Aggies invade Lincoln

Nobody really knows what to expect from the Texas A & M Aggies when they invade Memorial Stadium Saturday for a 1:30 p.m. date with the Cornhuskers. Even Aggie head coach Gene Stallings is in the dark about his team's capabilities.

The Aggies staged an offensive explosion in their opener with a 41-7 win over Wichita State. But in their second outing against Louisiana State, the Aggie offense failed to score and the defense fell apart, suffering a 37-0 loss.

The "up and down" Aggies could give the Huskers a good game, but it could also result in a rout. The Huskers are 28-point favorites.

THE AGGIES bring a bigger team to Lincoln than the 1969 team which dropped a 14-0 decision to the Huskers.

The offensive outfit is handled by junior Lex James. The six-foot, 180-pounder was stricken by infectious hepatitis prior to spring drills and missed all of the work in March and April. But James recovered during the summer and has thrown for 222 yards in his first two outings this year.

Last year, James completed 111 of 225 passes for 1,662 yards and six touchdowns.

James' favorite targets are junior tight end Homer May and flanker Hugh McElroy. McElroy, who played No. 2 in high school behind Colorado's Cliff Branch, is also an excellent kick returner.

IN TWO GAMES this season--his first as a kick returner--McElroy has returned six kickoffs for 162 yards, a 27-yard average.

The Aggies were one of several teams to experiment



James... Aggie QB.

with the Wishbone T offense, but have now returned to a winged T attack. That's the formation the Aggies used when they won the Southwest Conference championship in 1967.

Fullback Doug Neill and tailback Steve Burks, the top two Aggie rushers in 1970, handle the running. The Aggies have alternated their offense this season, passing 49 times in 149 offensive plays.

Nebraska head coach Bob Devaney isn't sure just what to

expect from the Aggies Saturday.

"**THEY'RE NOT** a strong enough team to run over too many teams," said Devaney. "James is an excellent roll-out quarterback and can hurt you with the long bomb. We're just not sure what they'll try against us."

Nebraska's little men-slotback Johnny Rodgers (5-10) and split end Woody Cox (5-9)--will challenge the biggest safeties in college football. Texas A & M free safety Brad Dusek and strong safety David Hoot both stand 6-2 and weigh over 200 pounds.

The Cornhuskers haven't made a change in their starting lineup since the season opened, except for injured players. And that's the same situation this week.

Center Doug Dumler, who sat out the Minnesota game, is expected to start Saturday and linebacker Bill Sloey will also be available for action. Devaney was still uncertain Thursday night if the two will play in starting position against the Aggies.

ALTHOUGH the flu bug has hit the Husker camp, there shouldn't be any starters out of action for Saturday. First team offensive tackle Daryl White was hospitalized Thursday night, but he should be ready for the weekend.

Reserve fullback Maury Damkroger, who saw a lot of action against Minnesota, missed three days practice and is considered a doubtful participant against Texas A & M.



*Texas A & M at Nebraska
 Colorado at Ohio State
 Oklahoma at Pittsburgh
 Kansas at Florida State
 SMU at Missouri
 Virginia Tech at Oklahoma State
 Iowa State at New Mexico
 Brigham Young at Kansas State*

Big Eight bruisers tackle strong foes

Colorado has one of those schedules that every team dreads, but it's one of those schedules that every underdog team needs if it wants a chance to finish high in the national ratings.

The Buffaloes scheduled three teams that were rated in the pre-season top 10--Louisiana State, Ohio State and Nebraska.

The Buffs disposed of LSU, 31-21, in their opener and then claimed a lopsided win over Wyoming to earn the No. 10 spot in this week's AP and UPI polls. But the Buffs must prove themselves again this Saturday when they travel to Columbia, Ohio, to meet No. 5 rated Ohio State.

Buff eye upset

OHIO STATE is again a strong, physical team. The Buckeyes defeated Iowa, 52-21, in their opener before taking a day off last Saturday.

Buckeye quarterback Don Lumka is already being compared to Rex Kern. Lumka, who backed up All-American defensive rover Jack Tatum last year, scored four touchdowns against Iowa and gained over 100 yards rushing. He's more of a running threat than Kern.

Ohio State, as usual, isn't a fancy offensive team. The Buckeyes just give their opponents a physical beating. This game should be the first real test for Colorado's defense.

The rest of the Big Eight teams also get off the patsy wagon this weekend.

Pittsburgh improved

OKLAHOMA faces its first of three big Saturdays when it visits Pittsburgh. The Sooners meet USC and Texas the following weekends.

But the Sooners won't be able to look past Pittsburgh. The Panthers surprised UCLA, 29-25, in their opener and could develop into one of the top independent powers in the East.

Like Ohio State, Pittsburgh had an extra week to concentrate on this Saturday's Big Eight opponent with a breather last Saturday.

"Pittsburgh is a much stronger team than we had anticipated before the season started," said Oklahoma head coach Chuck Fairbanks. "We'll have to play exceptionally well in this game."

If the Sooners get by this weekend, their real power will be tested against the Trojans and Longhorns.

Kansas travels South

KANSAS should find out if it's really back in 1971 when the Jayhawks travel to Tallahassee to meet Florida State. Kansas' opening two victories, both shutouts, could be misleading.

The Jayhawks' first two wins were against probably the two weakest teams on their schedule. Washington State was labelled by the "bottom 10" poll as the worst college team in the nation. Most writers figure Baylor, Kansas' second victim, will finish last in the Southwest Conference.

Florida State, however, should prove a good test for the Jayhawks. The biggest trial for the 'Hawks could be Florida State's passing attack.

Florida State, 2-0 on the year, has led the nation in passing offense over the past five years and again features a potent aerial attack.

Missouri still winless

MISSOURI will try to score its first win of the season when the Tigers entertain Southern Methodist Saturday. In their two opening losses, the Tigers have averaged just 77 yards rushing. Missouri will be without the services of quarterback Mike Farmer and tailback Bruce Berry.

Kansas State entertains Brigham Young, Oklahoma State hosts Virginia Tech and Iowa State tries for its second straight win when the Cyclones visit New Mexico at Albuquerque this week. The Nebraska Cornhuskers round out the Big Eight schedule with a 1:30 p.m. contest against Texas A & M 1 Memorial Stadium.

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 "quarterback," explained Corgan. "He has to be able to handoff or pitch. What ever he does as far as running is just gravy."

Tagge isn't a fancy running quarterback. And Jeff Kinney can't be regarded as a swift-footed runner. Fullback Bill Olds would never win a

ballet contest.

But fancy, sneaky running isn't what makes Nebraska's I formation go. It's a combination of powerful running, timely blocking and experience.

Nebraska, the nation's No. 1 college football team, doesn't have a fancy offense. But there's no team that can match the Cornhuskers when it comes to running up the gut.

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