



San Marcos will practice on Monday and Tuesday this week before concluding its spring camp on Thursday with its Spring Game. Daily Record photo by Gerald Castillo

Rattlers head into final week of practice before Spring Game

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San Marcos closed another week of practices with its final scrimmage before the Spring Game. Head coach John Walsh said the team failed at running the ball as effectively as they needed too if they wanted to be successful. Granted, it was the first season for the high schoolers under the former state champion coach, but over the last year the scheme has fit into their personnel like the last puzzle piece. “I know to win big, you have to be able to run the football. We didn’t run the football like we needed to last year, that’s why we’re 2-7 instead of 5-4 and trying to make the playoffs,” Walsh said. “It’s not because

of anyone specific but this year as a unit, we understand the offense now and being able to throw the ball with Jamil Gordon, Nate Henry and Ryan Hix will back people off us. But we understand we still need to run for 300 for us to reach our goals as a team.” The receiving room is loaded with playmakers who all do different things. They’ve adopted the nickname of “YAC (yards after catch) Boys” for the simple fact that they want to be aggressive after the ball gets in their hands, making plays through contact and making people miss tackles. Although under Walsh’s scheme, receivers have plenty of roles to excel in. Catching the ball is just one of them. Their hands must be strong so their speedsters

in the backfield can get into the endzone more next year. “We focus mainly on our blocking, that’s what Coach (Marvin) Nash wants us to really work on, focusing on blocking the corner and getting our running backs into the end zone,” Gordon said. The Rattlers still are stressing about transforming their bodies if they want to be good. A prime example of that depicts itself in second-year starting quarterback Isaiah DeLeon. He’s slimmed down, trimmer, has more spin on the ball and his game has transcended to a higher level. As the head of the snake, DeLeon set the tone for the look of the team. “For me, I’ve improved a lot as a person and as a quarterback,” DeLeon said about his spring season ap-

proach. “The things Coach (Carl) Thompson has been working on with us in the weight room and my workouts with Coach (Lee) Vallejo has been changing my body and changing my mind as a player, it’s been really good.” As San Marcos enters its last week of practice and the Spring Game approaches on May 20, the competition on both sides should ramp up even more. “Defense has their days, we had a bad day last time,” the receivers claim. “Next week will be different and the offense is better.” The defense will have a chip on their shoulder as well with bragging rights on the line next week.

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Collecting race T-shirts and remembering where they came from



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I was doing some household chores this week and trying to catch up on laundry. After drying the clothes and folding them to put everything back in the closet and shelves, I realized that there are a couple of articles of clothing that seem to stand out. The two articles of clothing that every man, and most women, find in their wardrobe are T-shirts and ball caps. T-shirts are comfortable, cool in warm weather, easy to care for, and often make a statement. T-shirts come from a variety of sources and tend to accumulate over the years. If you travel to another state or another country, a ball game, or a special event the one item that is something to buy is a T-shirt. Buying a T-shirt for yourself is a reminder of the visit or event that you can wear to show others or to reminisce about. If you need to buy a gift for a friend or relative while traveling a T-shirt is not very expensive, will pack easily into the suitcase, and in most cases the person will appreciate the gift. T-shirts make it easy to advertise a business, a race, a special event, a favorite sports team, or simply have a phrase that you think is either funny or important to you. They come in a large array of colors and styles. Some are very special and are worn only on special occasions. I have a T-shirt with Bill Roger’s signature on it that states, “Moe, See you in Boston, Bill Rogers”. I might as well frame that shirt as I have only worn it about three times. For runners a T-shirt is a reminder of a race they

ran. I don’t know what race started the idea of giving a runner a T-shirt but it is an established routine that almost every race follows. I started to accumulate a stack of T-shirts during my running days and thought it would be good to give runners a different item. I had some cotton towels printed that said, “I (a big red heart) Love to Run 10K’s” and gave it instead of a T-shirt. The long time runners appreciated something different, but the first time runners felt cheated out of the T-shirt. Years later that towel became something special for the runners that ran the race. I got my first race T-shirt at the first Capital 10K in 1979. I received my latest T-shirt at the Bobcat Prowl 5K shirt a few weeks ago. After folding the shirts and trying to stack them in some sort of order on three shelves it became apparent to me that I have too many T-shirts. Between running races, organizing races, volunteering for helping at races since 1979 the T-shirts are out of control. Some of them are not from races. I have a few from when I was a strength coach for NHL hockey teams, some from traveling overseas, attending special events (like the last time Willie, Merle, and Ray gave a concert in Austin), several that had Black Legends photos on the front (Arthur Ashe, Jesse Owens, Jackie Robinson) and the a few that were gifts from others. I organized the Better Half Marathon for 33 years that had a variety of shirts in the pile. Long sleeved, short sleeved, high tech, cotton, and even a jacket one year. There are green fluorescent, orange fluorescent, blue, green, grey, black, and even a few

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LBJ Museum Golf Tournament held at Plum Creek course



Left: Long-time community leader Ted Breihan, right, enjoys watching the 18th Ted Breihan Open, a fundraiser for the LBJ Museum, with his son Stacy Breihan. Center: First place team Soechting Law Firm, with winners (left to right) Charles Soechting, Johnny Roberts, Lucas Roberts and Tyler Ware. Right: Second place team members (left to right) Josh Cox and Cody Day representing the First Lockhart National Bank. Photos by Christopher Paul Cardoza



STAFF REPORT

The Lyndon Baines Johnson Museum of San Marcos celebrated the 18th Ted Breihan Open Golf Tournament recently at the Plum Creek Golf Course with 15 teams and 60 golfers enjoying a perfect spring day. The Soechting Law Firm won first place, with golfers Charles Soechting, Lucas Roberts, Johnny Roberts and Tyler Ware prevailing. They edged out the First Lockhart National Bank team with Jim Sherwood,

Cody Day, Sal Calzonciti and Josh Cox in second place. Placing third was the team sponsored by Texas Regional Bank with golfers JD Dillinger, Jason Hendrix, Quinton Clayton and Jeff Whittacre. Other trophies went to Kari Bellville, Texas State University, for women’s longest drive; Phillip Nadeau from Breihan Electric’s team won the men’s longest drive; and Brian Olson, owner of Premier Cuts, had closest to the pin. Ted Breihan, a founder of

the LBJ Museum and the tournament’s namesake, made a special visit to the event to watch the competition. Other teams competing in the tournament were sponsored by Century Link/ Yarbrough Agency, the Greater San Marcos Partnership, the McCoy School of Business-Texas State University, Breihan Electric, Carbajal and Associates, Premier Cuts, Texas State University, Linebarger Attorneys at Law, the San Marcos Chamber of Commerce, Germer Insur-

ance, and the Bobcat Golf Range. “We want to thank our teams, sponsors, donors, and the Plum Creek Golf Course who made this event a great success,” said Linda Rodriguez, Museum Vice President. “Especially this year, it was great to see old friends and meet new ones.” Hole sponsors included Frost Bank, Department of Political Science-Texas State University, Greater San Marcos Partnership, Ozona Bank, Linebarger Attorneys at Law, Office Texas State

University, Carmel Imel and Ed Mihalkanin. The event also featured raffle items donated by Tito’s Handmade Vodka, Frog Pond Distillery, Hye Rum, Dripping Springs Vodka, Alexander Vineyards, Slate Mill Wine Collective, Texas Heritage Vineyards, Twin Liquors, Middleton Brewery, Lost Draw Cellars, John Navarrette, Whataburger and Messina Hof Winery. Donating breakfast treats were Mochas and Javas, Whataburger, and Chick-

Fil-A. The LBJ Museum, located at 131 N. Guadalupe Street in downtown San Marcos, features exhibits honoring President Lyndon Johnson, who graduated from Texas State University in 1930. The museum is open free to the public Thursday through Saturday from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tours and facility rentals are also available. For more information, contact Debby Butler, Museum Manager, at 512-353-3300.