

Texas All-Stars Drill In Hershey For Big 33 Game

HERSHEY, Pa. (AP) — The Texas high school all-stars, who just arrived here Wednesday night, planned a heavy workout today to prepare for Saturday's Big 33 football game against Pennsylvania.

Their coach, Bobby Layne, a former star quarterback in the National Football League, said he would hold two workouts today and two Friday.

"We lost a full day of practice," he said Wednesday. "We need two sessions both days."

The Pennsylvania squad has begun tapering off its practices and will work out only once a day.

Asked to describe his team, Layne said, "we don't have the speed we had last year, but we have another fine group of players. They have a great attitude."

Coach Bill Murray said his Pennsylvania team appeared to be in better shape now than it was a week ago. The workouts have slimmed down some and added weight to others.

"I don't think some of these boys were in as good shape as they thought they were," said Murray, former mentor at Duke and now executive director of the American Football Coaches

Association. "We're accomplishing a lot more now that we're in better shape."

Pennsylvania's interior line on defense is big averaging about 252 pounds. The heaviest man is Mike McCoy, a 278-pound All-State tackle from Erie Cathedral who is headed for Notre Dame.

Texas' line probably will average 10 pounds less, but the Cowboys are likely to wage a powerful running attack, plus a good aerial game. Quarterback Chuck Hixson of San Antonio Highlands completed 96 of 193 passes last season for 1,272 yards and 18 touchdowns.

Murray has been paying special attention to his quarterbacks — Charlie Burkhart of Montour, Jim Sniscak of Middletown and Joe Buchinski of Mount Carmel, who in one practice session completed 90 of 108 passes.

"Not bad, not bad," remarked Murray, "but you know what we should complete in practice, don't you? It should be 108 for 108."

Promoters of the Big 33 game predict a standing room only of 25,000 spectators at Hershey Stadium at kickoff time at 8 p.m.