

# Royal Touch Is Too Much

It should be the same song, second verse for the Texas Longhorns this season. The Darrell Royal touch, from the looks of the Steers' spring practice, has produced another winner.

Dave Campbell, the Southwest Conference sports writer who compares pre-season outlooks for the league, was probably trying to be funny when he listed Texas' problems as "none."

But, tain't funny McGee, 'cause they got no problems.

THE ONLY SERIOUS losses suffered in Austin were those of linebackers Pat Culpepper and All-American Johnny Treadwell

seven offensive starters are gone, to be sure, but Royal has material and then some to fill the gaps.

Crunching tackle Scott Appleton is probably the SWC's best candidate for national honors. The 6-3, 235-pounder will lead a forward wall that already proved it was one of the best in the league last year.

Ends Sandy Sands and Ben House, tackle Ken Ferguson guards George Brucks and Olen Underwood and center David McWilliams round out the formidable Longhorn front.

Two veteran quarterbacks, Duke Carlisle and Tommy Wade, should

serve all the Steers' needs in that slot. And soph Marvin Kristynik is liable to surprise everyone.

All-SWC Tommy Ford will be returning at tailback for Texas. And if he gets tired, capable Hix Green and Charles Buckalew will be itching to take over the chores.

THREE PROVEN wingbacks return, led by Joe Dixon. Jim Hudson and Anthony King both looked

menacing in brief '62 appearances as well.

Ernie Koy is the Horns candidate for all-star honors at fullback. And if he just wants to sit back and kick his 60-yard punts Harold Philipp and Timmy Doerr, both lettermen, will take over.

Royal has 27 lettermen returning. Among them is barefooted kicking specialist Tony Crosby.

## Frogs Have Power Lack QB, Speed

Power, power and more power is the word from the home of the Horned Frogs. Texas Christian Coach Abe Martin has the benefit of 28 lettermen, a number shared with Texas as tops in the conference.

Martin's offense will have a little different look this year without giant passer Sonny Gibbs and the key to the new look will be a powerful fullback who has been heard from before. Tommy Crutcher, 6-3, 210, led the Southwest Conference in rushing last year and is high on all-conference and all-America lists for the coming season.

Running on each side of the senior Crutcher will be a pair of junior bulldozers Larry Bulaich and Jim Fauver giving the Frogs probably the most devastating backfield in the conference. The question mark that keeps TCU from being the best bet for the crown is quarterback.

TCU has two prospects with possibilities in senior Gray Mills and junior Randy Howard. However, both lack experience due to Gibbs' complete domination of the Horned Frog offense.

The size and strength of the TCU defense is the brightest spot in the Frogs' title hope. Martin will have the top linebacking duo in the league with Robert Mangum and Crutcher.

## Muscular Rice Owls Aimed At Share Of SWC Crown

Jess Neely starts his 24th year as head mentor of the Rice Owls with a collection of muscles aimed at forming a league-leading trio with the powerful Arkansas and Texas.

State, Penn State and Stanford. Following this trio of worthy opponents, Rice should be flying high and stand a good chance of hitting their target — the Cotton Bowl on New Year's Day.

## SMU, Texas Tech Picked For Bottom But Might Forget

Once the Southwest Conference season gets underway, two teams of youngsters may forget they are supposed to stay on the bottom and start shaking up the higher echelon of the league.

Neely's hope for the future rests on a pair of Walker boys who are related only by the fact that Playboy magazine picked them as nationwide Sophomore of the Year. Malcolm Walker, 240-pound junior center, was chosen as Sophomore Lineman of the Year in 1962 and Gene Walker, 202-pound halfback, received the distinction of Sophomore Back of the Year in the 1963 Playboy Pigskin Preview.

## Thrills Are Certain But Wins Another Story For Baylor

Baylor fans, who may suffer from a lack of victories, will have no shortage in the excitement department this year. Coach John Bridgers has 1962's top collegiate passer in Don Trull and one of the conference's top receivers in flanking back Lawrence Elkins.

Hayden Fry's SMU Mustangs surprised a few folks last year. And with that team essentially intact and some promising newcomers it could really become a thorn in the big boys' sides.

And if these two heavyweights aren't enough to make the rest of the Southwest Conference tremble, the Owls have an all-conference contender in 253-pound tackle John Mims and a fine pitching combination of junior Walter McReynolds at quarterback and senior letterman John Sylvester at left end.

These two Bears makeup the top battery in the conference and give Baylor a high scoring potential. But a weak defense creates problems that a three-TD offense might not be able to overcome.

Men to watch on the '63 Pony squad are tailback Billy Gannon, quarterback Don Campbell, guard John Hughes, and all-star candidate John Knee at tackle.

Explosive backs on J. T. King's Texas Tech squad could produce some upset wins in Lubbock. End Davis Parks is an almost sure All-SWC performer.

Fullback is the strongest position in the Rice Camp with two junior lettermen Paul Piper and Russell Wayt running 1-2.

The linebackers are young and inexperienced and the line and secondary holds little promise.

Though both teams are still mainly occupied with rebuilding chores they might get the job done faster than most experts think.

Neely, who has the knack of pulling the upset, fell to a 2-5-2 record last year but provided the only blemish on SWC champs Texas' record with a 14-14 tie. This year the Longhorns will be mighty happy to gain that.

If the Bears' defense can come through, they will supply plenty of trouble. But that's a big "if" when the Southwest Conference has what may be it's best array of offensive talent in many years.

If the Baylor fans will settle for thrills instead of wins, it will be a successful year in the Baptist camp.

## Hogs Will Test Longhorns

For the third season in a row Arkansas' Frank Broyles has suffered devastating graduation losses. But the unsinkable Porker coach is still picked to turn out the team that'll give Texas a good race for the league title.

last year and during spring practice he can ably fill Moore's shoes. George Rea Walker, with help from Ken Hatfield and Stan Sparks, Fullback will probably be the only should make up for it from the Razorback problem and standout wing and tailback slots.

With Danny Brabham, Jesse Branch and Billy Moore gone, the Hogs' offense will be a rebuilding job only Broyles could equal. But the defense is intact, reportedly even better.

Twenty-eight lettermen, seven of them seniors, are returning to the 1963 Arkansas squad.

Two Razorbacks have gotten the nod as possible All-Southwest Conference performers. Tommy Brasher, a 5-11, 200-pound guard will anchor the weakside of the forward wall. Junior Jerry Lamb, a 6-1, 180-pound split end from Houston caught 23 passes for 378 yards and four touchdowns last season.

UP FRONT will look something like this: ends, Jimmy John and Lamb; tackles, Wesley Bryant and Dave Adams; guards, Brasher and Mike Hales; center Ronnie Cavanaugh.

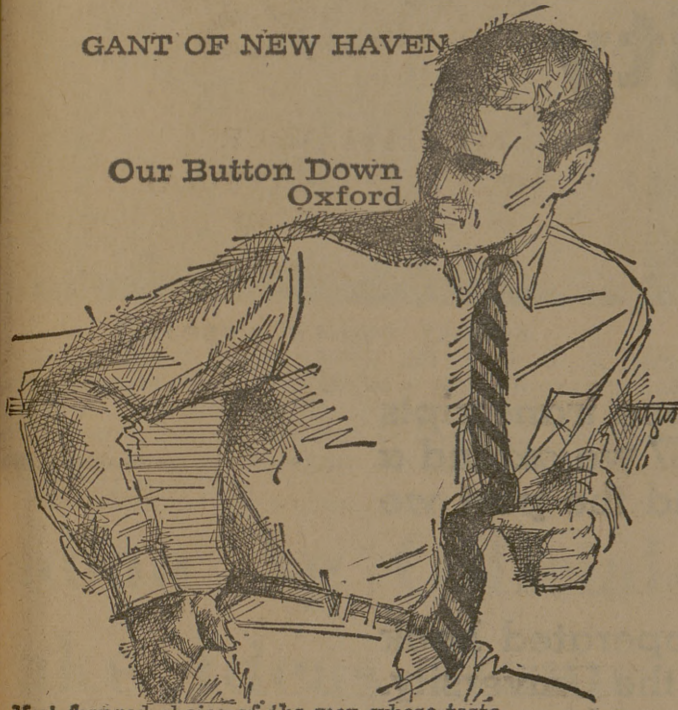
Quarterback Billy Gray proved

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