

# Corsicana, Travis Meet Friday

## FROM THE Sidelines

By Larry R. Jerden



The Southwest Football Official's Association had an eating meetin' Wednesday night and had as their main speaker Aggie Assistant Coach Elmer Smith. Introducing Smith was Barney Welch, who had the following tale to relate about his own officiating days in Arkansas:

It seems he was a kind of freelance referee, and was to officiate at a high school game between Conway and Morrilton. When the two teams came out for the second half, Conway, who was to kick off, lined up with the ball only a few yards from the sideline. The kicker approached the pignskin, but before he put his foot into it, the boy holding stood up and threw the ball completely out of the park.

Before anyone could figure out what was happening, the lad produced another ball, placed it on the tee, and the kicker booted it deep into the opponent's territory. So dazed were the Morrilton players that when the oval rolled dead on their seven yard line, a Conway griddler was covering it. . . as he had in practice all week!

Welch said he wasn't sure what to call, but he knew something was wrong. There was no rule in the book, except one the Conway coach pointed to that said the half doesn't start until the ball had been kicked off. The first ball hadn't been, so the half didn't actually start until the second one was kicked. Being in doubt, Welch made what all good refs are called upon so often to decide: a judgement call. He solved the situation by penalizing Conway 15 yards for unsportsmanlike conduct and proceeded with the game. The coach later told him he had lost the game for them because he had completely demoralized the Conway team.

Some days ingenuity just does not pay!

Didja ever notice when the cookie-pusher schools win they stand around throwing their helmets in the air and all that noise? When the Aggies win, they just run off the field like it's just another game, not stand around and raise hell like beating TU is something they do once every ten years!

The TU game thus far isn't a sellout. The A&M ticket office had almost sold out weeks ago but the Sips sent back about 1,500 tickets they couldn't turn. Is

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this indicative of 'TU Spirit' when they don't have a perfect record?

A note from Spec Gammon shows that Coach Jack Hurlbut is 2-0 in scouting for the year. He scouted Georgia Tech and Rice and the Aggies obliged by winning both games.

Saturday's big game in Fayetteville bears mention. Will Tech turn the trick or will they pull their famous 'TU Choke' when they face the mighty Hogs? And what's going to happen when No. 1 Michigan State loses to No. 4 Notre Dame and the Pigs, in second spot, down No. 9 Tech? Will the power that be overcome their pro-midwest feelings and put the Hogs where they now belong, or will they jump the Irritating Irish to the top?

Fabulous Phil now has 80 punts to his credit for the year and still stands second in SWC stats with a 43.5 average. David Conway sits up top with a 44.3 mark on a little over half Scoggin's production, 46 kicks.

By the way, when the big day gets here next Thursday, the SMC's second and third leading passers will face each other. Heavin' Harry meets Mushypassin' Marv in the Turkey Day finale. Ledbetter has 71 of 157 for 797 while Kristynik has completed 63 of 127 for 853. But Arkansas' Jon Brittenum is still the only Quarterback in the nation to have a popular song at the top of the Little Rock record polls. "Quarterbackin' Man" is still number one in the Ozarks.

By LARRY R. JERDEN  
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Two of the state's top high school football teams battle it out for the District 3-AAAA title in Kyle Field Friday night at eight.

Corsicana, rated as Texas' number five schoolboy squad and winner of 3-4A's North Zone, will meet Austin's Travis High Rebels, the winners of the South Zone.

Corsicana has compiled a 10-0 record during the regular season while the Rebels are 7-3. Despite the difference in previous records, both coaches have expressed a strong respect for the potential of their opponents.

In exclusive telephone interviews with The Battalion, Coach Sonny Myers of Travis and Jim Acree of Corsicana told what they expect to develop on the A&M turf during the contest. Said Myers,

"I expect a real tough game. Corsicana has a great ground game but will pass just enough to keep you honest. And that Allison, (fullback Bill Allison), must be cited as their best."

Acree praised the Austin team, saying,

"I really expect a tough game. They can slip up and beat us. Both of us are just lucky to get this far, but now that we've entered the championships, we've got new life. It should be a good, close game."

Myers added that he expects a large delegation to follow the team from Austin, and said that the school was sending nine or ten busloads along.

He described the Rebel attack as an air-minded one, led by the passing combination of quarterback Tommy Cox and split end Orville Jansen. On the ground the Travis rushers have been led by fullback Randy Hitsman.

The probable starting lineup for Travis should be Don Mar-

tine, left end, (89); Dean McNew, left tackle (72); Larry Dippcey, left guard, (65); Jerry Cryer, center, (50); Mackie Crow, right guard, (62); Earl Cardy, right tackle, (60); Jansen, split end, (80); Jess McAngus, wingback, (22); Bobby Miller, fullback, (38); Hitsman, fullback, (40), and Cox, quarterback, (15).

Corsicana's main weapon during its undefeated campaign has been its ground game, and this has been lead by Allison, the fullback.

The North Zone winners' lineup will probably be:

Gary Scutt, left end, (37); Don Roberts, left tackle, (48); Ronnie Ward, left guard, (41); Ronnie Ragsdale, center, (51); Jim Tillans, right guard, (38); Phil Tillans, right tackle, (45); Willard Simmons, right end, (36); Ben Smith, wingback, (31); Allison, fullback, (32); Steve Winn, flankerback, (21), and Mike Nekuza, quarterback, (25).

## Elmer Smith Says Officials 'Improving'

Elmer Smith told the College Station chapter of the Southwest Football Official's Association of the improvements in officiating over the last few years and gave them his views on calling a game Wednesday night in the A&M Consolidated cafeteria.

The group and their invited guests, the area coaches and school administrators, had just finished a bar-b-que dinner when the Aggie Assistant Head Coach gave his speech. He was introduced by former A&M grid star Barney Welch, now a college station insurance salesman.

## Stabler Detected Rice's Fatal Flaw

There was more to Texas A&M's first touchdown against Rice last Saturday when the fact that Eddie McKaughan passed to Jim Stabler for a 32-yard scoring play.

Stabler, an alert-eyed senior halfback from Dallas, noticed what appeared to be a defect in Rice's defense and suggested that he might be able to get behind the secondary. Coach Gene Stallings sent him in for a try at it and it worked.

Stabler caught the pass at about the Rice ?? and made a couple of dandy moves to evade tacklers and went into the end zone standing up.

"Eddie threw a perfect pass and I just concentrated on catching it. I stopped and two tacklers sailed past me and I just got around the third," Jim explained.

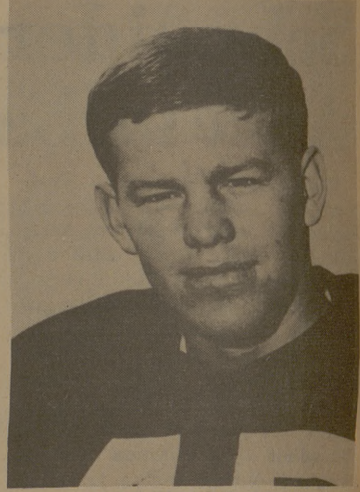
Coaching passes is nothing new to Stabler even though he's been known as a running back most of the time at A&M. During his junior year at Dallas Hillcrest he was the primary target on what was a passing team. Then, his senior year, Hillcrest was a running team and Stabler was the top runner. He also was an aerial threat on the run-pass option, tossing two TD passes. Just to prove his versatility, he punted for a 38.7 average.

Jim has passed a few times at A&M (he's 2 for 2 this year) but hasn't done any punting. "We first had Jim Keller and then Phil Scoggin as punters since I've been here and that's a pretty good pair of kickers."

When Stabler finished at Hillcrest, he had SWC football offers from TCU, SMU, Texas Tech

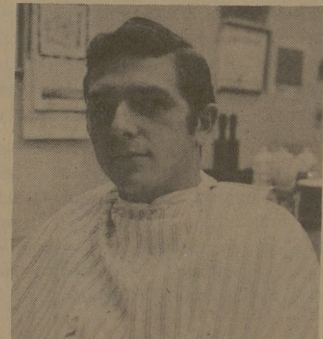
and the Aggies. "I picked A&M because it had a real fine athletic program, excellent facilities for athletes and because I knew it was a school where I could get a good education."

Stabler will get his degree next spring with a major in finance. His immediate future isn't set, however. "I may enter law school or I may go into the Navy's officer candidate school. I just don't know right now."

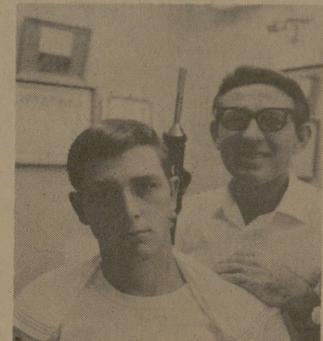


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Jim sought a contract to become an Air Force pilot after his sophomore year here but he couldn't pass the eye exam.



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