

An Art Lover

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"This year's football team is just great," Mrs. Boots Watson, wife of linebacker coach Dan Watson, says.

"I'm proud of all the boys, especially the ones Don recruited," she added.

To her, recruiting is one of the most important parts of football. "You have to have good boys to work with," she noted.

"Don has always known that he wanted to be a coach," she said. "He was raised by his high school football coach."

Coach Watson recruited Billy Kubecka, Ivan Jones, Buster Adami, Tommy Maxwell, Larry Stegent, Mike Caswell and Charlie Riggs.

"We kind of grow up with the players," she said. "I'm so proud of Don because he has recruited such good players for us."

She enjoys recruiting because it gives her a chance to meet the players and their families.

"When Don was recruiting Tommy Maxwell, he went to visit Tommy's mother in Houston," Mrs. Watson recalled. "Mrs. Maxwell was having a bridge party," she added. "So Don spent the afternoon playing bridge, and we got Tommy," she continued.

"Billy Kubecka comes from a family of 11," she said. "They are all so proud of him and so are we."

Mrs. Watson enjoys traveling. She sometimes goes with Coach Watson when he recruits.

"I remember when Don was recruiting Buster Adami," she said. "After Don made a speech at a banquet, Buster came up and said, 'Coach, I want to play for you,'" she continued.

Mrs. Watson is very interested in the players. "I kind of take them under my wing," she said. "And I'm so proud because they have done so well this year."

She has enjoyed being a coach's

wife because it has given her an opportunity to travel.

Mrs. Watson, who is an artist, calls herself a "realistic rather than a modern painter." "I enjoy painting old things, like general stores," she said.

She has always been interested in art. She attended Southwest Texas State where she majored in art. She also attends art schools during the summer.

She is also an interior decorator. "I enjoy changing things," she said. "I redid our house when we moved in."

She is very interested in Spanish art and has used it in decorating her home.

She was very happy to come back to A&M. "The spirit of A&M is really great," she said. "We've been to five universities and none of them have as much spirit as A&M," she added.

The Watsons have two children, Kelly age 9 and Bobby, who is 6. What is their favorite sport? Football, of course.



MRS. DON WATSON

College Football Comments

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Definitely," answered Gary Beban, "definitely, this will be the biggest game of my college career."

As a sophomore, the UCLA quarterback and his mates surprised top-ranked Michigan State 14-12 in the Rose Bowl, and the Bruins' football record since Beban came on the scene stands at 23 victories, 3 losses and 2 ties.

Currently ranked No. 1 among the nation's collegians, the Bruins still must prove their right to the ranking on Saturday when they battle traditional rival Southern California.

Definitely on the line are the Pacific-8 conference title and the Rose Bowl bid. The game could

also decide this year's national champions.

UCLA points to Beban as the nation's greatest collegiate player.

The Bruin quarterback in three seasons has gained 1,339 yards rushing and 3,769 passing. He already holds school records for his passing yardage, his 35 touchdowns rushing, his 224 passes completed, his 5,108 yards in total offense and his 56 touchdowns running or passing.

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. (AP) For the first time in five years, there's an Eastern football coach glad that he can't redshirt. In fact, Penn State's 6-2 record

and five-game win streak might be just the opposite of the Nittany Lions hadn't stopped redshirting—or holding a player out for a year.

Coach Joe Paterno's team has been winning with a sophomore-dominated line-up. But in the days of the redshirts, most of these sophomores would have been sitting out the year.

Of course, no one can tell what type of fifth year players the Lions would have had left this year either. But it's doubtful they could have improved much on the record.

Bill (Butch) van Breda Kolff is the new coach of the Los Angeles Lakers.

UCLA Picked By AP Sages

NEW YORK (AP) — It's a case of a good quarterback, Gary Beban, against an explosive runner, O. J. Simpson—and we have to go with the quarterback in the Game of the Year Saturday at Los Angeles.

The bet here is that Beban, passing and scrambling for UCLA, will roll up more yards and touchdowns than the sprinter Simpson for USC—with the decisive points perhaps coming from the toe of UCLA's Zenon Andrusyshyn. If you can't spell it, how can you stop it?

Last week: 35-13, 729. Season: 393-135, 744.

UCLA 25, Southern California 22: The Trojans are favored by 3½ but still must be a bit mentally down from the 3-0 loss to Oregon State.

Tennessee 15, Mississippi 10: Chalk this one up to the Volunteer seniors who never have beaten an Ole Miss team.

Indiana 14, Minnesota 7: A team that won't be whipped can not be whipped. The maturing Hoosier sophomores pull out another one.

Texas, El Paso, 33, Wyoming 25: The Cowboys bite the dust in this Western thriller and another perfect record falls.

Oregon State 21, Oregon 14: No need for the Beavers to call on Mike Haggard's field goal mastery but the game will be close.

Oklahoma 28, Kansas 7: The Sooners should be dreaming of basking in Miami sunshine.

North Carolina State 18, Clemson 15: Good chance for upset here but Frank Howard's boys may be looking ahead to South Carolina.

Texas 25, Texas Christian 14: TCU's spectacular comeback runs into a barbed-wire fence.

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Cougars Take Lead In Offense Stats

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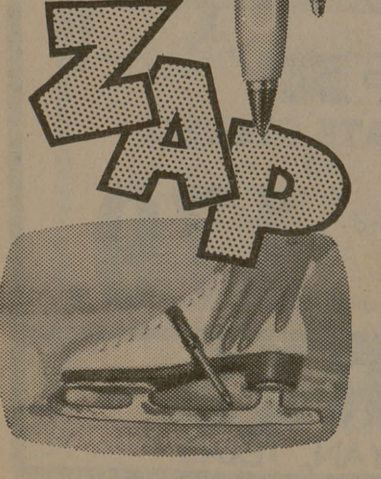
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