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Lord wins defense award

By The Associated Press

Oh, Mike Lord could have gone to Louisiana State on a scholarship but that would have meant the Baton Rouge youngster, rather small by Tiger standards, would have had to sit out a year as a redshirt.

Instead, Lord went to Texas A&M and made LSU wish it had tried harder for the toy destroyer.

Lord made 23 tackles, intercepted a pass and recovered a fumble last Saturday night in Texas A&M's 20-18 victory over LSU to earn junior Lord The Associated Press' defensive-player-of-the-week laurels in the SWC.

Eddie Phillips, the Texas quarterback who ran California cross-legged in a 56-15 victory, just edged out Lord's teammate, Aggie quarterback Lex James, in the balloting for offensive player of the week. James threw a 79-yard touchdown strike to Hugh McElroy with 13 seconds remaining in the pulsating victory over LSU.

Middle linebacker Lord, who stands 6-feet and weighs 201-pounds, wasn't courted heavily by LSU although he played at Broadmoor High School in Baton Rouge. His parents now live in Fort Worth.

"LSU has the stigmatism of being a big ball club," Lord said. "I'm not very big. I was almost assured of a red shirt season with them. I didn't want that. In a great sense, I felt I would not get to play very much for them."

Lord said the last-second victory was "The greatest feeling I've ever had coming off a football field. I knew quite a few of the boys we were playing against. That made it especially nice. I think we may have surprised them. We took the fight to them."

Of Lord's tackles, 12 were unassisted. His recovered fumble on the LSU 11 set up the tying touchdown.

And his interception on the A&M 27 shutdown what appeared to be a LSU touchdown drive in the opening period.

Phillips, in his first game for the departed legend, Mr. James Street, ran for 129 yards in 9 carries and scored two touchdowns. He also made good on 9 of 10 third down situations.

For his first game as a starter, Phillips said "I wasn't really that nervous . . . really . . . but my parents were. They couldn't even sit together for making each other nervous."

O. Z. White, a big California defensive lineman, said "Phillips gets my respect. The big thing was the mental thing. He had the mental thing, man, and that's what counts."

O. Z. has a point, particularly on one 11-yard touchdown play where Phillips appeared to have eyes in the back of his head. He turned up field and as he was being smashed by two Cal tacklers he casually flipped back to fullback Steve Worster who rumbled across.

The play was totally unrehearsed and didn't even raise Texas coach Darrell Royal's eye-

brows. "He seemed to have control," Royal said.

Said Phillips: "I tried it one time in practice, but fumbled. I guess I just had more confidence in the game."

Worster said of Phillips "He runs crooked and that's something I can't do. He's just great."

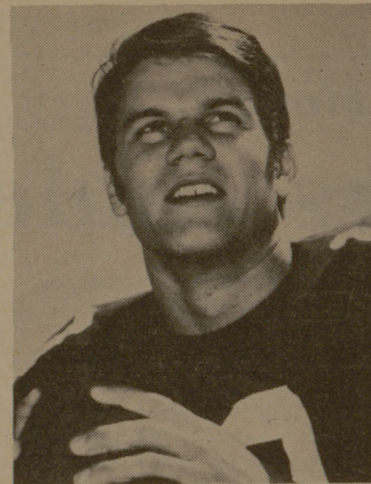
And Phillips, who understudied Street to the national champion-

ship last year, said his friends in hometown Mesquite, Tex., "were wondering if I ever was going to play."

Other vote getters on offense included McElroy and Matthews Williams of Baylor who scored on a 30-yard touchdown gallop in the Bears' 10-7 upset of Army. The other defensive vote getter was defensive back Bruce Bushong of Texas Tech.



Mike Lord



Lex James

From UPI

James wins award

Lex James, whose sterling passing performance and last-second touchdown bomb to Hugh McElroy against LSU last week helped the Texas Aggies to an upset of the 12th ranked Tigers, has been named by United Press International as the Southwest Conference back of the week and also the quarterback on UPI's national backfield of the week.

James completed 20 of 42 passes for 314 yards against the Tigers in leading the Aggies to

a 17-point fourth period rally their 20-18 win.

"Lex showed a lot of poise against LSU. We're pleased with his progress," said Coach De Stallings of his young quarterback's performance.

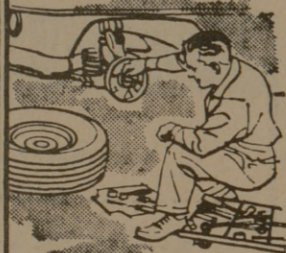
"I didn't think our young man would mature this fast."

Joining James on the national backfield were Joe Orduna of Nebraska, Lydell Mitchell of the State and Dennis Allan of Notre Dame.

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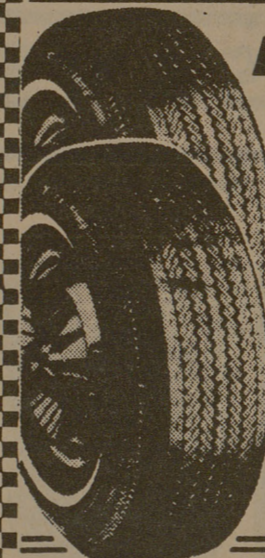
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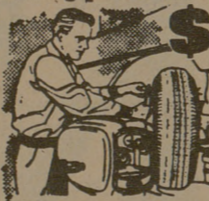
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Bowling team begins season in Lubbock

The Texas A&M bowling team opens its 1970 season Saturday when it travels to Texas Tech for its opening round of the Texas Intercollegiate Bowling Congress season.

The Aggies will play nine games at meets held at Rice, the University of Texas at Austin, Southwest Texas State, the University of Houston and South Texas Junior College this fall as well as hosting their own meet Oct. 17 at the Triangle Bowl.

Bowling for A&M Saturday will be Howard Creek, Chuck Litterer, Randy Vick, Larry Brill, Don Rockwell and Ray Keefe. The team is a part of the recreation committee of the Memorial Student Center.

A spokesman for the team said that representatives of the bowling team are selected from the top six averages at the close of each week of play in the Aggie All-Star bowling league at the Triangle Bowl.

That league bowls every Thursday evening, he said.

For a student to represent A&M in the bowling meets, however, he must have at least a 2.0 grade point ratio and not be on any scholastic probation. This eliminates first freshmen because they have no GPR.