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A&M-Tech	A&M	A&M	A&M	A&M	A&M	A&M	A&M
Baylor-Arkansas	Ark.	Ark.	Ark.	Ark.	Ark.	Ark.	Ark.
Texas-Oklahoma	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas
TCU-Oklahoma State	TCU	OSU	TCU	OSU	OSU	OSU	OSU
Tennessee-Georgia Tech	Tenn.	Tenn.	GT	GT	GT	Tenn.	GT
Kansas-Kansas State	Kan. St.	Kan. St.	Kan. St.	Kan. St.	Kan. St.	Kan.	Kan. St.
Missouri-Nebraska	Neb.	Neb.	Neb.	Mo.	Neb.	Mo.	Neb.
USC-Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	USC	USC	USC	USC
Cowboys-Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Dallas	Atlanta	Dallas	Dallas
Oilers-Baltimore	Houst.	Houst.	Houst.	Balt.	Houst.	Houst.	Houst.
Last Week	7-3	7-3	6-4	7-3	4-6	5-5	5-5
Season	32-8	29-11	28-12	28-12	26-14	26-14	24-16
Pct.	.800	.725	.700	.700	.650	.650	.560

Texas Tech scouting report . . .

Tech has top running game

BY VICTOR MOORE
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The improving Texas Tech Red Raiders (3-1) will come to College Station Saturday night to go against the Aggies (2-2), in what has been a traditionally close tough football game.

Although the Red Raiders return 31 lettermen, they have not escaped graduation pains. Tech, though losing only five defensive starters, lost a lot of talent in All-American Halfback Denton Fox, and All-Southwest Conference defensive end Richard Campbell. The defense does have good experience in its six returning starters, and with the help of some good sophomores should produce one of the best defenses in the conference.

The offense returns nine of its starters from last season. Charles Napper, who will be the starting quarterback this fall, led Tech in passing last year (65 of 153) for 901 yards and five touchdowns. Converted flanker, Johnny Odom, will be holding down the tight end spot this season. Last year as a flanker, Odom led the team with 320 yards on 23

receptions. With a fine spring workout, Odom has been given a good chance to become All-SWC.

Tech's running game is a good one. Although there is not a super back, there are six good runners to provide depth and punch to the offense. 6'-2", 206 pound Danny Hardaway, who gained 483 yards on 159 carries last season, will be joined in the backfield by 5'-11", 196 pound Miles Langehenning, who carried the ball 86 times for 336 yards, and 5'-11", 202 pound sophomore Doug McCutchen. Others to watch for are Larry Hargrave, Don Crocker, and Johnny Kleinert.

In Tech's four previous games this year McCutchen and Langehenning have been the backbone of the Red Raider running game. Both have displayed good speed to go wide and to hit the line quick and powerfully. Together, they have rushed for 511 yards of the 1009 total rushing yards, in only 100 carries. Combine this with the throwing arm of Napper 29 of 54 for 368 yards, the Raiders have been able to win three

of their first four games, bowing only to Texas 35-13 two weeks ago. Scoring for Tech has been as few as 13 to a high of 63 points, generated by a well drilled offense that likes to take advantage of an opponent's mistakes.

The Red Raider defense has been a good one in the early going. It has given up only a total of 750 yards in its three wins. Texas, however, changed that good defensive average of 250 yards per game by rolling up 522 yards of its own (432 yards on the ground and 90 yards in the air) against the Raiders in Lubbock.

In the last four games, the Red Raiders defense, led by Bruce Bushong at free safety, has picked off seven passes and recovered ten fumbles.

Expect a good hard fought game Saturday night, matching Lex James' throwing arm against a stingy defensive secondary, and the running of McCutchen and Langehenning against a strong Aggie defense. Texas Tech cannot afford another loss this early in the Southwest Conference.

Bird doctors up opponents

Max Bird is Gene Stallings' type of football player. So, it's no surprise that the 6-foot, 211-pounder is a starting defensive end for the Aggies as a sophomore this year.

It may be a surprise to some folks, though. As a 190-pound defensive tackle at Tascosa High in Amarillo, Bird wasn't a highly sought prospect. But A&M freshman coach Jim Keller, who recruited in the Panhandle then, liked Bird's style of play and signed him.

Last Saturday at Ann Arbor, Mich., Bird had four unassisted

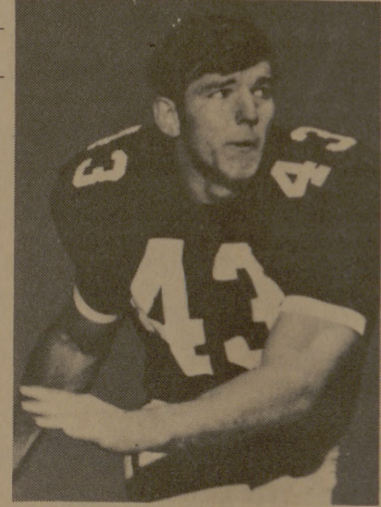
satisfied if he can help the team to another victory.

Though just a sophomore, Bird has already come a long way. He has started every game that includes foes such as Ohio State and Michigan. That is enough experience to last many players a lifetime.

Bird had a fine debut for the Aggies, recovering two fumbles in A&M's 41-14 win over Wichita State. He also played a big role in the 20-18 upset win over Louisiana State.

Bird isn't big for a defensive end, but his exceptional quickness compensates for a lack of size. Stallings feels Bird has to improve on containing line end sweeps, but more playing time should take care of that. Bird is one of the better students on the Aggie squad, carrying a B average into his sophomore year. He'd like to attend medical school when his playing days are over.

Right now, though, he's focused on an internship of at least two or a half more years in a Major League jersey, and he'll be happy to take care of a few opponents.



Max Bird

tackles, had one tackle for a three-yard loss and recovered one Michigan fumble.

"He's an emotional player," Stallings says of Bird. "He gets after you on every play. I'm not comparing him with Mike DeNiro (A&M's star defensive end who died in an auto mishap last January), but Bird plays with the same zest DeNiro did. I like that."

Bird was an alternate starter at defensive end for the freshman team and had a great game against Texas Tech, dumping the quarterback for losses five times. This Saturday he'll be starting his first varsity game against the Red Raiders and Bird will be

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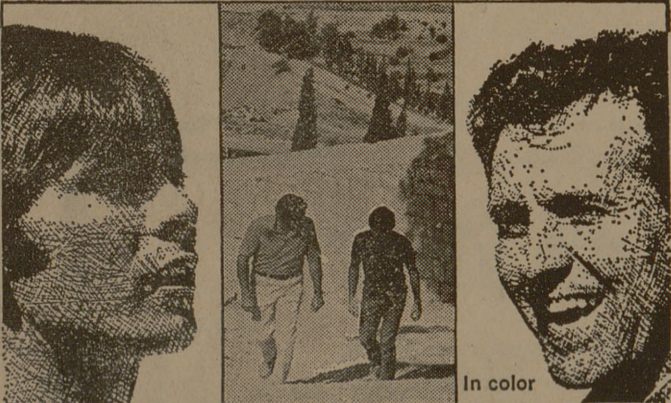
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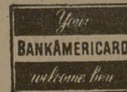
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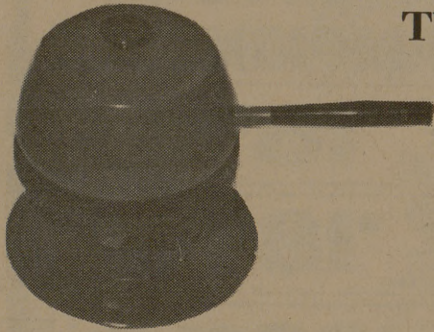
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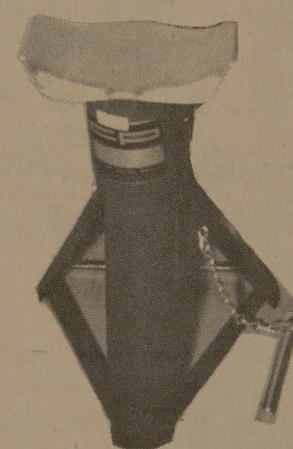
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