

Days off nice for Aggies, now looking at Longhorns

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The Aggie football team had Monday and Tuesday off, and light workouts were held Wednesday and Thursday, but Coach Gene Stallings said that he wished his squad had had an open date earlier in the season.

"I'm glad we have some time off," he explained. "I wish we could have taken a day or two off several weeks ago."

A&M is preparing for its traditional Thanksgiving Day battle with the University of Texas in Kyle Field. If the Longhorns win, they are the outright champions of the conference.

For the Aggies to take the title, Texas Tech must beat Arkansas Saturday and TCU must lose one more game this year. Then A&M must beat Texas.

Considering the possibility of the Turkey Day contest being the championship game and the emotion generated by the high stakes, Stallings was agreeable.

"I'm all for it," he said. "Most of the papers have Texas and Penn State in the Cotton Bowl."

Stallings said that the most impressive factor of the Longhorns is their personnel. Although they have been plagued by key injuries, Texas is ranked twelfth in the nation. Running from the Wishbone, they have won the Southwest Conference championship three years in a row.

"It's not the formation that's

important in running the Wishbone effectively," he said. "Their personnel makes them good. (Eddie) Phillips and (Jim) Bertelsen would be good in any alignment."

After studying films of the Rice game, which the Aggies won 18-13, Stallings and his staff gave out 30 stars to 25 players. Those receiving two each were linebacker Steve Luebbehusen, safety David Hoot, punter and tight end Mitch Robertson, offensive guard Leonard Forey and quarterback Joe Mac King.

"It wasn't one of our better games," Stallings explained. "Of course, Rice had a lot to do with that. We didn't tackle exceptionally well. (Stahle) Vincent's a good runner, (Bob) Brown's a fine receiver and (Bruce) Gadd is an excellent quarterback."

Nagging injuries involve some of the Aggie starters, but nothing major should interfere with the lineups for Thursday's game.

Doug Neill has boils and some sores on his elbow, and he is not practicing. Homer May is playing with sponges and tape on his hand, which he broke in the Arkansas game. Joey Herr is still slowed by the sore collarbone, and Hugh McElroy is stiff and bruised with a leg injury.

Mike Lord was hurt in the Rice game. What was originally thought to be a broken foot is a bad sprain. Lord was clipped, causing the foot to be rolled up under him.

Lex James, who was the number one quarterback earlier in the season, is beginning to practice again. James has had his thumb dislocated twice this year. In the Texas Tech game, the last one he played, he separated a shoulder.

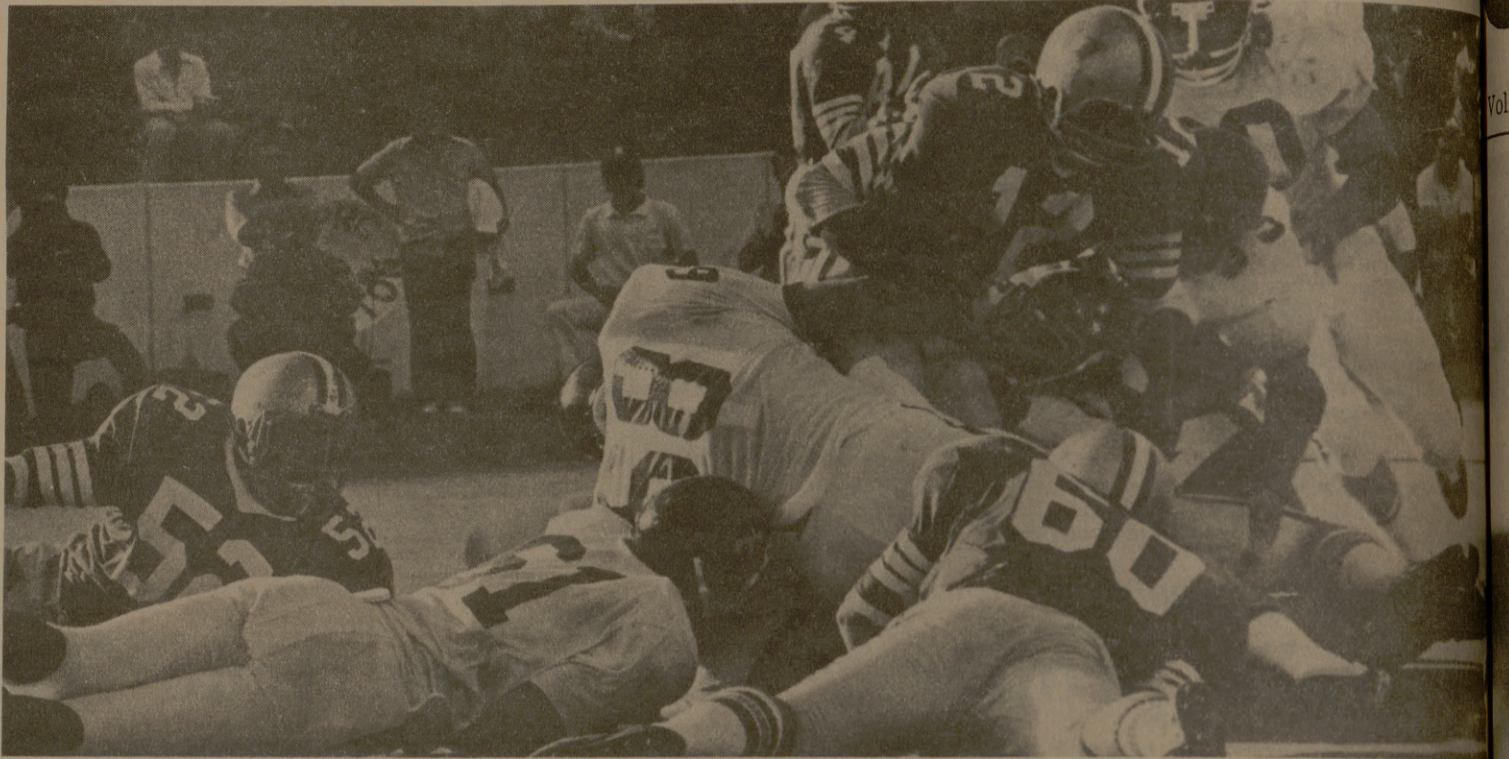
He was unable to throw last week, so he practiced at split end and wingback. Stallings reported that he catches the ball well, but it is not known if James will play against Texas.

Stallings said that key plays in the win over Rice were the bootleg play that Hoot stopped on a third and two situation, the fourth down tackle by Bill Wiebold and Lee Hitt, and Robertson's 74 yard punt.

"Joe Mac's calling most of the plays," the coach said. "On that last touchdown drive, I intended for him to throw that much, but I sure didn't think he would pass on the scoring play."

Everything points to next week's game being different than the final games of the last three seasons. This will be magnified if both schools can take the crown by winning.

"I'm hoping it'll be different this year," Stallings said. "There is more physical competitiveness now than in the past few years. The emotion ought to be greater if we still have a chance to win conference, but we'll lose any psychological advantage when we get out there in the arena."



RICE'S OUTSTANDING TAILBACK Stahle Vincent (12) runs into trouble last Saturday in the form of Boice Best (68), Steve Luebbehusen (55), and Kent Finley (60). The Aggies have an open date this week, with the Texas Longhorns scheduled to visit Kyle Field on Thanksgiving Day. (Photo by Mike Rice)

SWC showdowns slated in big games Saturday

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Southwest Conference Action heads into its next to last week with three games, two of which are crucial to the conference standings. The odds on favorite to cop the crown this year (Texas) is idle until Thanksgiving.

Arkansas will entertain Texas Tech in Fayetteville on Saturday afternoon in a game that is a must for the Razorbacks if they are to have any hopes in the conference race. Tech has nothing to gain with a victory except the spoiler's role. If Arkansas wins and Texas loses, the Razorbacks will win the SWC and play host in the Cotton Bowl against an undetermined foe. If Tech defeats Arkansas and if Texas A&M defeats Texas, the Aggies will have an excellent chance to play in the Cotton Bowl. Arkansas has had its troubles in the past three weeks in losing one, tying one and barely snipping SMU last weekend on regional television. Tech was riding its

second three-game losing streak before beating Baylor in Lubbock last weekend, 27-0. For the Red Raiders, it was the first time this season that they have gotten the offense together but this time it was under the leadership of sophomore Joe Barnes instead of senior Charley Napper. Joe Ferguson, even though injured late in the second quarter, led the Razorbacks to a stunning win over SMU, 18-13, in Dallas. Tech does have a big plus on its side being the number one team in the nation in defending against the pass; Arkansas' strong point.

In another big SWC tilt, TCU will host the Rice Owls in an afternoon encounter in Amon Carter Stadium. TCU is the fourth team that has any hope of a SWC championship. It must beat both Rice and SMU while Texas has to lose to A&M and Tech has to defeat Rice. TCU's hopes were given a depression last weekend in Austin when the Longhorns stomped the Frogs, 31-0. The chances of TCU winning the conference look to be the slimmest of the other four teams. Rice's defensive unit has come of age the past two weeks in its tie with Arkansas and in the loss to A&M last weekend. Bruce Gadd, Owl quarterback, has also caught fire with his passing to tight end Gary Butler and split receiver Bob Brown. The running attack is manned mainly by senior Stahle Vincent who picked up 90 yards before he had to leave the game early in the third quarter of the A&M game due to the flu. TCU is led by quarterback Steve Judy, Larry Harris and Bobby Davis and Steve Patterson in a Wishbone attack. Davis led the SWC in rushing early in the season before an injury put him out of action for two games.

Baylor hosts Southern Methodist in Waco in an afternoon game with nothing riding on this one but the record. SMU lost its chance for the conference crown

by losing to Texas, A&M and Arkansas in consecutive weeks. Baylor took the cellar honors for this year in last week's game with Tech by losing 27-0. The SMU attack is based on the running and passing of superstar Gary Hammond and sophomore running back Alvin Maxson who is leading the conference in carrying the pigskin. Baylor's offense is almost nil except for some spotty appearances by Si Southall, tailback Godfrey White and fullback Mathew Williams. The defensive unit for the Bears is commendable however with such superlatives as Roger Goree and Phil Beall. The Mustang defense has quite a list of good personnel with Sherwood Blount, Robert Popelka and Pat Curry.

Bevo VII is dead; was 18 years old

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — The Longhorn mascot steer who survived capture by Texas Aggies has been put to sleep.

"Old age caught up with" Bevo VII, said Bob Sours, a member of the University of Texas Silver Spur group which takes care of the Longhorn mascots.

Sours said Bevo VII was the one "stolen by Aggies about three years ago. They sawed off part of his horn."

After the Aggies kidnapped Bevo, he was put out to pasture, Sours said.

He said the Spurs are considering a gravestone "or something" in memory of Bevo VII. "He was one of the more gentle Bevos," he said. "An Aggie vet put him to sleep."

Bevo VIII got so big the Spurs couldn't carry him in their trailer, and he now grazes on state-owned land northwest of here. "He's also going a little blind," Sours said.

Bevo IX, the current mascot, will make the trip next Thursday to College Station for the football game between Texas and Texas A&M.

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