

BATT PICKS

Games	Readers Pick	Kevin Coffey	Larry Marshall	Bill Henry	Rod Speer	Mike Rice	Janet Landers
A&M-Baylor	A&M	A&M	A&M	A&M	A&M	Baylor	A&M
Rice-Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas
SMU-Texas Tech	SMU	Tech	Tech	SMU	Tech	Tech	Tech
TCU-Notre Dame	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.
Arkansas-North Texas	Ark.	Ark.	Ark.	Ark.	Ark.	Ark.	Ark.
Houston-Miss. St.	Houston	Houston	Miss. St.	Miss. St.	Miss. St.	Miss. St.	Miss. St.
Oklahoma St.-Nebraska	Neb.	Neb.	Neb.	Neb.	Neb.	Neb.	Neb.
USC-Oregon	USC	USC	USC	USC	USC	USC	USC
Oilers-Cincinnati	Cin.	Cin.	Cin.	Cin.	Cin.	Cin.	Cin.
Dallas-Detroit	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas
Last Week	5-5	6-4	7-3	7-3	3-7	5-5	
Season Record	50-20	48-22	47-23	46-24	41-29	39-31	
Percentage	.710	.685	.670	.655	.585	.555	

It's Not Baylor Homecoming For Former Bryan Native

WACO — When Baylor sophomore tackle Joe Johnson lines up against Texas A&M Saturday night he's going to have a lot of inspiration going for him.

In the first place he was born and raised in Bryan, the home of the Cadets. In the second place he thinks two straight losses are enough. And in the third place he wants to provide Coach Grant Teaff with a Homecoming victory.

The 6-0, 208-pounder actually has a fourth reason in that the Aggies talked to him about staying at home for his college education, but when signing date came around never came forth with the scholarship offer.

It was Teaff who put the spotlight on Johnson back in the spring when he shifted the quiet-spoken youngster from noseguard to defensive tackle. "I said at the time that he was going to be the sophomore of the year in the conference, and I'm not changing my mind now," Teaff pointed out Sunday as he graded films of the Baylor loss at the hands of Oklahoma State.

"Joe came through with an inspired tackle as he ended one of the greatest goal line stands I've seen as the half ended Saturday," Teaff said. "He got through and got to the fullback about the same time the ball did. He really came through with a heroic effort and we went to the dressing room with a 7-0 lead.

Johnson said he thought that he played "pretty good" against Oklahoma State, but that he

would have to wait on the films to be graded before he could be sure. "I didn't get beat too many times, though," he said. (For the record Joe got eight tackles and six assists.)

The former All-District noseguard at S. F. Austin High came to Baylor "because I liked the people and campus, and generally what the coaches wanted to do." He was a starting noseguard on a freshman team that won only one game and admits "You're always discouraged when you lose."

This spring he made the transition to tackle and has had a tremendous start toward the goal Teaff has pointed out for him.

Against Georgia he outgraded the heralded Millard Neely and got six tackles and four assists. To date he's had 26 unassisted tackles and 29 assists.

The best thing about the Baylor defense this year? "It's got to be that we are getting to the ball quicker. That helps to keep the runner from breaking tackles. Of course, spirit plays a big part.

Coach Pat Culpepper and Roger Goree make sure that we don't forget what we're out there for. They're super leaders."

Johnson says that there is little talking in the defensive huddle. "Roger calls the signals and that's it. However, when we get on the sidelines he usually calls us over and we get things straightened out."

Johnson says he thinks the Bears can snap back off twin losses at the hands of Arkansas and Oklahoma State and put it all together against the Aggies.

"Even though we can win the rest of them," Johnson declared Sunday, "I think this game against Texas A&M can be a turning point. We really need a conference win. That's what I want... to win a conference game and get back in the conference race. That's why you are going to see us giving our best Saturday night against the Aggies."

And the young man from Bryan would like to be a leader in that effort... just for old times sake.

Anderson Named NL's Top Boss

CINCINNATI (AP) — George "Sparky" Anderson doesn't bemoan his role as the losing manager in two of the last three baseball World Series.

"After all," says the Cincinnati Reds skipper, who was honored Wednesday as the National League Manager of the Year, "if

I weren't here I'd be painting houses, so I can't kick.

"I have nothing to complain about," he said. "How can you complain when you've got steak in your mouth?"

Anderson, whose Reds were beaten by Oakland in the seven-game World Series which ended here Sunday, has won National League pennants in two of his three years at the Cincinnati helm.

Cotton Bowl Watching 'Bama

DALLAS (AP) — Cotton Bowl representatives will be watching second-ranked Alabama for the third time Saturday in their search for the guest team against the Southwest Conference champion New Year's Day.

Alabama meets Southern Mississippi in Birmingham and Field Scovell, president of the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association and

cochairman of the selection committee, will view the game.

Other games under the Cotton Bowl eye will be Nebraska-Oklahoma State and Notre Dame-Texas Christian.

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