

# Kevin's Korner



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Making predictions is, at best, risky business. Predicting the outcome of a single football game is plenty hard, which makes trying to predict a whole season near impossible.

Overall, the Southwest Conference is as balanced as it was last year and it could hardly get any closer. Sure Texas won the crown by three games but if A&M had stopped Texas Tech's final drive to beat the Red Raiders and TCU beat SMU there would have been a seven way tie for second place with each school having a 3-4 record.

## Those Cotton Pickin' Longhorns

Here is the way the conference looks from here:

**TEXAS** Although I am not all that sure Texas can beat the whole conference, if you have to pick only one team to win the crown it has to be the Longhorns. Darrell Royal may be singing the blues but nobody seems to be listening as Texas Football Magazine, the TCU Poll, the SWC Press Tour Poll, Smith and Street's Football yearbook and Sports Illustrated pick the Longhorns to win their sixth consecutive title. SI even goes as far to pick Texas as the national champion but there is no way I can go that far. It just seems like it wouldn't be New Year's Day if Texas wasn't in the Cotton Bowl.

Realistically, the Longhorns have a lot going for them. They return eight starters from a defense that only allowed seven touchdowns last season. They never run out of quarterbacks and they always seem to find a good offensive line. What else do you need?

**TEXAS TECH** The Raiders have plenty going for them except they play Texas in Austin. They are faster than Texas and have some better offensive depth but Tech has a notable problem in the offensive line. Even if Jim Carlen's crew can beat Texas, the Longhorns could still end up on top.

Tech has the only really proven quarterback in the league in the gifted Joe Barnes and graduates some fine talent off an undefeated freshman team but it just might not be enough. But all is not bleak for the Raiders. Come bowl time, they should be in for a bid.

**TEXAS A&M** Everyone can now stop wondering where I'll put the Aggies. Third, where else?

Granted the Ags are inexperienced and, yes, a lot has to go right for A&M to finish this high but after last year some breaks have to go Emory Bellard's way.

Last year a good quarterback and a little luck was all that stood in the way of a 6-5 season. This year former marine and rodeo bull rider Mike Jay fits the bill for Bellard's revamped offense.

The Ags offensive line is still in some doubt but the running backs are top quality five deep and the receivers are excellent.

Defensively the Aggies sport both depth and quality at linebacker and the defensive backs are a mixture of junior college talent and 1972 holdovers.

Don't be surprised if the Aggies get a bowl bid come December.

**SMU** The Mustangs are perhaps the most puzzling team in the conference. If everything went their way and they stay healthy they could really battle Texas for the top spot. SMU has some of the conference's finest players in Kenny Harrison, Wayne Morris, Alvin Maxon, Ed Johnson and Louie Kelcher but there is no depth to backup the first string. The Mustangs are blessed with an easy pre-conference schedule but playing 11 games and staying healthy just might be too much.

**BAYLOR** The Bears are getting better every day but they, too, are plagued with lack of experience and a schedule out of their league.

Baylor has some depth at running back and a set of outstanding receivers but they are still a year or two away from being a real contender.

**TCU** As far as ability goes the Frogs should probably go at the bottom of the conference but the best team doesn't always win. The Frogs do have some top performers in Dede Torveen, Charlie Davis and Mike Luttrell but Ohio State and Tennessee don the Horned Frog name. The impetus that is needed to push the Frogs out of the cellar will come from the near miraculous recovery of Billy Tohill from a near fatal auto wreck. Who could let him down now?

**RICE** Coach Al Conover will need more than his usual tricks to keep this from being a long season. Conover has to count on throwing the ball over 50 per cent of the time and his new quarterback has never played major college football.

**ARKANSAS** It seems strange to pick a Frank Broyles' coached team at the bottom of the pile but they were in a rebuilding year before Scott Bull got hurt. The Hogs return only five seniors from last year's 6-5 team. Dickey Morton and Danny Rhodes are class football players but they can't do it all.

## THE BATTALION

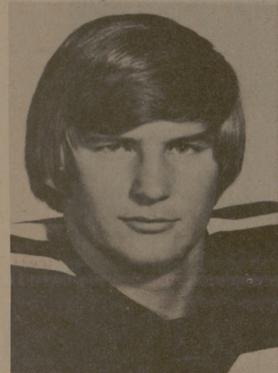
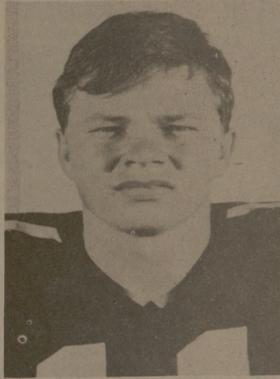
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Games	Guest Picker	Louie Holzem	Rod Speer	Mike Rice	T. C. Gallucci	Ted Boriskie	Kevin Coffey
A&M-Wichita St.	A&M	A&M	A&M	A&M	Wich. St.	A&M	A&M
Arkansas at USC	USC	Ark.	USC	USC	USC	USC	USC
Oklahoma at Baylor	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU	OU
Rice at Houston	UH	Rice	UH	UH	Rice	UH	UH
Santa Clara at SMU	SMU	SMU	SMU	SMU	SMU	SMU	SMU
Utah at Texas Tech	Tech	Tech	Tech	Tech	Tech	Tech	Tech
Penn St. at Stanford	Penn St.	Penn St.	Stanford	Penn St.	Stanford	Penn St.	Penn St.
Colorado at LSU	LSU	LSU	Colorado	LSU	LSU	LSU	Colorado
Cowboys at Chicago	Cowboys	Chicago	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys
Oilers at N.Y. Giants	Giants	Oilers	Giants	Giants	Giants	Giants	Giants
Season Record							
Last Week							

Guest Picker: President Jack Williams  
Next week's picker: Randy Ross



AGGIE GRID CAPTAINS for the 1973 A&M football team are Larry Ellis (upper left), safety from Troup, Mike Jay (upper right), quarterback from Torrington, Wyo., Rickey Seeker (lower left), linebacker from Bay City and Ed Simonini (lower right), linebacker from Las Vegas, Nev. Ellis is the only senior letterman on the entire squad.

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FRESHMEN

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N-S	Sept. 17-21
T-Z	Sept. 24-28

Pictures will be taken from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.

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SEPTEMBER 24 (Monday) ..... "SOLDIER BLUE"  
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NOVEMBER 2 & 3 (Friday & Saturday) ..... "PATTON: A SALUTE TO A REBEL"  
with George C. Scott, Karl Malden, Karl Vogler, and Edward Binns; the complete and unedited version of Scott's Academy Award winning portrayal of General George S. Patton.

NOVEMBER 13 (Tuesday) ..... "DUCK SOUP"  
with the Marx Brothers: Groucho, Harpo, Chico, and Zeppo. You'll be surprised if you don't go crazy from this greatest of all mad-cap madesses.

NOVEMBER 30 & DECEMBER 1 (Friday & Saturday) ..... "BONNIE & CLYDE"  
with Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway. The celebrated film about the folk-hero bank robbing spree of Clyde Barrow, Bonnie Parker and their group in the 1930s. Complete, uncut and uncensored.



Aggie Cinema film will be shown in the Grove Theater, or in case of inclement weather in room 224-226 of the new M.S.C. Screening time is 8:00 p. m. except for "Paint Your Wagon" which will show at 8:30 p. m.



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FEBRUARY 27

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APRIL 9

MARISA GLAVANY, heralded as a veritable phenomenon for her performance in "Aida" last year in Mexico City.

APRIL 25

THE HOUSTON SYMPHONY, conducted by Lawrence Foster, who many critics feel to be the most gifted young conductor to appear on the music scene since Leonard Bernstein.

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CHRISTOPHER PARKENING, classical guitarist who has been called a brilliant recitalist.

MARCH 28

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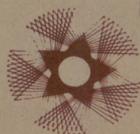
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