

SWC Football Roundup— Bellard Worried About Rice's Record

A&M Coach Emory Bellard said Tuesday the most important thing to remember when talking about Rice is the schedule the Owls have played.

"Rice does not have a good record but not many teams in the country would have a good record with that schedule," Bellard said, referring to Owl opponents Notre Dame, LSU, Houston and Texas.

"Rice has been tough to score against," Bellard said. "They have a great middle guard in Cornelius Walker and one of the better secondary people in the country in Bruce

Henley. They are very aggressive and very emotional."

A&M meets Rice in Houston Saturday in a Southwest Conference game.

Bellard said Rice quarterback Tommy Kramer "has a lot of poise and talent. He also is an excellent scrambler. Rice does as fine a job of pass protection as any team in the country. We rushed all day last year and haven't got there yet."

In speaking of Saturday's 45-10 victory over SMU, Bellard said, "This was our best game in all

aspects. We played hard with enthusiasm and got great performances from both the offense and defense."

Bellard mentioned that Lester Hayes, who started for the injured C. R. Ten Napel against the Ponies, may start again Saturday, even though Ten Napel will be ready for Rice.

"Lester's been coming along all season," said Bellard, "and he did a real good job against SMU."

Bellard also cited cornerback Charlie Arndt, defense linemen Ted Lamp, Don Long, Paul Hulin and Jimmy Dean, and offensive linemen Ricky Seeker and Bruce Welch as having an outstanding day Saturday.

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The Aggies remain fortunate injurywise with no players definitely out for Saturday. Safety Jackie Williams is questionable with a knee sprain. Cornerback Tim Gray, who was out of the SMU game with ankle injuries, should see limited action. Quarterback Mike Jay bruised a kidney and linebacker Carl Warnke injured his knee against the Ponies and their status is undetermined. Defensive tackle Warren Trahan "will be bothered" with injuries but is still expected to play. Linebacker Garth Ten Napel and defensive end Blake Schwartz, both sidelined with injuries earlier this season are expected to be full speed against Rice.

Texas Tech
LUBBOCK — Gordon Thompson Jr., president of the Gator Bowl Association, will be in Lubbock Saturday for the Baylor-Texas Tech Southwest Conference football game, and the Red Raiders are expected to say yes to a bid to play Tennessee in the Dec. 29 game in Jacksonville, Fla.

Tech players voted last Saturday to go to a bowl game and Don Henry, sports editor of the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, said the Red Raiders left it up to Athletic Director J. T. King and Coach Jim Carlen which bowl bid to choose.

The Red Raiders decided Monday to accept the Gator Bowl bid. The nationally televised game has a 7:30 p.m. CST kickoff.

Tech is 8-1 for the year with Arkansas remaining on the schedule after Baylor.

Tech is still in the running for the SWC title but Texas would have to lose both of its last two games to TCU and Texas A&M before the Red Raiders could go to the Cotton Bowl.

Carlen spent Tuesday looking at a film on the Baylor Bears and came away with glowing reports concerning split end Charles Dancer. "He's probably the best all-around receiver we will have faced this year," Carlen said. "He catches the ball in a crowd and has excellent moves."

Carlen also had praise for Baylor quarterback Neal Jeffrey for his pinpoint accuracy.

Tech and Baylor meet Saturday in a regionally televised game. The kickoff has been set for 12:50 p.m.

Baylor
WACO — Baylor coach Grant Teaff said Tuesday "We had our pass offensive workout of the season."

Teaff said quarterback Neal Jeffrey was "humming the ball and Kenny Thompson and Charles Dancer were making great catches."

Maylor plays Texas Tech Saturday in Lubbock in a regionally tele-

Texas

AUSTIN—Texas' Rick Thurman moved from the offensive line to a No. 1 defensive tackle post Tuesday, replacing Fred Currin, who is lost for the season with a knee injury.

R. M. Patterson, the defensive line coach, said "Thurman looked just as quick as I remembered him when he left. . . He's a little rusty but I think he'll do fine."

Thurman was a former defensive tackle before he moved to offense.

Texas meets Texas Christian in Austin Saturday before an expected crowd of 50,000 and can sew up a trip to the Cotton Bowl with a victory.

John Boecker, a defensive tackle who missed the Baylor game with an ankle injury, returned to workouts.

Houston

HOUSTON — University of Houston football players voted unanimously Monday to accept an Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl bid if it is offered, school officials said.

The game will be played Dec. 29 in the Astrodome.

The Houston Post said Monday it has learned that Houston will be offered the invitation and will meet Tulane in the post season classic.

Tulane players also have voted to accept an Astro-Bluebonnet bid if offered.

Weldon Humble, chairman of the Astro-Bluebonnet selection committee, said the list of candidates had been narrowed to Houston and Texas Tech as host teams to face Tulane, Kansas or Missouri.

However, there have been reports that Kansas will meet North Carolina in the bowl.

The first team comprised of Carole Bauer, Pam Brown, Terry Manning and Sarah Savage won the title with a composite score of 1,902. Stephen F. Austin's team followed the Ags with a 1,859 score.

The A&M second team took eight out of the nine teams.

Pam also took second for all-events. To be eligible the contestant had to bowl singles, doubles and team which came to a total of nine games. Pam came through with a 1,542 score. The first place girl had a 1,587 total.

"The first team worked really well together," said Corale "It was really Pam who saved the day though. She bowled two 200's for team competition."

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Carolina State in the Liberty Bowl on Dec. 17 and Texas Tech will play Tennessee in the Gator Bowl Dec. 29 and Missouri will play Auburn in the Sun Bowl on the same date.

"We have approached Houston as diplomatically as possible without compromising them. but we have not been in contact with the people at Texas Tech," Humble said.

Invitations cannot be officially extended until 6 p.m. Saturday.

Houston, 8-1, would be making its third trip in the last five years to the Astro-Bluebonnet. Tulane, 7-1, has never appeared in the Astro-Bluebonnet.

TCU

FORT WORTH — Texas Christian will have a new starter in the secondary Saturday when it faces Texas in a Southwest Conference matchup in Austin.

Coach Billy Tohill said Tuesday Jeff Breithaupt would replace Allen Hooker at right defensive cornerback.

Breithaupt is a junior college transfer from California. He was a first teamer in spring drills but Hooker, a sophomore from Sherman, beat him out in the fall.

In another change, sophomore Ron Littleton of Wichita Falls was moved from the offensive backfield to the secondary. He will back up safety Dennis McGehee.

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