

Heisman Trophy Candidate Poses Problems for A&M

Winner of the "I-wish-I-hadn't-said-that" award of the year has to be the Arkansas band member who went up to Roosevelt Leaks after a Longhorn work out and said, "Good luck tomorrow... you're gonna need it."

It wasn't the first challenge Leaks had encountered in that year-long week which followed Texas' crushing defeat by Oklahoma, but it may well have been one of the last. Rosey didn't answer the guy... he just looked at him with that Sonny Liston stare and came out swinging on Saturday.

In perhaps his best game as a Longhorn, the 5-11, 220-pound punier fullback from Brenham rushed for 209 yards, scored three touchdowns and had his two longest runs at Texas—59 and 43 yards for scores.

"He did everything you could ask a fullback to do," marveled Fred Akers, UT's offensive coordinator in charge of the backfield. "He had a bunch of great blocks. In fact, on one play he knocked down three men."

If that wasn't enough, Leaks then broke A&M's Bob Smith's rushing record with a 342 yard performance against SMU.

The supercharged effort by Leaks and the Longhorns, which was climaxed by the 34-6 win over the Razorbacks capped a week of soul-searching which came about because of the shellacking

by Oklahoma. "There were a lot of us who weren't playing as we should," said Leaks, who joined captains Glen Gaspard and Bill Wyman in leading a self-confession session Monday night prior to the game. "We were ashamed to admit it, but I felt like my first four games were poor ones."

Leaks averaged over 100 yards per game in those first four games, but the Longhorns managed only a 2-2 record. And that's not success to Rosey.

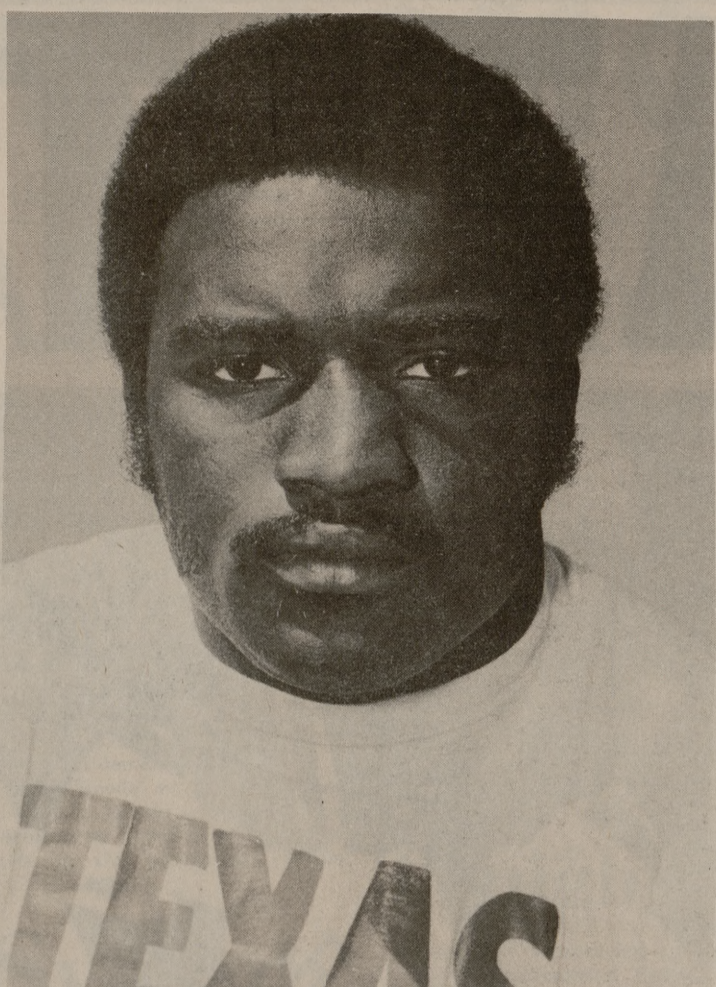
"My primary consideration is the contribution I can make to the team—how I can best help us win football games. All the other things—All-This and All-That—are nice, but secondary. If I were to make All-American that would be cool. If not, my world won't come to an end."

Leaks, who served as a Sunday school teacher in Brenham, enjoys working with young people and hopes some day to coach on a high school level.

To the youngsters, the fellow who grew up with two sisters on a farm near Chappel Hill offers this advice about playing football:

"Play because you want to play... not because the kids in the neighborhood think it's the thing to do or because somebody pushes you into it. Play only if you want to."

For the moment, Rosey wants to.



SWC Season Rushing Leader Rosey Leaks

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If you think Rice's band was obnoxious, well, they are courteous compared to the Rice Thresher, the Rice newspaper.

In a pre-game story under the by-line of T. G. Kahuna, the following paragraph appeared:

Undoubtedly the fans will be up. There is nothing quite so disgusting as an Aggie. Put a bunch of them together and you get not only the Aggie Fascist Band, but the most obnoxious, ludicrous group of followers the world has ever known. They all come down together from the armpit of America, College Station. The Crack Thresher Sports Staff hates the Aggies so much that we'd pick a Rice win even if A&M were number 1 in the nation. (Heaven forbid!) Remember, Dick Gottlieb is an Aggie. Any school that has the Yogi Bear theme song as a fight song deserves derision. When you hear those clowns screaming at the top of their Texas World Speedway lungs, "What comes out of a Chinaman's ass; Rice, Rice, Rice," you'll know what we mean. Well Agro-Americans, we may excrete it, but you'll eat it, 23-21.

The only thing that can be said for the article is T. G. Kahuna was wise with his prediction of the score.

There is no excuse to degrade another school in print the way the Thresher has here. A few weeks ago a writer for the Daily Texan, UT's school paper criticized the Thresher for not being serious in the handling of the Edwin Collins incident. Now I can see its point.

Editorial freedom is indeed great, but no excuse for irresponsibility.

During this past weekend I have lost a lot of respect for Rice University. I really thought the halftime was funny until "The Mob" tread on "The War Hymn." This piece is disgusting.

In other parts of the article, A&M's football team is referred to as "those vile derelicts from College Station."

If this is the way the Aggies are going to be treated by Rice, it's paper and band, perhaps we should refuse to play Rice again. Why should our fans, players and coaches be subjected to trash like this.

I hope everyone will write the Rice University administration and ask why material like this is being printed against fellow Southwest Conference schools. I hope they have the answer. And remember, Rice won the SWC Sportsmanship award in 1971.

Last year, Aggie fans were abused at the Rice-A&M basketball game in Houston and coach Al Conover had to eject a football player from the crowd.

My association with the Sports Information Department at Rice has been excellent and I really doubt that this disease, as it seems to have infested Rice, has taken over the Owl Athletic Department.

The Thresher staff obviously is very unprofessional for letting such a travesty to appear in print. I don't know who is to blame in the final analysis. With A&M catching undeserved hell from both the band and the school paper it would seem that the Rice administration better take a close look at the activities of those persons that represent Rice University.

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Unbeaten Ohio State, which prepped for Saturday's showdown against Big Ten co-leader Michigan with a 55-13 rout of winless Iowa last week, retained the top spot in The Associated Press college football ratings, announced Tuesday.

There was no change among the positions of the top 13 teams from last week's poll.

The Buckeyes received 34 first-place votes and 1,142 points from the nationwide panel of 62 sports writers and broadcasters participating in this week's poll.

Second-ranked Alabama, which meets Louisiana State Thanksgiving Day in a Southeastern Conference showdown, got 16 first-place mentions and 1,082 points.

Oklahoma, which can clinch the Big Eight title by beating Nebraska Friday, received nine first-place votes and 973 points to retain third place.

The next three teams each received one first-place vote. Michigan held down fourth place with 845 points, Notre Dame was fifth at 760 and Penn State was sixth at 672.

Completing the top 10 were LSU, 577; UCLA, 469; Southern California, 405, and Nebraska, 391. UCLA and Southern Cal meet Saturday in a battle for the Pacific-8 crown.

Texas, Texas Tech and Arizona State retained the top three spots in the second 10, but last week's No. 14, Missouri lost to Iowa State 17-7 Saturday and dropped down to 19th. Houston, idle Saturday, climbed one notch to 14th and Miami of Ohio, which has completed a 10-0 season, moved from 17th to 15th.

North Carolina State finished 16th, followed by Tulane, Oklahoma State and Missouri. Kansas and Pittsburgh tied for the final spot in the top 20.

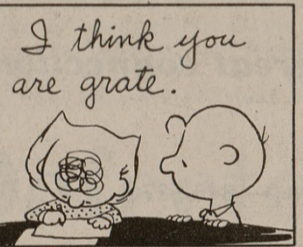
The Top Twenty, with first-place votes in parenthesis, season records and total points Points tabulated on basis of 20-18-16-14-12-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1.

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13. Arizona State 9-1-0 195
14. Houston 8-1-0 114
15. Miami, Ohio 10-0-0 70
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17. Tulane 8-1-0 29

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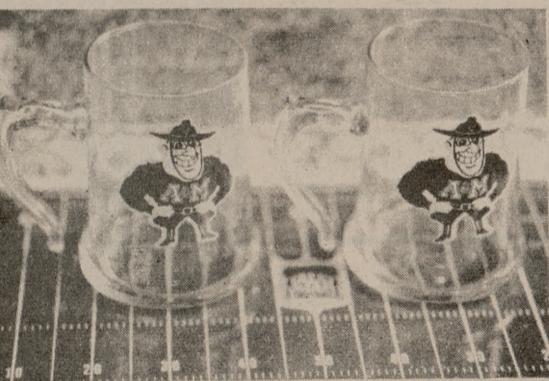
Others receiving votes, listed alphabetically: Arizona, East Carolina, Georgia, Harvard, Maryland, Temple, Tennessee.

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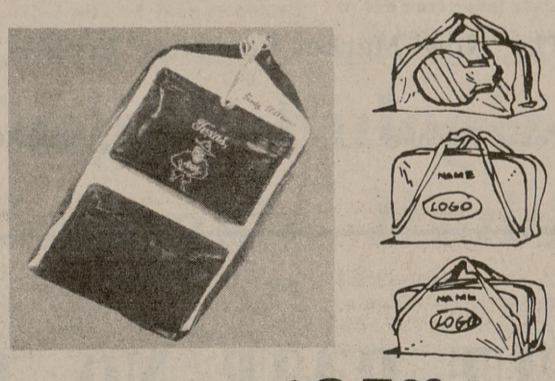


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