I'm not the Quarterback

ABC turns SWC football schedule around

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As you probably know by now, the A&M-Arkansas football game has been moved from November 1 in Fayetteville to December 6 in Little Rock. What you probably didn't know was that it wasn't the first time that the game had been moved.

It's a long, drawn out story, so here we go.

The way the Southwest Conference schedule works out, A&M and Texas both go to the Ozarks in the same year. The stadium in Little Rock holds more people, $30,000 more than the one in Fayetteville. The two schools alternate every other trip playing in the larger stadium.

By contract this was A&M's year to play in Little Rock but Darrell Royal (Texas head coach, athletic director and and Godfather of the SWC) and Frank Broyles (Arkansas head coach and athletic director) decided that if their two schools played in Little Rock it would be more attractive to the TV folks, and everyone tries their best for the TV folks.

So the schedule was finalized with the Aggies getting the short end of the stick. Along with the short end of the stick they also got a trip to Fayetteville. The Longhorns were set for Little Rock all primed and ready for national TV.

One of the first things that is done after the schedule is "set" is to have tickets printed. So now we have 53,555 tickets printed for War Memorial Stadium in Little Rock for Texas and Arkansas and 43,500 printed for Razorback Stadium in Fayetteville for A&M and Arkansas.

Now, switch number one is final. It's time for number two.

While TU and AU are all set waiting for the big call from ABC something happened in New York. Instead of calling Broyles and Royal they called Broyles and a fella named Bellard.

The voice on the other end of the line said something to the effect of, "It sure would be nice if you guys were playing each other in Little Rock instead of Fayetteville. It would be just a really good game for national TV. We even think that it will be such an important game we want you to move it to the final weekend of the season."

Well you don't say no to the TV people and change number two was made. Sorry Daddy D you can't win 'em all.

There is one little problem left. The Arkansas season ticket deal has a certain number of games in Little Rock and Fayetteville and that can't be changed. So move the Texas game from Little Rock back to Fayetteville where it was supposed to be in the first place. Now we're set.

No, not quite.

What about the tickets? It's too late to have new tickets printed. The Aggie-Razorback tickets won't fit in the Little Rock stadium and the TU-AU tickets won't fit in the Fayetteville stadium. There is only one solution. Use the A&M-AU tickets for the AU-TU game and the AU-TU tickets for the A&M-AU game. Ouch!

It has to be done that way but you can just imagine how insulted Aggies and Longhorns are going to be when they get their tickets.

Don't call the ticket office and complain when you get your tickets, it wasn't their fault. Call Darrell and Frank — they're the ones that made the boo-boo.

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There were two other changes in the Aggie schedule because of TV. The Illinois game was changed from a 4 pm kickoff to a 12:50 kickoff for regional TV. The other change was the Texas game. It was changed from 1:30 November 27 to that old familiar "date and time to be announced." The date will either be the 27th or 28th, but it all depends on you-know-who, TV.

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The changing of the Aggie-Arkansas game may mean more than just a change of date and a funny ticket. It means that the Texas game isn't the last game of the year. This changes the wqhole complection of the game. Now it doesn't have that big "last game" importance. If everything goes on schedule (for the Aggies and ABC) the biggest game will be the following week. The fact that the change leaves the Aggies with their "most important" game (Arkansas) last should change things psychologically, and that's a big boost.

The change also creates a rarity in that the Aggie footballers and basketballers will be playing the same day.

While the FB'ers are in Arkansas the BB'ers will be in friendly G. Rollie White playing Houston Baptist.

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While on the subject of football and tickets it seems that the Aggies 8-3 season last year and prospects for an even better one this year have given ticket sales a shot in the arm.

"It's really too early to tell but we've got more applications than ever before," A&M ticket manager Euleta Miller said Tuesday.

A&M had to limit LSU tickets to season ticket buyers only for the first time this year because the demand was so great. So if you can't get LSU tickets don't worry because you aren't the only one.

1975 TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 13	Mississippi	College Station	4:00 pm
Sept. 20	LSU	Baton Rouge, La.	7:30 pm
Sept. 27	Illinois (TV)	College Station	12:50 pm
October 4	Kansas State	Manhattan, Kan.	1:30 pm
*October 11	Texas Tech	Lubbock	7:30 pm
*October 18	TCU	Fort Worth	2:00 pm
*October 25	Baylor	College Station	1:30 pm
*November 8	SMU	College Station	1:30 pm
*November 15	Rice	Houston	2:00 pm
*November 27 or November 28	Texas	College Station	(Date and time to be announced)
*December 6	Arkansas (TV)	Little Rock	3:05 pm

*Indicates Southwest Conference Game

Wishbone wins Bellard gold trophy

Texas A&M football coach Emory Bellard has received an Academy Award trophy for having invented the Wishbone formation.

The trophy, a gold cup, came from the Academy of American Football in Santa Paula, Calif., and was presented to Bellard by Texas A&M President Dr. Jack K. Williams.

"Naturally, I'm pleased," Bellard said. "It signifies recognition of a contribution made and it is a documentation. I think people in all professions are interested in making contributions in their chosen field."

Bellard, now approaching his fourth season as head coach at Texas A&M, drew up the Wishbone formation during the summer of 1968 while an assistant coach at the University of Texas.

Today it is one of the most popular football formations in the country.

Ag golfers to compete in nationals

Coach Bob Ellis announced today that Texas A&M's five-man squad in the NCAA Golf Championships at Columbus, Ohio, June 25-28 will be the same as that which won a 36-hold qualifying meet last Wednesday in Austin.

The group of Bobby Baker, Steve Whiteside, Monte Schauer, Larry Gorzycki and Clay Dozier fired a 586 Wednesday to win the remaining spot open for district five. Houston Baptist had a 610, Louisiana Tech a 615 and Rice a 616. Baker had a two-under par 140, Whiteside and Schauer, both 146, Gorzycki 154 and Dozier 156, the latter with four penalty strokes.

Texas, Houston and SMU are the other three teams from district five that will play in the NCAA tournament.

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ORANGES Arizona Valencia 4 lb. bag 68¢
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