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I'm not the Quarterback

A&M football, big topic among coaches

Often my name has been confused with another David Walker around these parts but I usually don't have any trouble when I go out of town.

I went out of town last week and I did have name problems. This time every time I turned around someone said, "Hi, coach."

While I obviously don't look like a quarterback, I must have looked enough like a coach to be called one. Another reason being that if you

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didn't know someone's name it was a safe bet to call them coach and you

would be right.

This all took place at the annual Texas High School Coaches Association meetings in Fort Worth.

Everywhere you looked you could see coaches, it seemed like there were at least 80,000 of them. One Dallas scribe said that you could tell how many coaches were in attendance by taking the total number of white shoes and dividing them by two. (My quick method of predicting attendance without the math was to just count the white belts.)

Coaching school is a strange thing. It's kind of like New York, it's a nice place to visit but you wouldn't want to live there.

Unlike most schools, people didn't walk around with books. You could see in almost any corner coaches talking about what some other coach had said or done. "I can't understand why he didn't run him at halfback instead of quarterback," one would say.

Then there are the coaches who are at coaching school to find a job. You could tell who they were easy, their shoes were whiter and shinier than the ones that have jobs.

The big talk around coaching school was none other than our own Texas Aggies. The general feeling that I got was that everyone is as high on the Aggies as I am. If I heard it once, I heard it 50 times: "If the Aggies can find a steady quarterback, they will be hard to beat."

I watched Emory Bellard at breakfast Friday morning. He never had more than 30 seconds at a time without someone dropping by to say hello and wish him good luck. I can just hear the coaches around the state this year if the Aggies do have the season that everyone thinks they will have. "Yep, me and Emory talked about that last year at coaching school."

It's so nice to be with a winner... even if you have to eat cold eggs.

Other happenings around coaching school that has local interest... Aggie Ex-basketballer Cedric Joseph was at the all-star basketball game and told me that he was working on a deal to play basketball overseas this year. If that falls through he'll be back in school at A&M in the fall... If you wonder why we don't have a story about Emory Bellard's Fort Worth press conference it's because we missed it.

Astrodome releases fall sports schedule

The Astrodome will soon sound to the music of college bands and the roar of football crowds. The 1975 gridiron season begins Saturday, August 16, when the Houston Oilers and the Washington Redskins meet in a pre-season exhibition match at 8 p.m.

The Astrodome's strong schedule this year lists a total of 25 regularly-set fall games, including ten Oiler home games, six Cougar games (with the U. of H.-Rice and U. of H.-SMU matches in the Astrodome), five Texas Southern U. games and the annual post-season Astro Bluebonnet Bowl classic.

Also included for the first time are three pre-scheduled high school games on the Astrodome football calendar — a double-header on Sept. 12, featuring Sam Houston vs. Lee and Yates vs. Worthing — and the traditional Kashmere-Washington rivalry. Regional and state high school championship play-offs may be added later.

1975 ASTRODOME FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Teams	Game Time
August 16	Sat.	Oilers vs. Washington Redskins (pre-season)	8 p.m.
August 30	Sat.	Oilers vs. Dallas Cowboys (pre-season)	8 p.m.
Sept. 6	Sat.	University of Houston vs. Lamar	8 p.m.
Sept. 8	Mon.	Oilers vs. Baltimore Colts (pre-season)	TBA
Sept. 12	Fri.	High School — Sam Houston vs. Lee	8 p.m.
Sept. 12	Fri.	High School — Yates vs. Worthing	8 p.m.
Sept. 12	Fri.	Texas Southern University vs. Sam Houston St.	8 p.m.
Sept. 13	Sat.	University of Houston vs. Rice	8 p.m.
Sept. 13	Sat.	University of Houston vs. Southern Methodist University	1 p.m.
Sept. 27	Sat.	University of Houston vs. Rice	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 28	Sun.	Oilers vs. San Diego Chargers	1 p.m.
Oct. 5	Sun.	Oilers vs. Cincinnati Bengals	1 p.m.
Oct. 11	Sat.	Texas Southern University vs. Alcorn St.	8 p.m.
Oct. 19	Sun.	Oilers vs. Washington Redskins	1 p.m.
Oct. 26	Sun.	Oilers vs. Detroit Lions	1 p.m.
Oct. 31	Fri.	High School — Kashmere vs. Washington	8 p.m.
Nov. 1	Sat.	Texas Southern University vs. Grambling	8 p.m.
Nov. 8	Sat.	Texas Southern University vs. Jackson St.	1 p.m.
Nov. 8	Sat.	University of Houston vs. Virginia Tech	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 16	Sun.	Oilers vs. Miami Dolphins	1 p.m.
Nov. 22	Sat.	University of Houston vs. Florida St.	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 24	Mon.	Oilers vs. Pittsburgh Steelers	8 p.m.
Nov. 26	Wed.	Texas Southern University vs. Prairie View A&M	8 p.m.
Nov. 29	Sat.	University of Houston vs. Tulsa	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 21	Sun.	Oilers vs. Cleveland Browns	1 p.m.
Dec. 27	Sat.	Astro Bluebonnet Bowl	2:35 p.m.

Frog grid team gains 'Some Mo'

Another Shofner connection from the Browns helped land soph fullback Gerry Modzelewski from Ohio. His uncles are Ed and Dick Modzelewski of "Big Mo" and "Little Mo" fame at Maryland and with Cleveland and New York in the NFL. They called little brother Gene, who attended New Mexico, by the nickname of "No Mo." Now that nephew Gerry has come along you might say there is "Some Mo"

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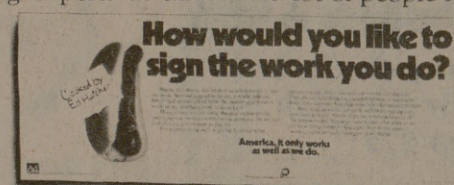
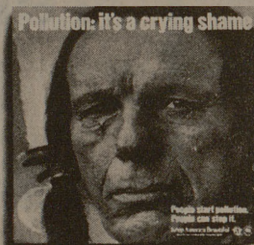
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