

I'm not the Quarterback

Aggies? A \$64,000 question

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What will the Aggies do in 1975? Talk about a \$64,000 question. First of all there are a bunch of different kinds of Aggies. I will be covering three kinds this year. Football Aggies, Basketball Aggies and Baseball Aggies.

All three had super seasons last year. The Football Aggies went 8-3. The Basketball and Baseball Aggies both had record seasons. The basketballers were Southwest Conference Champions and won 20 games for the first time in the school's history. They finished 20-7. The baseballers also set a school record, winning over 30 games for the first time ever. They ended up 32-10.

This is where the differences begin. The basketballers and baseballers went to the NCAA playoffs, the footballers stayed home.

This season the footballers are loaded with senior talent while the other two will be loaded with new faces.

As I have been saying all summer the football team will win. Week before last I predicted a perfect season, I could be wrong but I don't think so.

The basketballers will be young. They will get stronger as the season progresses and have to be considered a threat to repeat as the SWC representative to the NCAA playoffs.

This will be the first year of the SWC post season tournament. The tourney will not decide the conference champion just the playoff representative. The conference champion will be decided like always, the leader at the end of the round-robin schedule.

Another new addition to SWC basketball will be the entrance of the University of Houston into championship play. That alone should make the season interesting, at least cause the rekindling of some old rivalries.

I think that the tourney will be in the Aggies' favor, for that matter all young teams. Any young team gets stronger as the season passes and

the tourney gives each team an equal chance until the last week of the season.


The baseballers are in the same shape. They will be spending the early season finding the right combination of new faces, with the loss of six starters.

Coach Tom Chandler's Aggies will be strong in pitching but will be more of a hit-and-run, take advantage of the other guy's mistake type team. They won't be the big inning team that they have been in the past.

All-in-all it looks like another good year at Aggieland. Last year the combined record of these three sports was 60-20. The three were really bullies at home where they

totaled a 33-5 record.

Predicting is a dangerous business. People who do it are seldom right. It's a little early to say exactly how the basketballers and baseballers will do this year but football is on us. You've got my prediction for the football season. I hope it's right, but right or not the season will go on. Win, lose or draw, like it or not, Next Year is Here.



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TCU poll predicts Aggie crown

A mere score and three years ago — 23 for you laymen — Texas A&M was given top berth in the annual TCU Poll predicting the potential Southwest Conference football kingpin.

To illustrate the value of polls the Aggies finished a mediocre 2-3-1 in conference play and have won only two SWC crowns since the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. By the way, this is the same preseason poll that tabbed Baylor to finish last in 1974.

However, the Horned Frog guessperts may be betting on a stacked deck as they pulled the Aggies' name out of the hat once more — the first time since 1942.

Coach Emory Bellard's brawny brothers from the Brazos copped 80 first place votes out of the 127

sportswriters polled. Based on a scale of eight points for first, seven for second, etc., the Cadets totaled 955.5 points.

Texas was predicted to play the bridesmaid with 894.5 points and 39 first place votes. Arkansas was placed as the team to show, capturing third with 694.5 points. Waco's Miracle Men were cast as fourth with 644 marks and Texas Tech followed with 557.

The cellar dwellers include SMU with 412.5 points, Rice next with 228 and TCU at the bottom of the barrel with 186. It remains a toss-up how these three teams will finish. But at the back of everyone's mind is the Bears' 50-year dream come true.

In fact, the TCU poll, instituted

in 1934, has been correct only ten times in its 41 year existence. A&M has been picked for the top spot three previous times (1936, 1937 and 1942) and the prognosticators have yet to be justified.

Here's what some of the voters had to say:

Those who picked A&M: "Temptation was to pick Baylor to repeat. Temptation resisted. Wait another 50 years." — Harold Schervitz, San Antonio Light.

"50 years ago the Aggies followed Baylor to the SWC throne room and it looks like a cycle may be in the making." — James Moody, Burleson Star.

"I predicted last year that A&M would win it with David Shipman at QB. He didn't take over until

this spring and so once again I say, "With Shipman at QB A&M will be not only No. 1 in the SWC but if someone does something to Oklahoma maybe even No. 1 in the country." — Bob Wood, KKKL Radio, San Angelo.

"Inconceivable Aggies can't win with talent on hand." — Jerry Grisham, Kilgore News Herald. "Teams in the SWC fall into two categories this year — A&M and others." — Keith Randell, Waco Tribune Herald.

"1975 could replace 1939 in Aggie memories." — Jerry Wizig, Houston Chronicle.

"This will be one Aggie story the other SWC teams will not find very funny." — Dick Peebles, Houston Chronicle.

"Next year finally got here." — Dan Cook, San Antonio Express. "No more 43 seconds over Memorial Stadium! These Aggies are no jokes." — Salo Otero, Laredo Times.

"If the Aggies fumble this one..." — Mike Jones, Dallas Morning News.

"If Texas A&M doesn't win the SWC war this autumn, you can play taps for theaggies from now 'till dom's day." — Terry Holman, McAllen Monitor.

"Coach Emory Bellard's Aggies lacked a bit of seasoning in '74, but the head Aggie chef has spent some extra time in the A&M kitchen and the result will be tougher than a truck stop T-bone."

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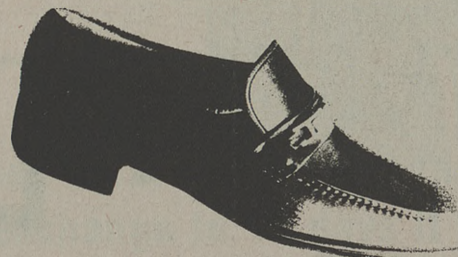
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