

Top twenty and SWC football

Aggies rank 9th in poll

Associated Press

The Oklahoma Sooners are more blase — ore more realistic — this year about being the pre-season choice as the nation's top college football team, and Coach Barry Switzer isn't sure they even deserve it.

"The cats around here don't think about it so much any more," said All-American half-back Joe Washington in Norman, Okla. "It's the final outcome after all that blood and sweat and tears that counts."

Washington pointedly noted that the Sooners were No. 1 in last year's pre-season poll, too — and lost the slot after a relatively narrow victory over Southwest Conference champion Baylor.

This year the Sooners racked up 54 first-place votes and 1,184 points from the sports writers and sportscasters who make up The Associated Press board.

The board voted Alabama second, including one first-place vote; Michigan, also with one first-place vote, third, and Ohio State, with three votes for No. 1, fourth. Southern California was picked fifth; Penn State, with one first-place vote, sixth; Nebraska seventh; Auburn eighth; Texas A&M ninth, and Notre Dame 10th.

The second top 10 positions went to Texas, Michigan State, North Carolina State, UCLA, Florida, Arizona, Maryland, Tennessee, Arkansas and Stanford.

Switzer was more concerned with the three meager points on the scoreboard after Saturday's scrimmage than with the top-heavy vote.

"We're not deserving today. We're not ready to play by any means," said Switzer, whose record in two years as a head coach is blemished only by a tie with Southern California.

He was obviously upset with Saturday's practice and said the team would work every day this week instead of tapering off, as he had planned.

The top rating last year was a marvelous balm for a team on probation — and banned from TV and bowls. The probation and bowl banishment are over, but the TV ban remains through this season.

The Top Twenty teams in The Associated Press pre-season college football poll with first-place votes in parentheses and last year's records.

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| 1. Oklahoma (54) | 11-0-0 |
| 2. Alabama (1) | 11-1-0 |
| 3. Michigan (1) | 10-1-0 |
| 4. Ohio St. (3) | 10-2-0 |
| 5. S. Calif. | 10-1-1 |
| 6. Penn St. (1) | 10-2-0 |
| 7. Nebraska | 9-3-0 |
| 8. Auburn | 10-2-0 |
| 9. Texas A&M | 8-3-0 |
| 10. Notre Dame | 10-2-0 |
| 11. Texas | 8-4-0 |
| 12. Michigan St. | 7-3-1 |
| 13. N.C. St. | 9-2-1 |
| 14. UCLA | 6-3-2 |
| 15. Florida | 8-4-0 |
| 16. Arizona | 9-2-0 |
| 17. Maryland | 8-4-0 |
| 18. Tennessee | 7-3-2 |
| 19. Arkansas | 6-4-1 |
| 20. Stanford | 5-4-2 |

Texas Christian University Horned Frogs quarterback Lee Cook suffered a knee strain in Fort Worth Tuesday, but team doctors said he will be ready in time for the Frogs' season opener against the University of Texas-Arlington.

Three freshmen have been promoted by the Frogs because of injuries to starters. James Price, a defensive end from Lynch, Ky., was moved to the first unit while James McMath of Nacogdoches moved to the second unit and Darryl Lowe moved to strong safety with the second team.

Defensive tackle Allen Rickman and offensive halfback Jimmy Walker returned to work Tuesday with the Texas Longhorns after being sidelined with injuries.

Coach Darrell Royal in Austin also moved reserve linebacker Victor Moore to tight end to bolster that position.

The Longhorns open the 1975 season here Sept. 13 against Colorado State.

The August heat drained the zip out of the Baylor Bears during their Tuesday workout in Waco, but Coach Grant Teaff said the energy will be there when the Bears open here against Mississippi Saturday

night.
"I guess the workout was about as good as it could have been in this kind of weather," Teaff said.

Starting center Gary Gregory of Kermit and safety Ken Quesenberry of Garland returned to full duty Tuesday after minor injuries

kept them on the sidelines since last Thursday.
Teaff said that, physically, the team is ready for the opener.

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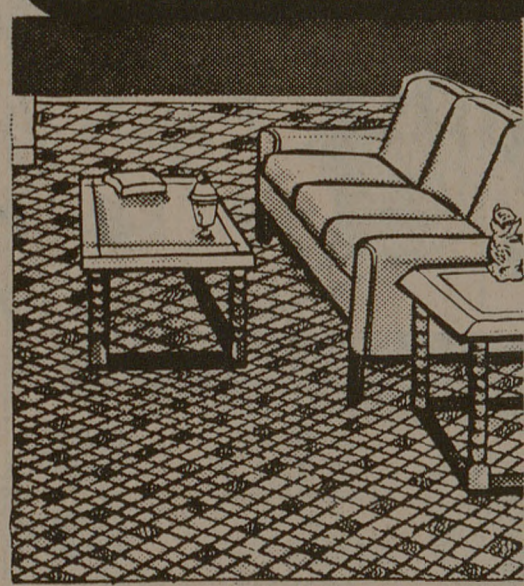
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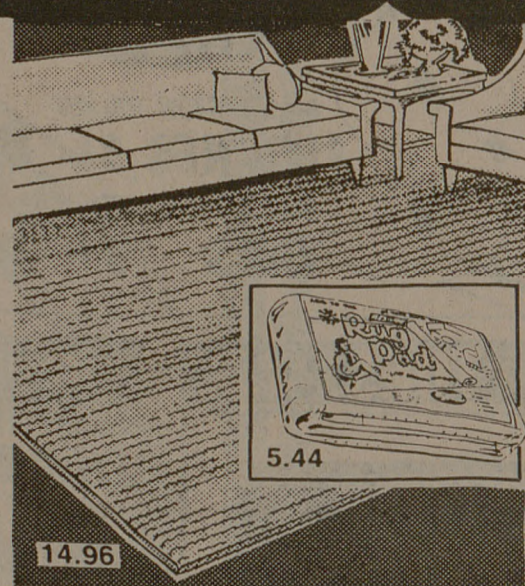
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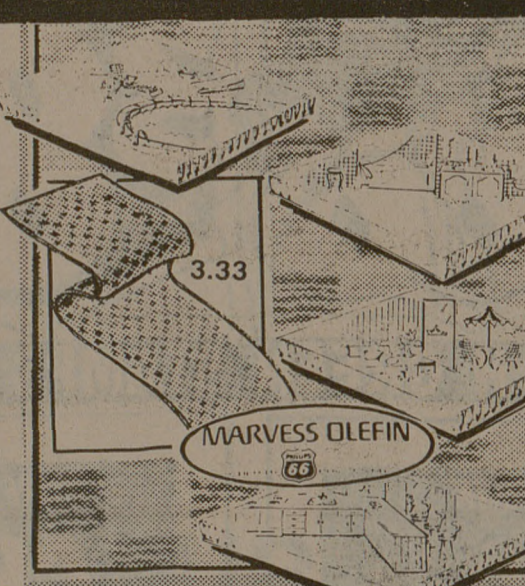
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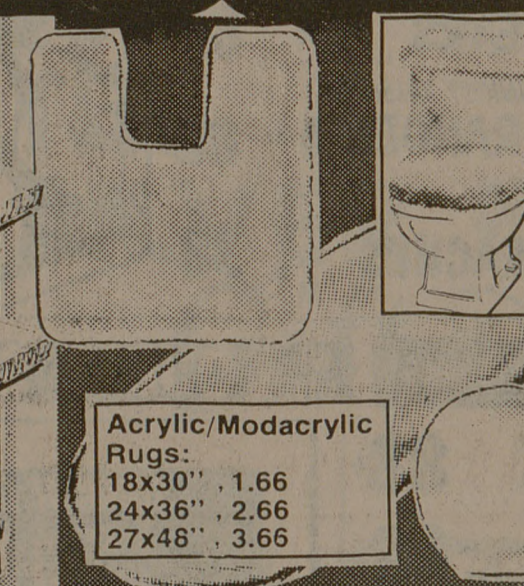
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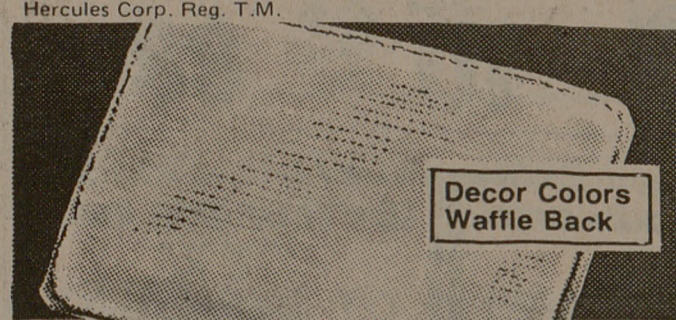
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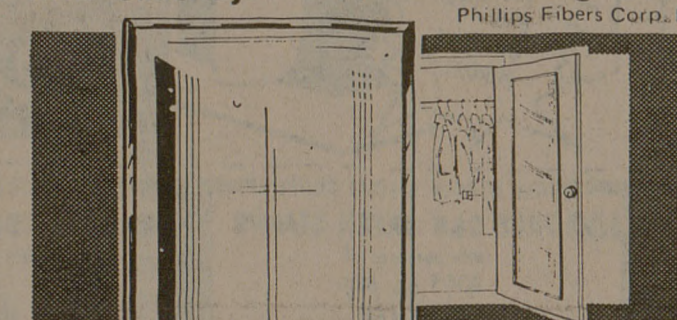
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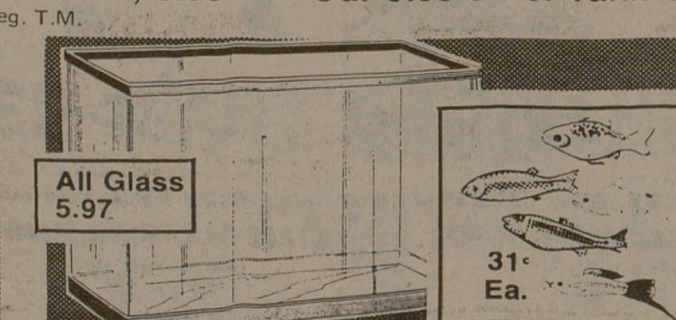


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