

athletic oatmeal



By **TONY GALLUCCI**
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Tonight I will be boarding a plane for Lubbock. Two things just occurred to me. The last time I boarded a plane, I did so in College Station, at Easterwood Airport and headed for the windy city of Lubbock. It was an exciting trip, for I was headed for the NCAA basketball playoffs. Just the thought of playoffs is exciting and I would hope that it is an omen. Although the cagers played a tough game they lost and I hope that is not an omen. If omens travel in pairs, or if it is just that time of year, I just hope they haven't migrated yet.

After Coach Bellard has spent a frustrating week defending an offense that didn't need defending, he should button his collar against the wind and settle down to opening the conference.

The word still circulating in Manhattan is that the Aggies don't measure up to Big Eight standards. Well, it has gotten to be a battle of words and I want to add my 12-cents worth.

I think the Wildcats should do one of two things. Either transfer to the Ivy League since they can't measure up to the Big Eight either or try the WFL since the Tech scout apparently thought we compared with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

When the KSU squad wins the Big Eight then I'll listen, and probably so will a lot of other people. Now I don't mean to say the Big Eight is weak, because I can't remember a time when six teams from one conference made the poll. But count 'em, 75 per cent of the midwestern conference squads measured up to the standard. KSU wasn't one. That leaves a lot of room for mouthing off but then again it's easy to tell winners from losers.

The Ags will come against a solid-moving offense this weekend. The defense is up to the job without a doubt. If the offense moves like last week it'll be little trouble to pack up number five. But should overconfidence come into play, there could be trouble.

I still maintain my early season confidence, no reason to lay down and die yet. I see shades of last year without the nervous TV cameras. A&M 28, Tech 7.

Meanwhile, in Dallas, takes place one of the most important games this season as far as the Aggies go that doesn't figure into conference standings. Texas and Oklahoma battle it out for something called the Cowboy Cup. Sounds like a rodeo supporter, and the winner of this one will probably need one. The loser will inherit the factory.

Always a tough one to pick, the outcome will probably determine whether or not the Sooners regain No. 1, whether the 'Horns will have a chance for it, and whether or not the Ags will move up if they win. One or the other will undoubtedly drop past the Ags except in the case of a tie. Then who knows?

The Longhorns have forgotten what competition is. The Sooners know only too well what competition is and will try to eliminate any more. I think the Sooners will succeed. Oklahoma 21, Texas 6.

Ags vs. Tech

League play begins

By **DAVID WALKER**
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Throw out the records and forget the statistics. The new season starts tomorrow night for the Texas Aggies as they open Southwest Conference and what has happened up to this point is merely for the polls.

The sixth-ranked Aggies invade Lubbock to play the always tough Texas Tech Red Raiders. The last time the Maroon men left the South Plains with a victory was in 1967 when they went on to win the Southwest Conference championship.

Tech has won the last three meetings in Lubbock and five of the last six. The only other Jones Stadium

victory in the last 15 years came in 1961. The total series record stands at 18 Aggie wins, 14 Tech wins and seven ties.

The Aggies won last year's game 28-7 before 50,620 fans and a national TV audience.

This year's game will also be a sell-out plus but there will be no TV.

The Techsians will be playing their third straight game against nationally ranked teams. After opening with wins over Florida State and New Mexico and they have lost their last two contests to ranked Texas and Oklahoma State.

The two losses came on the road with the two wins coming in Jones Stadium.

Aggie coach Emory Bellard is worried about the upcoming contest with the Raiders. "They played a real solid game against Oklahoma State (Tech lost 17-16), but it looked like they busted some plays on defense against Texas," the Aggie boss said.

The Aggies enter the game with the nation's number-one defense. They have limited their opponents to 137.2 yards per game. They also are the nation's number one team against the rush where they have given up only 246 yards on the ground for a 61.5 average.

The Ags are third in the nation in scoring defense giving up only 21 points in four games. And just so the defense won't hog all the national limelight, the offense is number eight in rushing with an average of 319.5 yards a game and also lead the nation in kickoff returns with a 35 yard average.

And if that doesn't give Tech enough to worry about, Tech assistant coach Tommy Limbaugh cheered up the Raiders by saying, "A&M is better than their statistics indicate, the Pittsburgh Steelers would have a hard time moving the ball against them."

The Aggies will be in relatively good physical shape for the game with only reserve fullback Bucky Sams and halfback David Craig out of action.

Tech will be without the services of cornerback Selso Ramirez, who suffered a cracked cheekbone against New Mexico will not be back but cornerback Mike Barnes who has been out for the first four games with a knee injury will be back. Tech has yet to play a game with all four of their starting secondary people healthy.

Kickoff time is 7:30 p.m. and the game can be heard locally on KTAM with Jack Dale and John Smith mikeside for the Exxon radio network.

Intramurals

MONDAY'S GAMES

Fish: I-1 vs A-1, 5:10, D-1; B-1 vs Sq. 10, 5:10, D-2; L-1 vs Sq. 7, 5:10, D-3; F-2 vs D-2, 5:10, M-Band vs Sq. 8, 6:10, D-6.

Independent: Saints vs Phi Sigma Beta, 5:10, K-1; Turkeys vs Over The Hill Gang, 5:10, K-2; Pete. I vs Quarter Pounders, 5:10, D-6; ASME vs Bobcats, 5:10, ETV; 2% vs AGC, 6:10, D-1; Pete II vs BMF, 6:10, D-2; Wesley White vs Brarwood North, 6:10, D-5; Volunteers vs Old College Main, 6:10, H-2; Wesley Maroon vs Scandia no. 2, 6:10, K-1; Country Place B vs Brenham, 6:10, K-2; Parkway vs Forestry, 6:10, ETV.

Recreation: Rec. and Parks vs Colonels, 6:10, D-3.

Co-Rec: Colonels vs MSCABIF, 5:10, H-1; R&P vs Casa I, 5:10, H-2; Treehouse vs Turkey II, 6:10, H-1.

FLAG FOOTBALL

Military: Sq. 11 vs D-1, 6-0; D-2 vs Sq. 9, 33-6; A-1 vs W-Band, 20-6; M-1 vs Sq. 13, 30-6; F-1 vs F-2, 20-12; Sq. 2 vs I-1, 16-0; Sq. 6 vs C-1, 25-19.

Fish: K-1 vs L-2, 8-0.

Independent: Armadillos vs Muff Divers, 7-0; Madisonville vs Forestry, 26-0; Craig's Cocks vs Rag Knots, 38-0; Buzzards vs Dexter Jets, 8-6; Los Cabrones vs Briarwood East, 1-0.

Women: BSU no. 1 vs BAC, 38-6; Fowler vs Hughes I, 8-0; Krueger vs Mosher, 20-0.

Recreation: Ag. Eco. vs. War Chickens, 25-2; Crocker vs Flounders, 19-6; Fayette vs Puryear, 8-6.

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Game of the Week

Above; Debbie Fielder, of BSU hurls a pass at one of her receivers downfield. In this matchup of Keathley and BSU II, Keathley scored the only touchdown of the game in the fourth quarter to win 6-0. In photo below, Patty Chubb, also of BSU II, runs up the middle as Dee Drummond of Keathley grabs for her flag.

Photos by Poogie

Weightlifters Excel

The TAMU weightlifters won the Collegiate Team trophy in the Central Texas Powerlifter's Championships Tournament held in Yoakum, Texas, October 3.

The total weight lifted was measured in three lifts, a dead lift, a squat lift, and the bench press. Individual results were: Clark Kaufman-first in the 165 class, 1055 total, Darwin Baucum-first in the 242 lb. class, 1265 total, Mario Martinez-first in the 123 lb. class, 770 total, Randy Hartley-second in

the 181 lb. class, 1120 total, Frank Krenek-second in the 198 lb. class, 1120 total, and Brian Welker-fourth in the 181 lb. class, 995 total.

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Badminton and Handball

Badminton entries closed with 36 women and 88 men entered in the singles tournament. In the doubles competition 23 men's teams and 18 women's teams entered into play. The single elimination tournament will be held in G. Rollie White 12:00-1:00 p.m. and 4:00-6:00 Monday through Thursday.

Handball Doubles has a total of 352 participants who will compete within seven divisions. The Divisions are:

Military	165 pairs
Fish	25 pairs
Civilian	38 pairs
Women	3 pairs
Independent	31 pairs
Faculty and Staff	8 pairs
Recreational	6 pairs



Watch and Enter

Meet new friends and see new faces! Pick out a sport and enter in IM competition. October sports and their closing dates are:

Swimming	October 14
Volleyball	October 14
Billiards	October 21
Racketball Doubles	October 21
Soccer	October 28
Table Tennis	October 28