

Confident for UT game

Fields anchors defensive line

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Picture yourself as the Aggies' opposing quarterback. You are going back to pass, look up and suddenly see an ever larger number 90 bearing down upon you. Before you can release the ball you are hit by what seems to be a freight train. The

next time you think twice before going back to pass.

Who is this monster who relentlessly chases opposing backfields?

His name is Edgar Fields, and he plays defensive tackle for the third-ranked Texas Aggies.

Through the Aggies' nine games

this season Fields is the number-three tackler. Since he plays on the nation's top defensive team, that should speak for itself. He has 53 primary tackles and 25 assists. Thirteen of those tackles were for a minus 35 yards. Fields has also caused a fumble, tipped three passes and sacked the quarterback

three times. He's quick and strong and fast. He's been in opponents' backfields almost as much as their running backs have been.

Fields started his football career when he was in the ninth grade. He played his freshman season at Navarro Junior College before coming to A&M. He lettered at defensive tackle last year for the Aggies as a sophomore.

When asked about the rumors that the Aggies always psyche themselves out for Texas, Fields was positive about this year.

"In the past Texas has had a winning tradition. It has been a mental lapse as far as the Aggies are concerned. This year it will be a matter of who has the best talent. We're winning and they're winning. In the Texas game we could lose everything we've fought for, especially when the seniors are concerned. I don't think there'll be a mental lapse or anything this year," Fields said.

The Aggies are off this week before meeting the Longhorns on Nov. 28. For some it will be a long two weeks.

"It's nice to have an off week to let the injuries heal," says Fields. "But I'd prefer to go ahead and get it over with."

For Fields the SMU Wishbone attack was the toughest he's had to face this year.

"SMU was the hardest offense we've faced this year," he says. "They're just a talented team. They've got good backs and a good line."

The Aggies' two toughest games remain on the schedule. The defense has been awesome this year

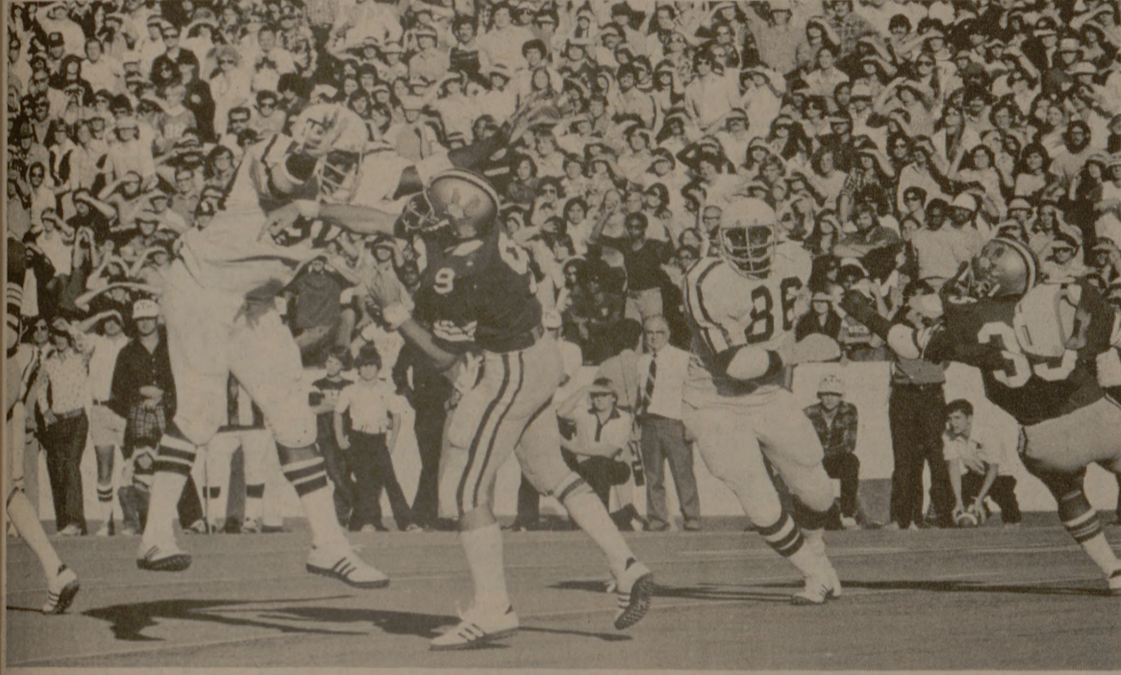
and should remain that way against Texas and Arkansas. Arkansas was moved to Dec. 6 to allow the game to be on national television. Many people wish the game had been left where it was, after Baylor, so that it would already be over with. Not so with Fields.

"The arrangement of the schedule doesn't bother me. We're just good enough to play 'em however they're arranged. It just doesn't matter," he said.

This week Cotton Bowl officials formally invited the Georgia Bulldogs to meet the Southwest Conference champion on New Year's Day. Georgia is ranked 13th in the nation, but is not considered to be a national power. And if the Aggies achieve their goal of winning the SWC they will be meeting the Bulldogs.

"I'm sure Georgia has an all right team," said Fields. "I don't know much about them right now. I don't care if they have a high school in the Cotton Bowl as long as we play 'em."

Whether it be a high school or the Georgia Bulldogs, you can rest assured they'll know who Edgar Fields is.



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Dorsett catching up with others

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Tony Dorsett has a simple explanation for his recent artistry on the football field.

"I'd pick up the papers and see where Archie Griffin was getting his 100 every week, and Joe Washington was breaking them at Oklahoma and Rick Bell was having an incredible year at USC, and I said to myself, 'Hey, man, you're as good as these dudes, but you're gonna have to bust out real soon or they're going to leave you behind.'"

Nobody is leaving Dorsett behind these days.

The University of Pittsburgh running back has had his act together for almost three full years now — and in recent games he has been outstanding.

For his performance against Notre Dame Saturday, in which he rushed for 303 yards, Dorsett was named The Associated Press Back of the Week for the second time this season.

He averaged 13 yards a carry in the Panthers' 34-20 victory over the Irish. One of his two touchdowns came on a classic 71-yard run. He carried a short pass 49 yards for the other.

said Notre Dame announcer Paul Hornung. "Superb isn't a good enough adjective," added Pitt Coach Johnny Majors. "Fantastic," chimed in Penn State Coach Joe Paterno.

They spoke of Dorsett between goal lines. In the end zone, he was still hampered by inconsistency, lack of originality and hot-dogging that backfired.

On his 71-yard run, the 5-foot-11, 180-pounder took a pitch, left defenders lunging at the corner and maneuvered with ease to shake loose from a sideline jumble. "The talent I have is God-given," Dorsett has said.

In the end zone, he used a borrowed gimmick. Last year, it was Elmo Wright dancing. Recently, he's been shaking the ball and tossing it like a crapshooter, a 1974 Philadelphia Eagles' stunt.

On his second score, Dorsett grabbed a short pass at about Notre

Dame's 40-yard line. When he caught it, 56,000 spectators knew he was gone. After scoring, Dorsett threw the ball into the stands, violating an NCAA rule for a 15-yard penalty.

Carson Long saved Pitt with a kickoff of more than 60 yards from the 20-yard line after booting his first try out of bounds.

Against William & Mary, Dorsett was approaching the goal line when he turned and back-pedaled the last yards, like Johnny Rogers used to do.

"I wanted to do something a little extra for the fans, show them T.D. is still around," he said.

BV joggers marathon at Galveston

At least a dozen members of the Brazos Valley Joggers Club are entered in the American National Marathon at Galveston Saturday.

In their final tune-up for the 26-mile 385-yard run up and down the seawall, most of the marathon hopefuls joined in last weekend's 19-mile glycogen depletion run on a back-road course east of College Station. The outing also included a six-mile open run.

While most participants stressed distance and endurance rather than speed, Richard Adams covered the 19 miles in one hour, 53 minutes and 10 seconds. Other participants: Leo Sachz Jr., John Crompton, Mike Christiansen, Rusty Rush, Robbin Schellhaus and Ed Reyna. Three runners ran 13 miles: Jim Patterson, Wed Culwell and John Epperson.

Otto Zeck was first across the finish line in the six-miler, with a time of 42:12. Cornelius Van Bavel finished in 44:55, followed by Warren Brown, 47:03; David Reyna, 52:43, and Bonnie Hunt, 53:02.

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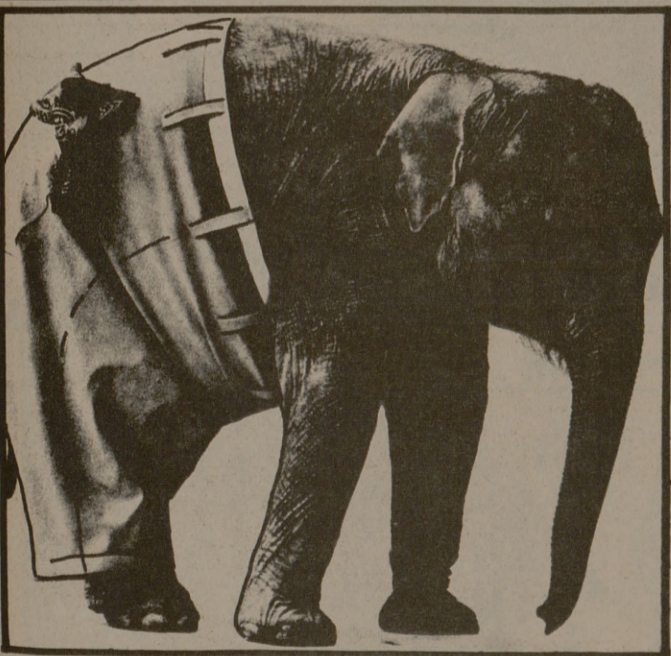
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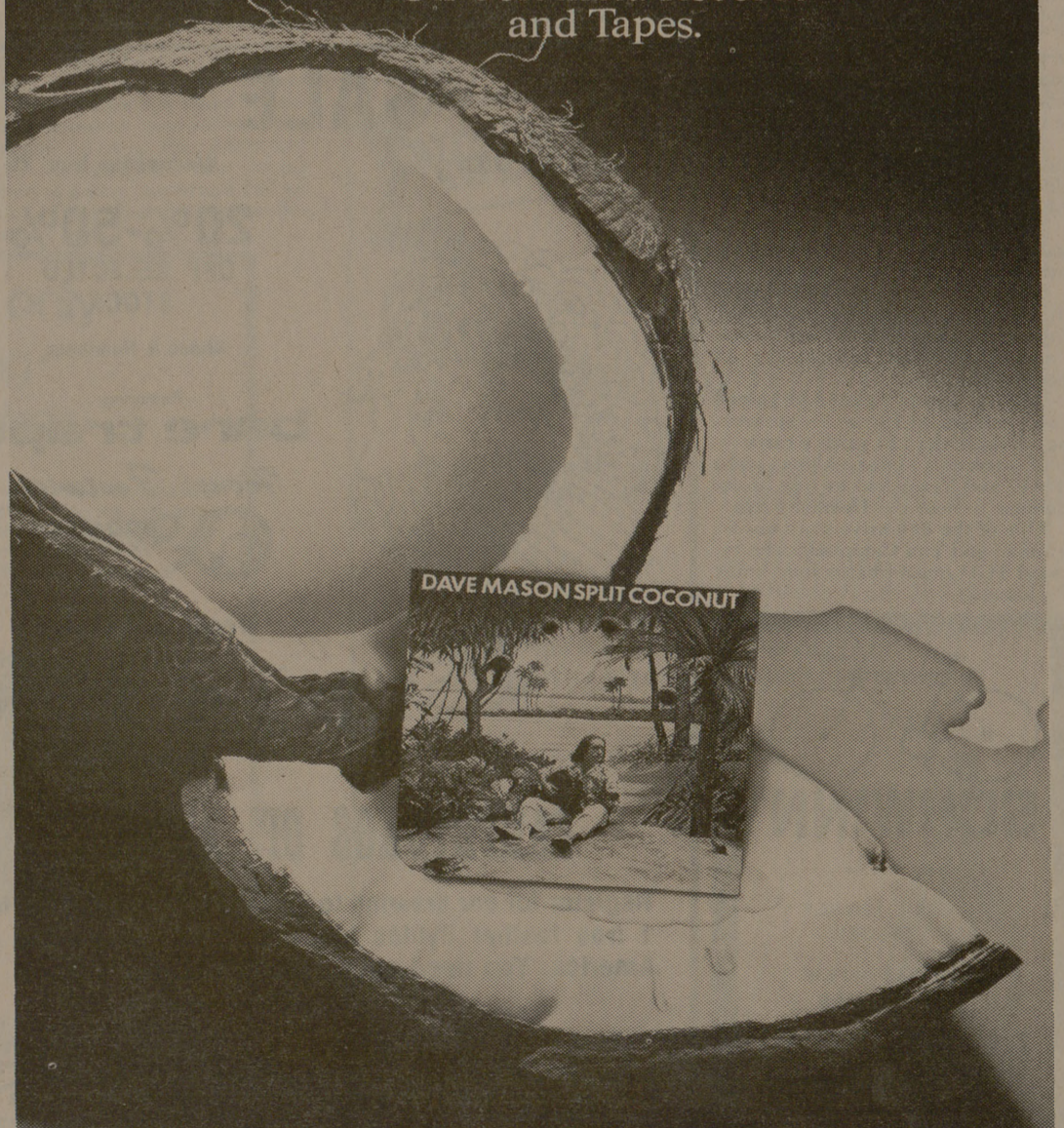
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