

Duck . . . Pitcher aims for batters

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New York batters hit the St. Louis pitchers hard last night — almost as hard as Cardinals pitcher Lynn McGlothen hit two Mets batters and

Steelers, Cowboys to play in August

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PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Steelers' 1976 National Football League preseason schedule includes an Aug. 28 road game with their Super Bowl foes, the Dallas Cowboys.

nearly sparked a brawl. The hitting by the hitters took place in the first two innings, when Felix Millan, Del Unser and John Milner each slugged two-run homers to help New York carry a 6-0 lead into the third inning. That's when McGlothen started hitting the batters.

"I'm a big league pitcher and I want to be around a while," said McGlothen, who hit Unser and opposing pitcher Jon Matlack in the third, causing a charge from the Mets dugout, led by Dave Kingman.

McGlothen, who was ejected for his tactics, continued to defend his action.

"I just think a pitcher has a right to try to contain the hitters. If a pitcher feels like he's been intimidated, he has to do something. I hit them as a certain measure that had to be done," he said.

Cardinals Manager Red Schoendienst, who along with New York shortstop Bud Harrelson was ejected from the game in the third inning, managed a light comment.

"Mac McGlothen was wild all night. I'm surprised he hit anybody if he was trying," Schoendienst said.

But New York emotions were militant against the action. "I think it's bush," said Matlack, who pitched a six-hitter for the 8-0 victory. "I really think I have no respect for the man McGlothen, even though I did before. When a guy hits a batter Unser after a home run, it's one thing. But not when the score is 6-0. Everybody's got to pitch inside, that's part of the game. But not a foot-and-a-half inside."

Aggie tennis players fall to league leaders

By PAUL ARNETT
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The Aggie tennis team was defeated by league leader Houston, yesterday by a score of 8-1.

The Aggies' only victory of the match was in the number one seeded doubles match. The A&M team of Charles Emley - Tom Courson came from behind to defeat Houston's team of Ross Walker - Dan Valentic 4-6, 6-2, 6-4. This was a major upset since the Houston team is the number one seed in the conference.

In the number one seeded singles match, Houston's Ross Walker,

using a hard serve and excellent ground strokes, defeated Charles Emley 6-2, 6-3. Walker is currently the number one seeded player in the conference, and the defending singles champion.

The meet victory gave Houston a record of 63-9, while seventh place A&M's record dropped to 21-51.

The Aggies next stop is at Waco this weekend for the Southwestern Conference tournament to be held at Sul Ross Courts. Play will begin Thursday, with the finals being completed on Saturday. All points in the tournament count toward the league championship.

Champions use diverse offense

Wishbone is limited

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Arkansas 31—Texas A&M 6
The cries of that score and the sounds of "sooey pig" are just now subsiding in the hills of Arkansas. It marked the end of The Aggie quest for an outright Southwest Conference championship and a trip to Dallas and the Cotton Bowl.

All that agony is four months past, and the pain of those three hours is still etched in the minds of many Aggies. Well, footballs are back in the air, the cracking of helmets and shoulder pads is back on the field and sports writers are back at their desks, and all are awaiting autumn and the first Aggie kick-off.

So how can the Aggies avoid the dilemma they met in Arkansas, and three weeks later against U.S.C. in the Liberty Bowl? How can a team that has lost such greats as Bubba Bean, Ed Simonini and Pat Thomas obtain another great season like the one just past? HOW? Scratch the wishbone offense and counter with a more wide open attack such as the Houston Veer, or the standard pro set.

Blasphemy, you say? No, not really. It does not take the most astute football fan to know that the wishbone works well against a weaker team. The offense is at times devastating, leaving teams who had to face it wondering why they showed their face upon the field. But Texas A&M will not always face a weaker team such as Rice or T.C.U.

Saturdays will come such as that sad day in Arkansas where a strong team will have a good defense and shut down the rather limited wishbone.

Bellard has one more week of practice and the spring training season will be over. The hard work and the hours of grueling practice will be placed on the field for all Aggies to see.

Have the Aggies any new wrinkles in their offense? Nope. A formation called the floating bone, which was a variation of the wishbone, was scratched as quickly as it was conceived. The emphasis on offense was then turned to none other than the famous wishbone.

The wishbone formation by itself is obsolete. A coach who has a big and aggressive defense will be able to put up a nine-man line and stop any ground game you can run at it.

If it is spiced up a bit by throwing on first down, or kicking in a new formation when it is not obvious, then the wishbone can work more effectively.

As of now the Aggies have not done this. The coaches seem quite content to try and grind it out for the score. Drives of 50 yards or more with this type offense only increases the chances of turning the ball over to the opponent. To be a championship team, such as an Ohio State, or a Notre Dame, a football team can not afford these mental errors.

The last questions to be asked are: is it too late to install some variations on this stagnant formation, and will

they work well within the

the formation? It is never too late for fresh ideas. The answer to the second question is not as easy. The offensive formation is generally a basic concept, and varying it to a degree makes it lose its original effectiveness.

The separation of those ideas into a plausible idea is the coach and his staff will be thinking: "For of all sad strokes becomes bogged down during next fall.

If it is not done, then an or 10-2 season may be the New Year's Day would be a team such as Ohio State. The home were the number one of the nation, while the Aggie be thinking: "For of all sad tongue or pen, the saddest ese...it might have been."

Aeros face Mariners in playoff

Associated Press

HOUSTON — The World Hockey Association's Houston Aeros, who will play in the first round of the playoffs, open defense of the tonight against San Diego.

die Howe says it's about the "We're all getting pretty said Howe, who came out of ment for a second time to season. "When roommates fighting, then you know it's play."

The Aeros and Mariners the first two games of their playoff series Wednesday and nights in the Aeros home Summit.

San Diego had to go to games before defeating Phoenix best-of-five first-round playoffs.

"We couldn't schedule a game today because in our practices we've had four Aeros Coach Bill Bineen said.

The Aeros have been six days awaiting an opponent in playoffs. "Fifteen days?" Posson, the said. "That's about 12 days for me."

After the two games he best-of-seven series moves that if I v room and will stay c

"I feel stale," Gordie said doesn't bother me as much hear some of the younger Egan, the same thing. At least I ended th into the time even defense l this seas

Army names head of

WEST POINT, N.Y. John Randolph, whose cross-country teams at West Mary dominated the Southern Conference for the past eight years, been named Army's head of cross-country coach, succeeding late Carleton Crowell.

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