

# Bellard is in noncommittal mood

By PAUL McGRATH

The Texas A&M football team is conducting light workouts this week as they take advantage of the open date in their schedule. The Aggies will travel to Little Rock, Ark. on Nov. 13 to face the Southwest Conference (SWC) leading Arkansas Razorbacks.

Bellard said that his team will work on fundamentals this week while his coaching staff will stress conditioning. The Aggies will take this Saturday off and start preparation for the Razorbacks next week.

Last season the Razorbacks made use of a two week break to defeat A&M 31-6. Bellard was noncommittal as to whether the Aggies' vacation could have the same benefit.

Arkansas will be hosted by Baylor's homecoming crowd this Saturday as the Razorbacks enter the roughest part of their schedule. After Baylor, the Hogs must contend with A&M, SMU, Texas Tech and Texas.

All of A&M's wounded should be ready for the Arkansas game, Bellard said.

"We're in the best physical condi-

tion we've been in over the last three weeks."

Guard Craig Glendenning has sufficiently recovered from a sprained ankle but may have trouble replacing freshman Ed Pustejovsky who has filled in ably. Middle linebacker Robert Jackson and defensive end Jimmy Dean, both of whom played against SMU, will have added time to heal some nagging leg injuries.

With Texas Tech's win over Texas last Saturday the Aggies' slim chance to get to the Cotton Bowl grew even slimmer. Yet, at 3-2 in the SWC, Bellard still maintains hope.

"It doesn't make any difference what I think, but I imagine our chances would have been better if Texas had won," he said. "But if we handle our opportunities from here on out, which is going to be a tough old chore, we have a good chance to go to a bowl."

Houston (4-1) plays Texas (3-1) in Austin this week in a crucial game for both teams. A loss would severely hamper the SWC title hopes of either squad.

"That's their problem," Bellard said, who seemed to feel Houston may have the advantage going into the game. "I hear Texas has some injuries to some of their key personnel. Houston is a pretty darn good football team to be playing at less than full strength."

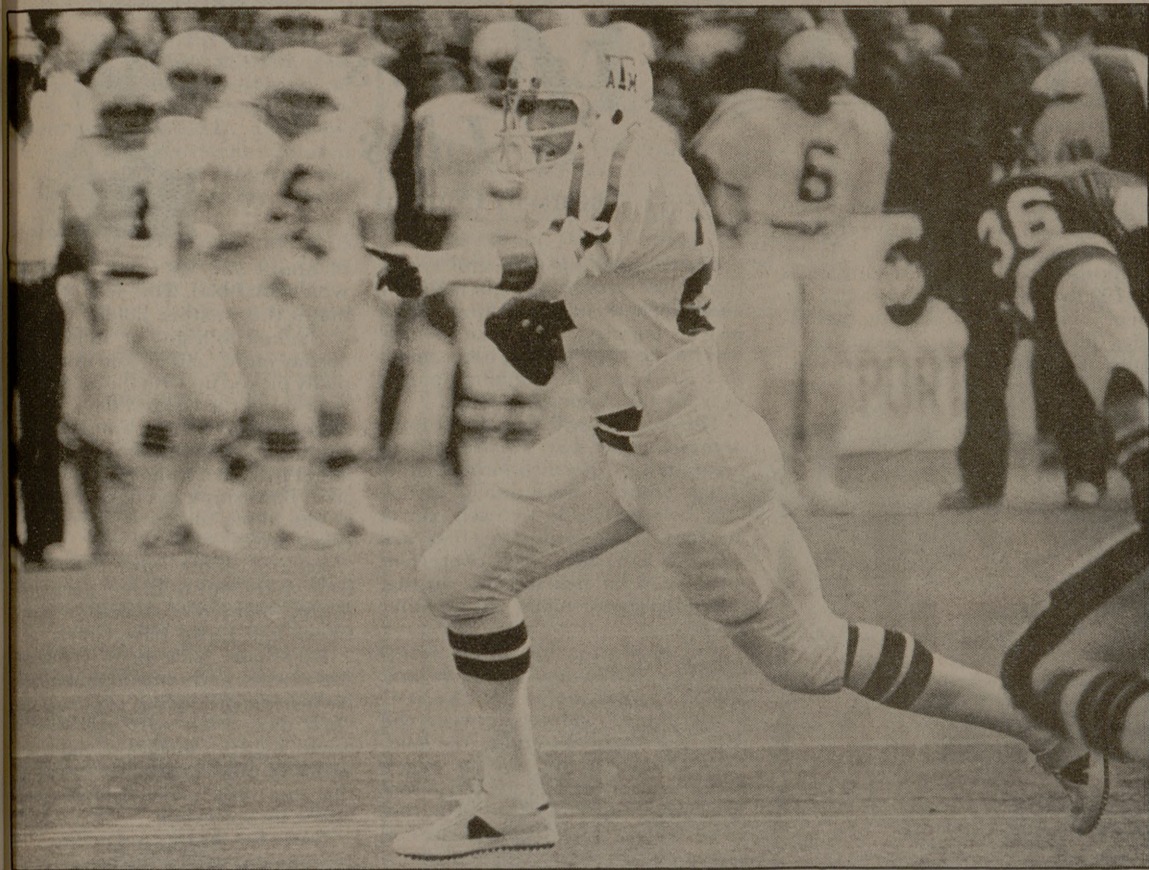
As for the remainder of the conference race, Bellard said, "Anybody in the conference has a chance to beat anybody else, it just depends on the situations."

Bellard commented that he was pleased his team had moved back into the Top 20 (at 18th). "Some teams lose and they hang around up there and other teams lose and they drop out of sight," he said, refusing to comment on which teams he thought "hung up there."

Bellard also refused to comment on the call made by SWC official McDuff Simpson in the Arkansas-Rice game last week. Simpson ruled the recovery of an Arkansas kickoff by Razorback players in the Rice end zone a touchdown when in actuality it was a dead ball and should have been ruled a touchback. Simpson is the same official who made two controversial calls on fumbles during the Texas A&M-Texas Tech game which was won by the Red Raiders.

Bellard based his refusal to comment upon ethics agreed upon by members of the American Football Coaches' Association. Previously, there had been some misconception concerning a gag rule on SWC coaches and their comments on league officials. Bill Morgan, SWC Sports Information Director, told Houston Post sportswriter John Hollis that there was no such gag rule in effect.

In other SWC games, Texas Tech will travel to Fort Worth to take on TCU and Rice will host SMU.



I'm going that away

Freshman sensation Curtis Dickey directs his blocking as he heads for the endzone against SMU last Saturday. Dickey scored two of the

Aggie touchdowns en route to a 36-0 defeat of the Ponies.

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# Cincinnati Reds' Gullett becomes high-priced pitcher

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — With his star client getting a clean bill of health from two orthopedic surgeons, agent Jerry Kapstein says he doesn't know what lies in store for left-handed pitching ace Don Gullett.

Gullett has spurned a chance to return to the Cincinnati Reds and will be one of the prizes in Thursday's free agent draft.

Kapstein has maintained since April that the "door remains open"

in his negotiations with the Reds. He no longer feels that way.

"Now I have no idea what will happen," Kapstein said in a telephone interview from his home in Providence, R.I. "I respect their right to offer the contract they want to offer. . . . But what has been offered by both sides is unacceptable to the other."

Gullett's differences with the Reds center around the length of his contract. He reportedly wanted a

five-year contract. Cincinnati management reportedly had countered with a contract through the 1978 season.

The Reds say they will not take part in the free agent draft, thus would not enter into that bidding war for Gullett's services.

Gullett, whose 91-44 lifetime record is the best among active pitchers with 100 lifetime decisions, was 11-3 last season despite shoulder problems.

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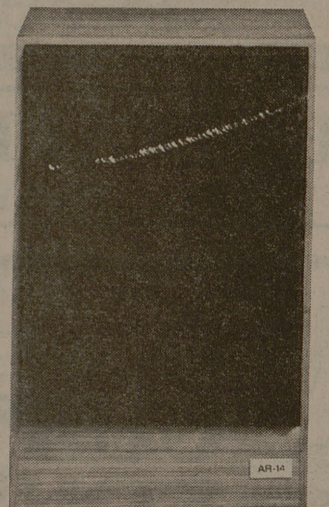
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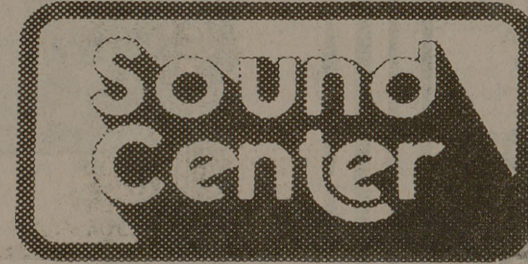


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