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By Paul Arnett

Emory Bellard's press conference is usually a routine assignment for a sports reporter. The inventor of the wishbone offense answers the same questions week after week, with only the teams changing to break the monotony.

Halfway through yesterday's get-together, Bellard was handed an index card with a three sentence message. With a pained expression on his face Bellard read its contents.

"George Woodard's appendix has flaired up. The seriousness of his condition is not known. He is being kept overnight for observation."

The monotony was broken.

"No time is a good time for something like this to happen," Bellard said. "He missed all of last week's

Woodard ailing again

practices, so he sure needs the work."

Eddie Hardin is the second string fullback for the Aggies. Hardin was not overly impressive last weekend against Texas Tech, but he did work hard throughout the contest.

"Eddie did a pretty good job," Bellard said. "He worked real hard and can do the job for us against Michigan."

The Michigan game is an important one for the Southwest Conference, as well as Texas A&M. ABC-TV is broadcasting the game throughout the country, with an Aggie victory bringing the school

and the conference needed recognition.

"This game ranks right up there as the most important game I have ever participated in," Bellard said. "But our game last week was pretty darn important, too. With that game out of the way, this one this weekend has to be an important one. To win would mean that we belong in the upper echelon of college football."

Michigan, after barely defeating Duke and Navy, has fallen from No. 1 to No. 3 in the nation. Coach Bo Schembechler has been saying for

two weeks his team has been over-rated.

"Michigan has a fine football team," Bellard said. "They are very disciplined, meaning they are well coached. It will be a heck of a challenge. They are rugged in their blocking and in their running."

The Wolverines have 10 letterman returning from last year's No. 1 offensive team. Led by quarterback Rick Leach, Michigan has an excellent rushing offense.

"That Huckleby is a legitimate 9.4 sprinter," Bellard said. "They have a great offensive line that can really

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Adami ready to run offense

United Press International
 LUBBOCK, Tex.— With the injury last Saturday of star Texas Tech quarterback Rodney Allison came talk that the Red Raiders offense was doomed. But Tres Adami, thrust into the opening lineup, thinks otherwise.

"Yes, I've heard a lot of that stuff," said the Freer, Tex., junior. "But you have to try and blow it off and not worry about it."

Allison assumed the No. 1 quarterback spot on the Raiders' third game last year after Tommy Duniven suffered an injury.

Ironically, during Tech's third game of the season on Saturday against Texas A&M, Allison broke a small bone in his lower left leg. He is expected to be sidelined four to six weeks.

"You want to play well for the team's sake, of course, but I'd be lying if I said I wouldn't like to show people who don't believe that I can do the job."

"I was kind of nervous when Rodney got hurt, but they (the Aggies) had the ball for awhile after that, so I had some time to think before I went in there," said Adami. "I was

really more nervous when I went in the Baylor game when Allison was injured briefly because I had to go in immediately."

A&M exploded in the fourth quarter, defeating Tech 33-17.

"We just had bad field position all the time, and we couldn't get out of the hole. It's a defensive man's dream to have the other team in that kind of spot," said Adami.

"I felt pretty bad after the game for a while, but, after looking at the films, I don't feel as bad. We were pretty close to doing something, but we had little things go wrong each time."

"The team has a lot of poise, and that kind of rubbed off on me. They

were fired up and encouraged a lot. And I've had a lot of people to do me since Rodney got hurt. I will call me up or stop me in a dorm or something and wish me good luck. All of that helps a lot."

Coach Steve Sloan says the Raiders may condense their offense Saturday's game in Chapel Hill against North Carolina since Tech's quarterbacks are inexperienced.

"I think I know our offense as much as Rodney does, but I do do so many things and have a lot of experience," said Adami. "Still, I don't think they'll run the offense a whole lot with me there."

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