

Michigan right on schedule

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ANN ARBOR, Mich. — This could be the year Michigan finally overcomes its 1975 all-over again, or so Michigan Coach Bo Schembechler would like to think.

ances to face its toughest opposition to date in an undefeated, highly rated team.

This time it's Texas A&M, like Michigan and fifth in the ratings to Michigan's No. 3 position.

ler said Tuesday in describing the Wolverines' season, "when we were coming off two ties to Stanford and Baylor and then beat Missouri."

The Wolverines started off that season with a 23-6 win over Wisconsin, a game that didn't live up to its

billing. This year Michigan drubbed Illinois, 37-9, under similar circumstances.

In 1975 Michigan shocked a lot of people by playing consecutive 19-19 and 14-14 ties with Stanford and Baylor before stunning a Missouri team that was "undefeated and ranked pretty high at the time" with a 31-7 score.

They weren't ties, but Michigan did surprise more than a few folks by the way it stumbled through wins over Duke, 21-9, and Navy, 14-7, the past two weeks.

The Wolverines have consequently dropped from first to third in the ratings, a fact which immensely pleases Schembechler this week but would annoy him were it to happen at the end of the season.

"I do find it difficult to get them motivated for Duke and Navy," he said, "but I will not have that problem Saturday. We will play hard, I know that."

"This is an experienced Texas A&M offensive team. All of their backs and key people are experienced. But they are most impressive defensively. Their defense has really come on."

Schembechler termed the Michigan pass defense "terrible, inexcusable," against Navy but that likely won't be much of a problem against A&M, which uses a Wishbone offense and is not that much of a threat to come in throwing the ball all over the field.

Texas A&M senior quarterback David Walker has thrown three more times than his Michigan counterpart, Rick Leach, (30-27) and completed two more passes (18-16) for a lot more yardage (261-188). Both have thrown two touchdown passes.

Rushing appears to be even, at least the top runners from both teams are.

Aggie sophomore halfback Curtis Dickey has gained 325 yards (48 rushes) and junior fullback George Woodard 291 yards (60 rushes) while the Wolverines' juniors Harlan Huckleby and Russell Davis have comparable statistics.

Tailback Huckleby has gained 352 yards on 65 rushes while fullback Davis has run the ball 57 times and gained 287 yards.

Conference notes.

Texas A&M's 33-17 victory over Texas Tech Saturday night marked the third time in the last four years that Aggie teams have won their first three games — something A&M didn't achieve between 1959 and 74.

Both Texas A&M and Texas Tech have a lot going for them as far as recent history is concerned. For the Aggies, the obvious fact is they won their biggest road game of the year and now face Arkansas, Texas and Houston at home. And for the Raiders, whose SWC record slipped to 1-1 after the loss? Well, four times in the last ten seasons (and nine in

the last 25) teams have come back from 1-1 starts to win or share the championship.

KICKERS AGAINST THE WORLD: Tony Franklin broke out of a mini-slump with his fourth-quarter field goals, another NCAA record, in Texas A&M's Saturday victory over Texas Tech — and the Aggie ace immediately credited a former Texas Longhorn with his improvement. Franklin and 1972-74 Texas kicker Bill (Sure) Schott are good friends and Schott spent a couple of days visiting Franklin before the Virginia Tech game, studying films of Franklin's technique and correcting some minor flaws that had cropped up.

SWC INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS THRU SEPT. 24

TOTAL OFFENSE						TOTAL DEFENSE						
Team	C	Plays	Yds.	TD	Punts	Team	C	Plays	Yds.	TD	Punts	
					Avg. No-Avg.						Avg. No-Avg.	
Texas	2	160	967	14	483.5	5-34.0	Texas	2	100	186	0	93.0
Arkansas	3	208	1375	15	458.3	15-42.3	Texas	3	225	704	2	234.7
A&M	3	221	1102	9	367.3	18-40.2	Tech	3	184	747	5	249.0
Tech	3	205	1080	9	360.0	14-44.6	A&M	3	210	773	4	257.7
SMU	3	216	1009	10	336.3	14-45.8	Baylor	3	225	972	6	324.9
Houston	3	190	945	11	315.0	18-39.7	Houston	3	228	1110	5	370.0
TCU	3	225	883	5	294.3	19-38.2	SMU	3	224	1152	9	384.0
TCU	3	201	698	4	232.7	25-36.5	TCU	3	244	1362	11	454.0
Rice	3	192	675	4	225.0	24-40.3	Rice	3	233	1525	16	508.3

LOW YIELD: 82, Texas (Virginia)

PASSING											
Player and School	C	Att.	Comp.	Int.	TD	Pct.	Yards	Yds. Per	Yds. Per	Avg.	Comp.
								Game	Game	Game	
Walker, SMU	3	74	37	5	4	50.0	484	13.1	161.3	12.3	
Walker, A&M	3	50	21	5	2	42.0	292	13.9	97.3	7.0	
Walker, A&M	3	30	18	3	2	60.0	261	14.5	87.0	6.0	
Walker, A&M	3	45	17	4	0	37.8	130	7.6	43.3	5.7	
Walker, A&M	3	26	15	3	2	57.7	236	15.7	78.7	5.0	
Walker, A&M	3	26	15	1	3	57.7	206	13.7	68.7	5.0	
Walker, A&M	3	29	15	5	1	51.7	209	13.9	69.7	5.0	
Walker, A&M	2	14	9	1	1	64.3	226	25.1	113.0	4.5	
Walker, A&M	3	28	12	3	1	42.9	106	8.8	35.3	4.0	

MOST COMPLETIONS AND YARDS: 17 (of 30), 241 yards, xx Mike Ford, SMU (NTS); LONG: 88, Jon Aune to Alfred Nelson, Texas (Boston College)

RUSHING											
Player & School	C	Plays	Yds.	TD	Play	Game					
					Avg.	Avg.					
Cowins, Arkansas	3	54	476	4	8.8	158.7					
E. Campbell, Tex	2	36	243	3	6.8	121.5					
Dickey, A&M	3	48	325	1	6.8	108.3					
Woodard, A&M	3	60	291	4	4.8	97.0					
Whittington, SMU	3	49	267	2	5.4	89.0					

MOST YARDS: 203 (21 carries), Ben Cowins, Ark (Okla. St.); LONG: 80, Greg Hawthorne, BU (Tech)

SCORING											
Player & School	C	TD	XPT	FG	Pts.	Game					
					Avg.	Avg.					
Erlebein, Texas	2	0	13	3	22	11.0					
Erlebein, A&M	3	0	10	6	28	9.3					
Campbell, UT	2	3	0	0	18	9.0					
Adams, Ark	3	0	14	4	26	8.7					
Adams, Ark	3	4	0	0	24	8.0					
Adams, A&M	3	4	0	0	24	8.0					

MOST FG: 57, Russell Erlebein, Texas (BC)
— missed: Bill Adams, Tech (A&M)

Water polo team is inexperienced

By MARIE HOMEYER
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This weekend the Texas A&M Water Polo team will be one of six teams competing in a tournament to be held in the P.L. Downs stadium.

Texas A&M, Southern Methodist University, Lamar University and the University of Texas will be playing against the University of New Mexico and New Mexico State University. The games start at 8 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. Saturday.

The Aggies are inexperienced compared to last year's NCAA championship team. There are only returning members of the team who had a 19-4 record last season. This year the polo team has a record of 1-1.

Co-captains, Steve Sampson and Bob Leland, a returning letterman, lead the scoring for the Aggies. Sampson has scored 16 points in six games and has assisted on 7 goals. Leland has made 11 points in seven games.

Scott Harris, a holdover from last year, has scored 12 points and assisted on 12 more. George Dallam has had eight assists and scored six points. Chuck Burr has scored five points.

"We're trying to teach skills to guys who haven't played before," Fossdick said. "Burr is one of our best swimmers. Leland is the fastest. Meek is right with him and Sampson and Harris are able men."

"Our team is being and strong," Leland is a 6-3, 185 pound junior from College Station; Sampson, a 6-6, 210 pound junior from Belton, Ca.; Burr, a 6-foot, 183 pound sophomore from Benbrook, Tex.; Harris, a 6-1 junior from Dallas who weighs 190 pounds; and Dallam, a 6-2 freshman who weighs 165 pounds and is from Camphill, Pa.

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