

# Ags ready for Wolverines

By PAT EDMONDSON  
Act 3 of the Texas A&M road trip continues tomorrow, as the squad encounters their most brutal game since the 1975 collapse at Arkansas. The Aggies entered that contest as the number two ranked team in the wire polls, with both a Southwest Conference championship and a possible national championship on their minds. History reminds us, however, the 'Porkers axed those inhibitions with a 31-6 thrashing, capturing the SWC crown themselves. This time Texas A&M is fifth in the rankings as they venture north for a date with the Wolverines of the

University of Michigan. Michigan is rated third nationally. Approximately 104,000 spectators in Ann Arbor will greet the pride of the Southwest Conference. It may be the largest crowd ever to view an event at the famed Michigan Stadium. The Texas A&M-Michigan tilt is just one of the quality match-ups the NCAA has dug up for 1977. Last week the Oklahoma Sooners shocked the hometown fans 225 miles east of Ann Arbor. OU's Barry Switzer called on a last second field goal to nail Coach Woody Hayes and the Buckeyes of Ohio St. in Columbus, Ohio. Notre Dame took

Pittsburgh in this year's first blood-bath. The UCLA-Houston contest was a fair affair too. Alabama and Nebraska have already met, while the Crimson Tide still must tangle with USC. OU will meet the Texas Longhorns in their annual fling in Dallas next week.

A&M and Michigan have met on turf once before. In 1970 the Wolverines routed the Farmers, 41-10 in Ann Arbor.

Both squads enter the game undefeated in 1977. A&M took non-conference victories over Kansas and Virginia Tech before last week's conference win over Texas Tech. Michigan scored big in a season opener with Illinois. They've inched by their last two opponents in Duke and Navy.

The game features a pair of "look alikes" in their respective offensive schemes. A&M's George Woodard and Michigan's Harlan Huckleby are potent fullbacks up the middle. Quarterbacks David Walker and Rick Leach are both southpaws.

Big George was released from St. Joseph's hospital Wednesday following an appendix flare-up. He worked out with the squad yesterday and should be in the starting lineup. Walker had some ligaments in the Texas Tech game in his throwing hand, but will operate at quarterback.

Bo Schembechler is the town favorite in Ann Arbor. He's posted a 76-11-3 record since taking over as head coach in 1969. Last year the Wolverines dropped a 14-6 decision to Southern Cal in the Rose Bowl. Last week's win upped Emory Bellard's mark to 36-21 in five seasons at AggieLand. The Cadets climaxed their '76 season with a 37-14 win over the Florida Gators in the Sun Bowl.

A&M currently shares the Southwest Conference lead with SMU with a 1-0 standing. Texas Tech is 1-1, while Baylor and TCU have yet to win in conference outings. Three league games are scheduled this weekend, with

Baylor at Houston, Arkansas at TCU and Rice at Texas. The Texas Tech Red Raiders travel to North Carolina while SMU hosts Ohio St.

Saturday's game will be aired on regional television, with 80 percent of the country viewing the telecast. Kickoff is set for 12:50 Saturday afternoon.

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## Appleby overlooked in kicking scheme

By MARK PATTERSON

Lost among the hullabaloo and celebration of last week's victory over Tech was the performance of David Appleby, the A&M punter. Though he saw limited action in the game, much to the relief of his coaches, his play was instrumental in aiding the Aggies' winning effort.

Against the Red Raiders, Appleby punted five times for a 45-yard average. His longest punt of the game was a 63 yarder. Compounded on his average from the previous weeks' games, Appleby stands second in the Southwest Conference in punting with a 44.6 yard per kick average, trailing only Ken Rosenthal of SMU who has a 45.8 average.

Last year Appleby finished fourth in the conference in punting with a 39.7 average. Though his average is better this year than last year, he expects even more.

"I'm not doing anything differently this year than I did last year, style wise," Appleby said. "This past spring I really concentrated on building strength up in my legs. I guess it helped because even my bad punts this year are going farther than my bad ones did last year."

Appleby did have one bad punt in the Tech game, a 19 yarder in the second half, that kept him out of the conference lead this week. But overall he is happy about his performance.

"By far it was my best overall game. I did my part in helping out the defense. I put the ball out of bounds on the 9, 14, and 17-yard lines that helped keep Tech in a hole the entire second half."

"Even in warm-ups before the game my coach (John Paul Young) asked me if I had ever kicked better before. I felt like I hadn't. Even my warm-up kicks were solid."

Appleby's kicks will have to remain solid if he hopes to contend for the conference punting crown. Sizing up the conference competition, Appleby knows he is in impressive company.

"Last year the conference punting was dominated by Steve Little (Arkansas) and Russell Erxleben (Texas), both premier punters and NFL prospects. This year Rosenthal looks strong too but he's dropped four yards in his average the last two games. I know I can catch him, but those other two are great punters."

Appleby also carries the responsibility of being Tony Franklin's backup in case Franklin is injured.

"I back Franklin up place kicking and he backs me up at punting. I just hope he stays healthy because I'm not too accurate beyond the 20-yard line. At least not like he is."

Appleby is looking towards the Michigan game tomorrow as he did towards the Tech game, hoping to do as well in Ann Arbor as he did in Lubbock.

"Michigan doesn't scare me, but I respect them as a team because of their overall strengths. I just hope to keep them deep in their own territory so our defense doesn't have to work too hard."

"I really think the kicking game, as it did against Tech, will decide the outcome."

Regarding the overall strength of the Aggie team, Appleby can see a trip to Dallas in the future.

"I've never felt as good about a team as I do about us. We're in the driver's seat now (in the conference race). I felt that if we can win two of our last three home games (Arkansas, Texas and Houston) we'll go to the Cotton Bowl. And I can't wait to go."

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