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# Another change for Bears

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Baylor head coach Grant Teaff has named freshman Scott Smith as his starting quarterback for tomorrow's game against the Aggies. Smith, in his first year at Baylor of Dallas Highland Park High School, beat out sophomore Greg Wood for the starting position solely on this week's performance. Based on this week's work in practice Scott has looked better than Wood," Teaff said. "Not only has he executed the plays better, he has worked very well with the first team offense." Teaff has been confronted with a quarterback problem since his starter, Sammy Bickham, was lost

for the season with a knee injury. Teaff has adjusted his game plan to fit Bickham's replacement. "Sammy was obviously our best quarterback in both execution and passing," Teaff said. "Scott doesn't throw as well as Sammy does so our offensive play will have to adjust accordingly. Our passing game will suffer the most without Sammy." The starting nod tomorrow it in no way assures him of remaining the number one quarterback. "If Scott does well against the Aggies he will remain our starting quarterback," Teaff said. "If his performance is poor we'll have to go with Greg Wood and hope he can step in and do the job for us." While Teaff and the offense worry

about the quarterback position, Jim Elan, defensive secondary coach, is all smiles about the play of the defensive backs. After five games the Bears lead the Southwest Conference in passing defense. In 81 passing attempts, the opposition has completed only 31 passes for a 36 percent completion rate and an average of 70.6 yards per game. Challenging the Baylor secondary will be the A&M passing offense which is last in the conference in passing offense with a 66-yard per game average. Baylor punter Luke Prestridge has moved into the number three spot in the conference punting race. On the year Prestridge has punted 31 times and carries a 44-yard aver-

age into tomorrow's game. His longest punt of the year was a 66-yarder last week against SMU. The Bears will have to get their offense on track and solidify their defense to defeat the Aggies tomorrow. The Baylor stands 1-2 in the conference standings and a loss tomorrow will crush all title hopes the Bears have for the 1977 season. The Aggies would like to deliver that crushing blow tomorrow.

## Conference notes...

The Southwest Conference hiked its non-conference record to 16-9 with a pair of victories Saturday. All that's left are two games Oct. 22, Air Force at Baylor and Miami (Fla.) at TCU. A sweep of those would put the SWC at 18-9, its best extracurricular mark since the same won-loss record was achieved in 1963.

The SWC is 3-0 against the Western Athletic Conference, 2-0 against both the Atlantic Coast and Missouri Valley, 1-0 against the Big Eight, 3-2 against independents, 1-2 against both the Southeastern and Pacific Eight and 0-2 against the Big Ten.

Field goals accounted for 39 of the 142 points scored in games involving the SWC last Saturday. Texas and Oklahoma each scored two in the 13-6 Longhorn win. But if they'd both punted, you've

had really seen some punting yardage. As it was, Texas' Russell Exleben and OU's Uwe von Schamann punted the ball for 794 yards. They also attempted field goals of 69, 64, 63, 58 and 47 yards. If their coaches hadn't been so confident of the kickers' ability, the game could have had more than 1,000 yards of punts.

Oklahoma's roster for the Texas game included 23 players from the state of Oklahoma and 24 from Texas. Longhorn quarterbacks Mark McBath and Jon Aune went out with leg injuries in Texas' first 12 offensive plays. Then in the second quarter, OU quarterback Thomas Lott of San Antonio was injured and missed a few plays. As Lott was helped off the field, Texas sports information director Jones Ramsey observed, "That's the third quarterback from Texas injured today."

### SWC INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS THRU OCT. 8

TOTAL OFFENSE						TOTAL DEFENSE					
Team	G	Plays	Yds.	TD	Punts	Team	G	Plays	Yds.	TD	Punts
Arkansas	4	272	1800	21	450.0	Texas	4	246	704	2	176.0
Texas	4	301	1793	23	448.2	Arkansas	4	303	940	3	235.0
Houston	4	293	1525	13	381.2	Tech	5	302	1259	10	251.8
A&M	4	288	1291	9	322.7	A&M	4	273	1073	8	268.2
TCU	5	389	1586	11	317.2	Baylor	5	355	1557	10	311.4
Tech	5	352	1582	15	316.4	Houston	4	292	1363	8	340.7
SMU	5	334	1461	11	292.2	SMU	5	390	2019	14	403.8
Baylor	5	338	1347	7	269.4	TCU	5	372	2060	19	412.0
Rice	5	344	1252	8	250.4	Rice	5	402	2609	29	521.8

RUSHING DEFENSE						RUSHING						
Team	G	Plays	Yds.	TD	Fumbles	Player & School	G	Plays	Yds.	TD	Play Avg.	Game Avg.
Texas	4	162	305	0	76.2	Cowins, Arkansas	4	73	563	7	7.7	140.7
Tech	5	225	591	3	118.2	E. Campbell, Tex	4	72	498	8	6.9	124.5
Arkansas	4	197	530	2	132.5	Woodard, A&M	4	99	444	4	4.5	111.0
A&M	4	209	559	5	139.7	Blackwell, UH	4	78	401	3	5.1	100.2

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