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the third week in a row Texas M will face a team that starts a Conference nman at quarterback. Two s ago A&M played a Baylor

went up against Rice and Randy Hertel, the number two quarter-back statistically in the Southwest

terback in the conference.

In his first year out of Mesquite
High School, Ford has led the Mus-

rback. Last week the Aggies son, Ford is the number one quar- college team could put great pres-

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tangs to a 3-4 season record this year man at quarterback. Two sago A&M played a Baylor challenge the SMU Mustangs led by freshman Scott Smith at freshman Mike Ford. So far this sea-

sure on an athlete.

Ford has escaped that pressure. "I haven't been pressured at all this year," said Ford. "Since I am a freshman, the coaches expect me to make mistakes, hoping I can learn

"The only pressures I've felt are

pectations. Ford has realized that there are some sacrifices that have to be made in order to retain his starting posi-

"There is so much more to learn about football when you play it in college," said Ford. "I've seen more films and been to more meetings so far this year than I did my entire three years in high school. All this work is really draining my body. It's pretty hard to play college ball. A lot

harder than I thought it would be.' In SMU's first game this year, Ford helped to defeat TCU, 45-21. The game stands out as one of his greatest thrills.

"Boy, was it (the game) a confidence builder for me," said Ford. "I didn't know what to expect of myself

from within. I really expect a lot out of each of my performances. I haven't always lived up to my exthe victory.

or of the team. I really didn't play that well but I helped in us getting the victory.

battle early. I knew I was bound for SMU."

This year's Southwest Conference the victory.

Starting the TCU game was really a great personal accomplishment for me. When I came to SMU my goal was to become the starting quarterback. And when I started the first game of my freshman year, well, what an ego builder.

The possible opportunity of starting was one of the main reasons Ford decided on playing at SMU.
"I saw that I had a chance to play if I came to SMU," said Ford. "I

knew there would be an early opportunity to prove myself and my

"And after I met coach (Ron) Meyer I knew I was going to come here. The first time we met, when I formed my first impression of the man, I was convinced. I made up my mind early about coming here.
That's why I got out of the recruiting

title hopes for SMU are gone, but the Mustangs haven't quit showing up on Saturday afternoons. Two weeks ago the Ponies pulled out a last minute victory over the Houston Cougars, 37-23. In last week's game the Mustangs played inspired football before losing to Texas 30-14. A belief in coach Meyer's system of coaching at SMU has the team, and Ford, optimistic for the future.

"We're an extremely young team," said Ford. "We'll only lose these forces the said for the future.

three offensive starters and two defensive starters of this year's team, going into next season. And the people we have returning are improving with every game we play.

"Coach Meyer has a great system here at SMU. It's one that the team believes in and I believe in. If I didn't, I wouldn't be here."



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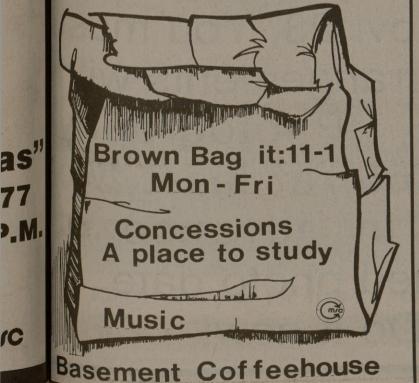
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