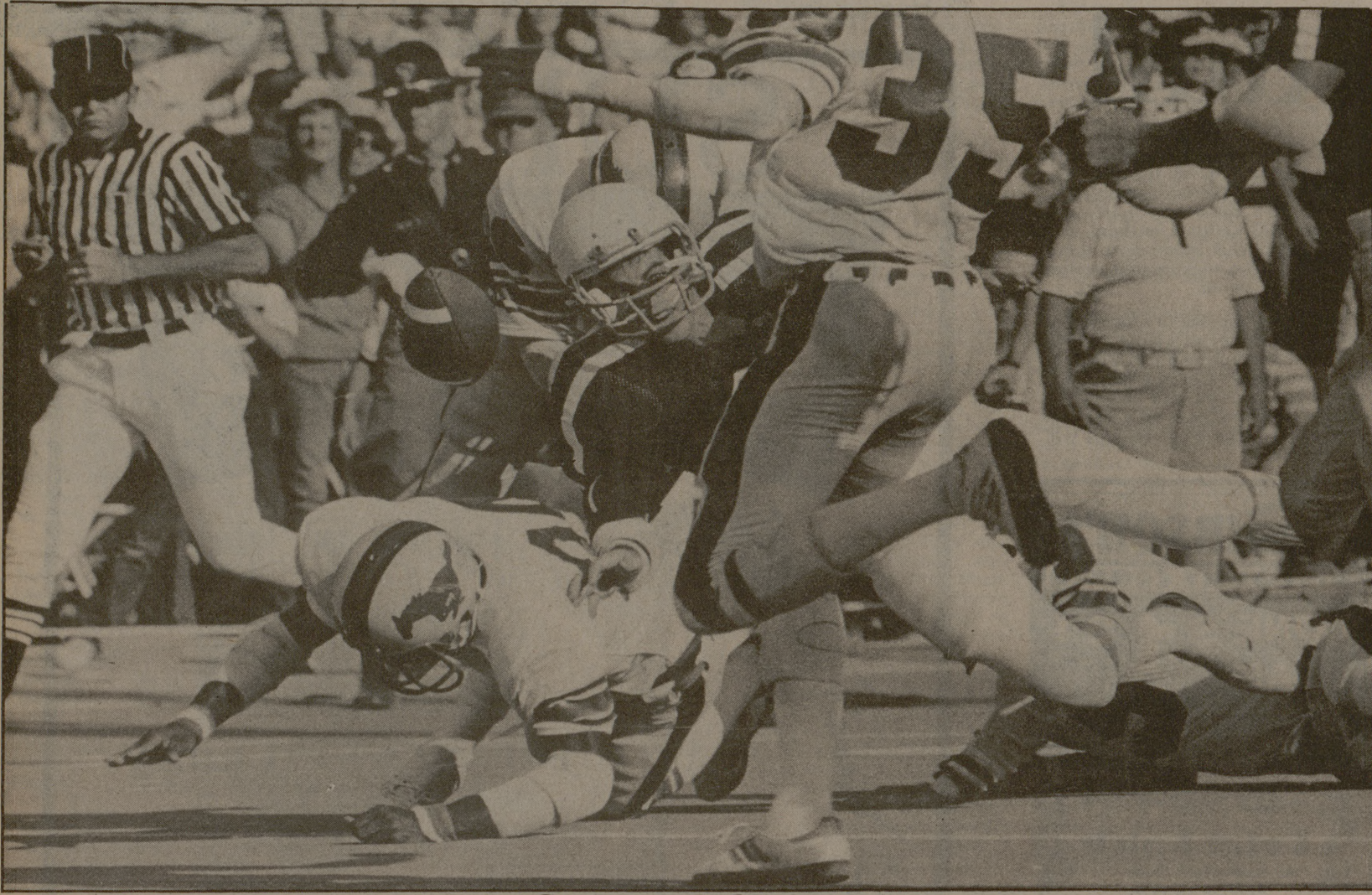


# Texas is unbeaten, so are the Ags



Snap, crackle, pop

Aggie quarterback David Walker loses his grip on the football as he is smashed by SMU defenders on the Mustangs' 5-yard line. But teammate Russell Mikeska caught the fumble on the bounce, scoring the Aggies' go-ahead touchdown in

the fourth-quarter. Walker rushed for 182 yards, threw two touchdowns and scored another himself as the Aggies beat the Mustangs 38-21 last Saturday.

Sh-h-h. Keep it down. Someone might hear. Nobody is supposed to know the Aggies are still in the Southwest Conference title chase. So just keep it quiet, wouldja?

While both the Texas A&M Aggies and the University of Texas Longhorns have identical 4-0 records in league play this year, it seems the conference crown has been conceded to the Horns. The Cotton Bowl Committee has already given speculation to a Texas-Notre Dame match-up in this year's classic.

One can hardly wonder why, what with Texas currently ranked No. 1 in the nation and the Irish being the best team around not bound by a conference to other major bowls. Hosting the possible national champion would return prestige to the Cotton Bowl which has been missing in recent years.

And there are others reasons the Longhorns are being considered a shoe-in. Texas leads the league in both total defense and total offense and ranks within the top five in the nation in each category.

The Texas first team defense has allowed only two touchdowns all season while the offense averages 40 points per outing. The numbers are definitely in the Longhorns' favor.

Another reason: Earl Campbell. Enough said.

It's an interesting little under-cover public relations campaign Texas has going in endorsing Campbell as a Heisman trophy candidate. While Oklahoma State's

Terry Miller receives an eight-page spread in the OSU football brochure, Campbell is limited to just 14 lines in the Texas booklet.

The big to-do recently has not been over Campbell as a candidate, but over the lack of information and statistics on him being distributed by the UT Sports Information Department. Jones Ramsey's staff has drawn nothing but praise for their non-campaign for Campbell.

It all boils down to a prime example of reverse psychology. Texas is able to get more publicity for Campbell by underpublicizing him, typecasting him as an underdog, while the huge p.r. campaigns given other Heisman candidates seems to have a negative effect. Thus, lack of publicity might earn Earl a trophy for his mantlepiece.

Also going "unnoticed" are the Texas Aggies of Emory Bellard. Unimpressive performances against Baylor and Rice have had those who know begin to count the Aggies out of contention.

Those folks had better readjust their thinking after viewing A&M's awesome second half comeback at the expense of SMU.

The Aggies have had the appearance of a team ready to explode for several weeks. Humiliated by Michigan, chastised after the Baylor and Rice games, pushed around in the first half against SMU, the Aggies refused to roll over and die. Instead of quitting, the team faced the music and, following Bellard's advice, they carried the fight to the

Ponies. It was a different team that appeared for that final 30 minutes. Aggies muzzled their detractors the meantime, by playing hard-nosed football. All year opponents have been saying it was not as "physical" as they expected. Mustang Coach Meyer gave witness that the Aggie could be "physical" when it wanted to.

"A&M is a very physical football team," he said. "Our injuries showed in the second half. When you lose your main guys on defense it takes the guts out of your defense."

Aggie quarterback David Walker played perhaps the finest game of his career, giving the offense a needed weapon to combat defenses stacked to stop George Wood and Curtis Dickey.

The A&M defense came through with its best pass rush of the season constantly hurrying SMU quarterback Mike Ford. The Aggie defense also contained the running game better than any time this season, limiting the Ponies to 52 yards on the ground.

While others may be wanting to give the Longhorns the league crown with four games remaining to be played, the Aggies appear to be not among them. They still have a stern test coming up next week when Arkansas comes to town for the first time in three years. Weeks later the Aggies resume their rivalry with the Longhorns.

But until then, mums the word.

## Owner chastised again

United Press International  
ARLINGTON — Texas Rangers owner Brad Corbett claims the baseball commissioner's office privately has threatened his team with action regarding "tampering" with free agent Larry Hise unless the Rangers refrain from drafting the Minnesota outfielder Friday.

Corbett said the team would take its chances and draft Hise, perhaps No. 1.

"We will not be bullied," Corbett said Wednesday. "We will do everything possible to sign him (Hise). Yes, we will go ahead and draft him."

According to the Rangers, Commissioner Bowie Kuhn's top aide, Sandy Hadden, Tuesday telephoned Rangers attorney Dee Kelly from New York and told him Kuhn had decided the Rangers — in particular, general manager Dan O'Brien — were guilty of tampering.

Kelly said Hadden offered some private advice: forget about drafting Hise in Friday's free agent draft and the commissioner would impose a light sentence on O'Brien and the Rangers. Kelly said Hadden also

implied that if the Rangers drafted Hise, then a heavy sentence would be forthcoming.

Last year Kuhn suspended Atlanta owner Turner for a full year after declaring him guilty of tampering with San Francisco outfielder Gary Matthews.

When Corbett returned to town from a business trip Wednesday, he found a resignation on his desk from O'Brien and Kelly waiting in his office to tell him of Hadden's call. Corbett was not pleased and refused to accept O'Brien's resignation.

"The facts in this case are totally out of proportion to the ruling. I can't believe the commissioner's ruling would be negative — if it is that," Corbett said. "I must say that the only thing I have to go on is a conversation between Mr. Kelly and Mr. Hadden."

"I have tried to reach the commissioner but he has been unsuccessful so far."

Corbett demanded that Kuhn announce the verdict publicly.

The tampering charge came from an incident Sept. 19 sports media luncheon in Dallas.

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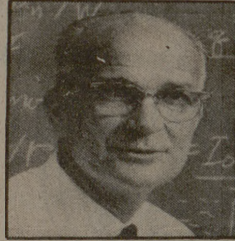
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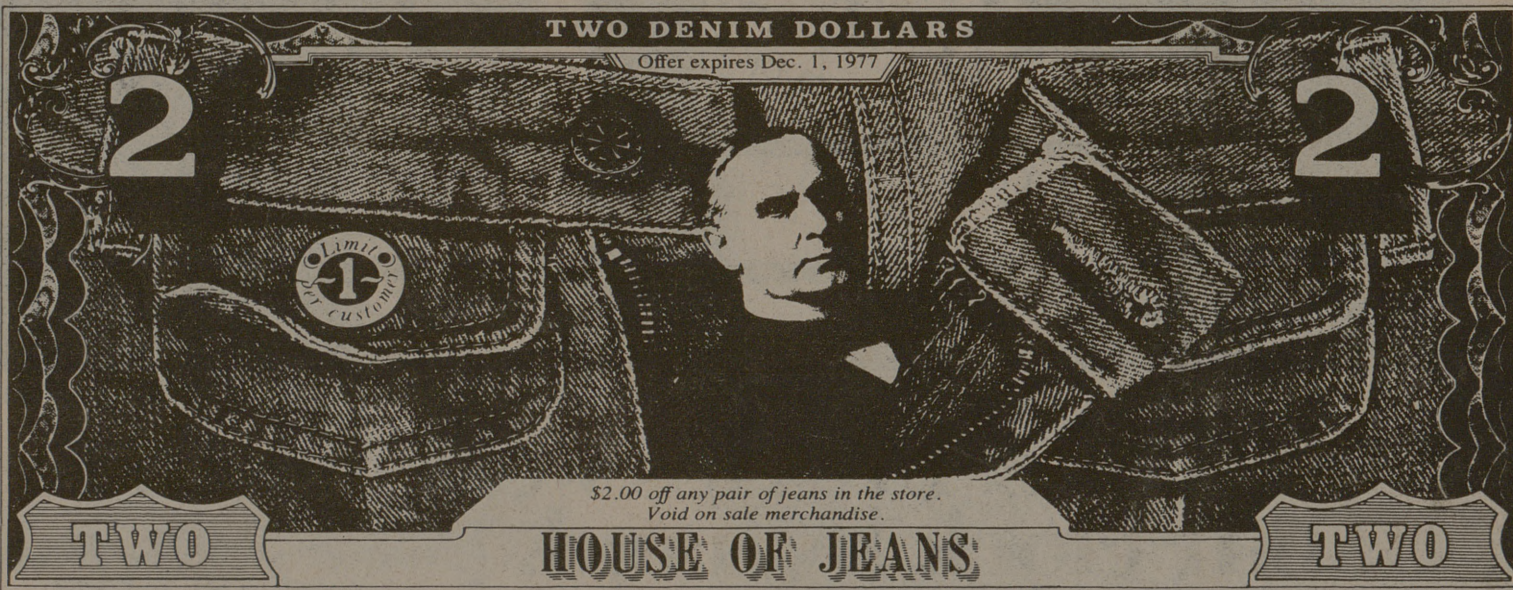
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