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Another good year for Tony

By D.D. GRUBBS It's time to check in on that barefooted kicker from Texas A&M. The one, you might remember, who holds the NCAA record for longest consecutive field goals of 64 and 65 vards

Although that particular statistic does not appear in any of the record books, Tony Franklin, the Aggies' lege football history.

His 65-yarder was an NCAA rec-ord until a couple of his counter-parts from the SWC — Russell Erxleben of Texas and Steve Little of Arkansas — both kicked 67-yarders Franklin is 14-24 on field goals and a perfect 35-35 on extra points. He currently leads the team in scoring

tant to the 5-9, 175-pounder from Fort Worth. He views them as the most effective way to set goals for himself and assess his own perform-

"I've hit 14 of my last 19 field goal

attempts and haven't missed an extra point all year. I scored 81 points last year and already have 77 this season so it looks like I'll improve my point production which would be very satisfying. There are so many goals I want to reach before I leave A&M."

The two he's got in mind in par-ticular are the SWC mark for career points scored - 294, held by Bill Burnett, running back for Arkansas from 1968-70, and the NCAA record for most field goals in a career — 53, held by Steve Little. Both records are well within reach as Franklin currently has 221 career points and 43 career field goals with a season to go yet.

Despite all his accomplishments, Franklin has been cast into a back seat role because of the feats of Erxleben and Little this season.

"It's a rare thing, having three of the nation's top kickers in the same conference," says Franklin. "People keep reminding me what the others are doing but the fact is we are all doing our best. Store's hed doing our best. Steve's had an exceptional year and Russell's one of the best punters in the nation. He's had more field goal success this year

There is a friendly rivalry between Franklin and Erxleben, which adds to the already intense competition between the two schools. ABC-TV has also expressed an interest in doing a special feature with the two kickers on a fishing trip or some sort of outing together to possibly show at halftime of a future A&M-UT contest.

goal. After setting the tee seven yards behind the line of scrimmage, and stepping off his paces — two back and two to the side — he begins the most crucial part of readying himself.

"I've got to block out the other team, the fans, everything, and concentrate on the spot I have marked on the tee. I especially like to kick in tight situations - I think I kick better under pressure

Offensive back coach Donnie Wigginton also works with Franklin and notes consistency as his primary attribute.

There are a lot of kickers who don't work nearly as hard as Tony

Franklin uses a simple system in preparing himself to kick a field goal. After setting the tee seven been a slow starter every year but has done a tremendous job each year. The main thing is he realizes he's just as good as his next kick."

This week, the Aggies host Houston in their final regular season game. Last year the Cougars downed A&M 21-10 and Franklin admits there are special feelings behind this contest.

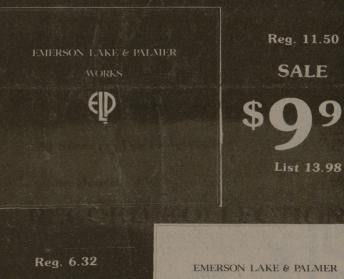
"They gave us a tough slap in the face a year ago. Then they showed up at the A&M-UH basketball game here last year chanting '21-10'. That got us a little fired up and we're not going to let it happen again this vear



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ain felt it made a mistake in agreeg to house Texas' opponent in the otton Bowl, Notre Dame. So the hotel has offered the ghorns free accomodations. The Longhorns, the nation's No. ranked team, have stayed at the arriot Hotel during trips to Dallas e past three years.

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United Press International AUSTIN — The Marriot Hotel few miles farther from the Cotton Bowl, free of charge. We consider the University of

Texas a good and valued customer and this afternoon we called and offered complimentary accomoda-tions," said David Pease, director of marketing for the chain.

Pease said Notre Dame officials decided Friday to room at the Mar-

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Texas Longhorns

junior placekicker, lays claim to a host of other records that stand as pretty sound evidence for his case of being one of the best kickers in col-**CURTIS DICKEY**

Franklin, with 12 games remain-ing in his career, holds or shares 19 NCAA, SWC or A&M records. Among those national marks are most field goals of 50 yards or more in a career = 14 most field goals in a career -14, most field goals made from 60 yards or more, both in a game and a career -2 (those were the 64 and 65 yarders made in succession against Baylor last year), and most field goals made in a 3-year career - 43.

with 77 points.

Statistics and records are impor-

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Kevin Monk will play in the Japan Bowl. A&M's all-SWC candidates? How about OT Frank Myers, OT Cody Risien, C Mark Dennard, OB David Walker, FB George Woodard, HB Curtis Dickey, K Tony Franklin, CB Mike Williams, LB Kevin Mank Saf Card Cardia Saf Kararath Tacha All Monk, Saf Carl Grulich, Saf Kenneth Taylor. All deserve strong consideration.

Seniors at

proud of you. You defeated a good football team today." Texas SID **Jones Ramsey:** "Even when we had 40 points, I was still scared to death." A&M QB

David Walker: "I don't think Texas has the best

defense we've faced. Michigan probably did." Emory Bellard: "Houston has a fine football team. They had injury problems early, but they've made adjustments to a new quarterback and they'll be

extremely tough. Southern Cal has as much talent

as any team in America. It is difficult to see how they could have lost four games. Anybody who plays them has a headache." George Woodard: "Texas has the best defense in the SWC but Arkansas was

quicker with their linebackers. Campbell deserves

to be all-American. He's strong upstairs, has great strength and speed." A&M Phil Bennett: "Some people say take away Earl Campbell and Texas would be just another team. I'd put our offense up

against any in the nation. I'm just disappointed we

A&M and Texas leave with a 2-2 standoff after their four years. It'll be a "bring-your-lunch along" sports day Saturday at Aggieland. A&M's women play S.F.

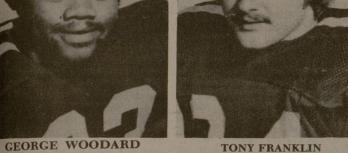
Austin in basketball at 12:30. A&M and Houston

Austin in basketball at 12:30. AccM and Houston play SWC football at 3:05 and AccM's men play Houston Baptist in basketball at 7:30. AccM's Emory Bellard said he would be in favor of a clock like the pros use to avoid delay of game penalties. "I think it would be very helpful. Everyone would

benefit." OT Frank Myers will play in the Senior

Bowl game in Mobile, Ala. And, Myers and LB

(the defense) didn't hold up our end.



Aggie notes.

Statistically, this week's game with Houston could be the most significant in A&M's history. It

could produce A&M's all-time leading rusher, all-

time leading scorer, the SWC's most prolific rusher

and mark the first time in SWC history for a team to have two backs with more than 1,000 rushing yards. Junior FB George Woodard needs 40 rushing

yards to surpass Bubba Bean's 2,846 total of 1972-

75. He has 1,050 this year, the first time ever for an

Aggie to have two 1,000 yard totals twice. (He had

1,153 last year. Kicker Tony Franklin has 221-career points and needs four more to pass Joel Hunt's 224 total of 1925-27. Woodard needs 10

more carries to become the busiest rusher ever in

SWC. He has 596. The record is 605 by SMU's Wayne Morris in 1972-75. Soph HB Curtis Dickey needs 81 yards to reach 1,000 this year and join

Franklin's four extra points against Texas gives him 35 for the season and breaks A&M single season

mark of 34 by Darrow Hooper in 1950. Woodard's

two touchdowns against Texas extends his A&M career record to 34 and ranks him fourth on all-time

SWC list behind Bill Burnett of Arkansas, Doak

Walker of SMU and Steve Worster of Texas. Woodard and Franklin have one more year while Dickey still has two.

The 295 points scored by A&M is fourth best sea-

son total in the school's history. The team needs 31 yards against Houston to be the most prolific rush-

"Tve never seen a better one." Kevin Monk, A&M

senior linebacker: "My one word description of

Texas is Awesome." Texas DT Brad Shearer: "It was a tough game. The Aggies have one helluva offense." Coach Fred Akers (to his squad) "I'm

Woodard at that magic number.



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