

Aggs hope to pick bluebonnets

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For the third time in as many years the Texas Aggies are preparing to enter a post-season bowl. It is for those players, coaches, fans and sportswriters who survived the year's season to prepare for the Year's Eve bout with the University of Southern California in the Bluebonnet Bowl.

In the past two years, the Aggies have been 1-1 in bowl play. That loss was at the hands of none other than the Trojans of USC in the Liberty Bowl. The prevalent theme of revenge seems to be present again as a motivation factor for the Aggies.

There are a few names on the Trojan roster that the Aggies will recognize from Memphis. Split end Randy Simmrin made his presence known, catching three passes for 82 yards in the Liberty Bowl. This year Simmrin, a senior, has tied Lynn Swann at the top of the Trojan career receiving list. His 36 receptions this year bring his career total to 95 and make him Southern Cal's leader in career receiving yardage, with 1,927.

"Randy's ability is rare," Trojan coach John Robinson said prior to the start of the season. "He's not very big, but he's tough. Like Swann, he'll do anything to catch the ball.

"He's a great pattern runner and he's got the speed and explosiveness to go deep.

The Aggies will also remember 225-pound fullback Mose Tatupu, who scored six of the Trojan's 20 unanswered points in the Liberty Bowl.

"Mose is a fine blocking back," Robinson said of the senior who gained 393 yards this season. "He's built low to the ground and he just runs right at you."

Southern Cal's leading ground gainer is sophomore tailback Charles White, who ran for 1,291 yards and seven touchdowns this season. Robinson called White, "USC's best breakaway threat at

tailback since O.J. Simpson."

At the helm for the Trojans is senior quarterback Rob Hertel. If that name sounds familiar, it's because his younger brother, freshman Randy Hertel, was Rice's starter in the quarterback slot this season.

The elder Hertel had seen limited action until this year when he became USC's starting quarterback. He completed 121 of 230 passes this season, 15 for touchdowns. However, he also set a Trojan record for passes intercepted with 18.

"He has the arm, the intelligence, the poise and the leadership ability to be outstanding," Robinson said. "He's flat out one of the coolest competitors I've ever been around."

One of the Trojan defensive leaders is senior defensive end Walt Underwood. Underwood, a Playboy all-American, made 76 tackles this year, eight of those for loss of yards. The 6-foot-4-inch, 230-pounder also deflected two passes and recovered four fumbles.

The biggest question in the minds

of Aggie fans since the Houston game is who will start at quarterback in the Bluebonnet Bowl.

"Unless there is a marked improvement in the physical condition of David Walker, I would say Mike Mosley will be starting," Bellard said Tuesday night. "David is bruised and he's still bothered by that shot he took in the chest against the University of Arkansas."

In Mosley's brief appearances on the field this year, he completed nine of 12 passes with one interception. He also ran for 248 yards and four touchdowns.

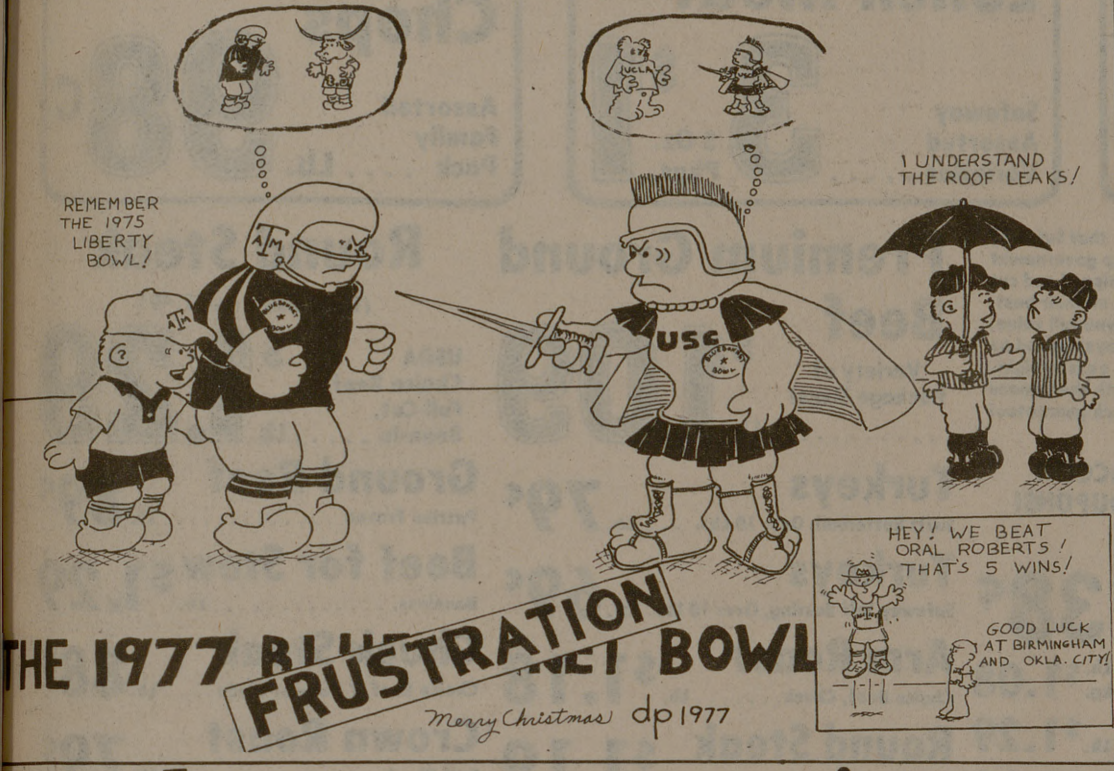
Other than Walker's bruises and offensive tackle Frank Myers' strained knee, Bellard said the Aggies are healthy.

If the 1977 Bluebonnet Bowl is actually a frustration bowl, as some have suggested, then one team will leave Houston even more frustrated. Which team that will be is not certain. In fact, only one thing is certain about the Bluebonnet Bowl: the team that wins the coin toss will not take the wind.

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DALLAS — Dallas Coach Tom Landry Tuesday blamed part of his team's defensive lapses against San Francisco Monday night on the field condition at Candlestick Park, but said there was cause for a at least mild concern.

The Cowboys' 42-35 track meet style victory over the Forty Niners Monday night was a fun game to watch for the person in front of a television set.

"But I didn't think it was too exciting," said Landry, whose team posted its record to 11-2 and assured itself the home field advantage for the NFC championship game if it should win the first-round playoff game Dec. 26.

"I guess it was good for the Monday night audience," Landry said and he was then informed that the point total was the highest since the NFL began playing games on Monday evening.

"Is that right," he said. "Well, we always like to be part of a record. As long as we win."

Players on both sides were slipping down all night and Landry said he thought that might have had something to do with the defensive play of both teams.

"It looked like a putting green out there," he said. "You could see the rain running a certain way. If you were going a certain way you had real good traction. But if you were going the other way you were always worried about whether you were going to fall down."

"I think the psychology involved because of the slick field had some-

thing to do with it. When you can't cut you play cautiously and when we were playing cautiously last night."

The Cowboys went into the San Francisco game hoping to get some offensive momentum for the playoffs and they certainly did that. Quarterback Roger Staubach had his best game in well over a month and the Tony Dorsett-Preston Pearson combination accounted for four touchdowns.

Dorsett moved to within 47 yards

of 1,000 yards in his rookie season and only seven rookies in history have ever gained that many.

But the defensive lapses — even with the slick field — left Landry a little puzzled.

"There is always the possibility of a trend setting in," he said. "We plan to pay quite a bit of attention to the defense this week. After all, it was not a total breakdown defensively against San Francisco. We played very well against the run."

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