

## Hittee and hitter

# Smith on the move

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By the time Darrell Smith graduates from Texas A&M, he will have had the opportunity to be both the hittee and the hitter.

Smith, a senior from Fort Worth, switched from his previous position of split end to defensive cornerback last spring.

"The coaches wanted me to switch because we needed more speed in the defensive backfield," Smith said.

The move to a new position was not the first for the versatile Smith. He was an offensive back before moving to split end his junior year.

Now Smith gets the chance to do unto others as others have done unto him. Being on the defensive side of the field after three years of offense and hard licks, Smith cannot wait to play.

little better and know more or less what is going on in his head."

Asked if the switching positions bothered him Smith replied, "It doesn't bother me at all, I just love the game and it really wouldn't matter where I played as long as I was playing."

Smith also had praise for his fellow teammates.

"We got a lot of cats that want out here, I really think we're going to make it all the way this year" he said.

In addition to playing left cornerback, Smith handles the punt returning duties for the Aggies and does the job better than most. In Wednesday's practice, Smith returned two punts for touchdowns, one for 63 and the other for 72 yards.

"I got these guys out here who want to block for me so it sure makes my job a lot easier on returns," Smith said.

"I don't know, I think that I would rather be catching the ball than hitting but returning the punts

gives me plenty of opportunity to get the ball." With the Aggies improved defense, Smith should get the chance to receive punts often.

Head Coach Emory Bellard knows the abilities of Smith.

"He's tough as a boot, a good athlete" Bellard said. "If he had been there (left cornerback) all the way throughout his college career, I'm confident that he would be looked on today as an all-conference player."

What does the future hold for the man who's been all over the field? "Hopefully the pros," Smith answered. "If not I'll graduate in May with a degree in Industrial Education."

Smith has the intensity that seems to be taking over the Aggie practices. Whatever position he plays, he always gives 100 percent.

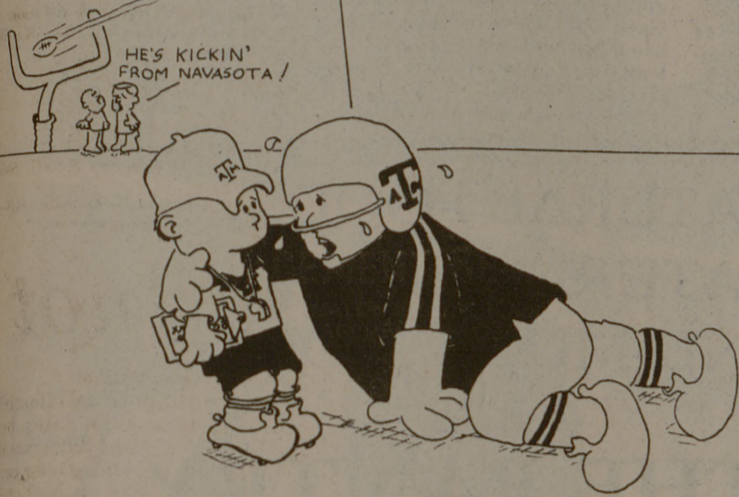


Darrell Smith

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### Conference notes

## Calcagni sprains thumb

United Press International  
FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Arkansas quarterback Ron Calcagni suffered a sprained left thumb and will miss a week of practice, Razorback trainer Dean Weber said Thursday.

Calcagni, a senior who was the All-Southwest Conference quarterback in leading the Razorbacks to an 11-1 season, suffered the injury in Wednesday's workout and the thumb was placed in a cast Thursday morning.

The injury is not to his passing and Weber said Calcagni should be able to return to practice when the cast is removed next week.

FORT WORTH — TCU emphasized its kicking game Thursday and early indications were that it would be the best phase of the Horned Frogs team this year.

Junior college transfer Chris Leiss came to TCU with the reputation of being a strong legged kicker and he consistently kicked the ball out of the end zone in Thursday's workout.

Junior punter, Cameron Young, once punted the ball over the head of a receiver and the ball rolled the length of the field.

"Chris and Cameron were hitting really well today," said coach F. A. Dry. "The snapper (Robert Kemp) is also getting better. I'm pleased with the speed on our kicking game, too. We think this will be a plus for us this season."

AUSTIN — Starting running backs Johnny "Ham" Jones and Kermit Goode missed Thursday's evening workout with the Texas Longhorns with leg injuries.

In the absence of Jones and Goode, LeRoy King and Jimmy Johnson alternated at the No. 1 halfback spot.

Longhorns coaches also moved quarterback Booger Brooks for at least a brief try at running back.

The Longhorns will hold a major scrimmage Saturday with some shifting personnel expected following the coaches evaluation.

AUSTIN — The proposed sale and early delivery of 60 tickets to

the Texas-Oklahoma football game violates university policy, the chairman of the school's athletic council said Thursday.

The 60 tickets, intended for an unidentified Corpus Christi Longhorn supporter, were found by a graduate student in a telephone booth.

Bob Rochs, associate business manager of the athletic office, said he planned to mail the tickets to the Corpus Christi man but misplaced them and could not find them.

J. Neils Thompson, chairman of the athletic council, said it is the school's policy to give preference on the sale of tickets to the Oklahoma game to Longhorn season ticket holders, but said the policy was changed last year to prohibit transferring of that purchase option from one season ticket holder to another.

"There was an improper transfer of privileges under this sale," Thompson said. "Some 15 orders were improperly transferred. We've taken steps to make it clear this is not to be done."

The 60 tickets also were taken out of the ticket office before the regular time for sending out season tickets.

Thompson said he doubts any disciplinary action will be taken against Rochs, a longtime employee of the UT athletic office.

## Ags sign tennis player

Alberto Jinenze, last year's national junior college tennis doubles champion, has signed a letter of intent to play at Texas A&M, coach David Kent said Thursday.

Jinenze played for Les Paul at New Mexico Military Institute where he compiled a two-year record of 63-3. He is the No. 2 men's player in Columbia and is a former No. 1 player.

"Jinenze will be a great addition to our squad here at A&M," Kent said. "He is the type of player we need to compete in the Southwest Conference."

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