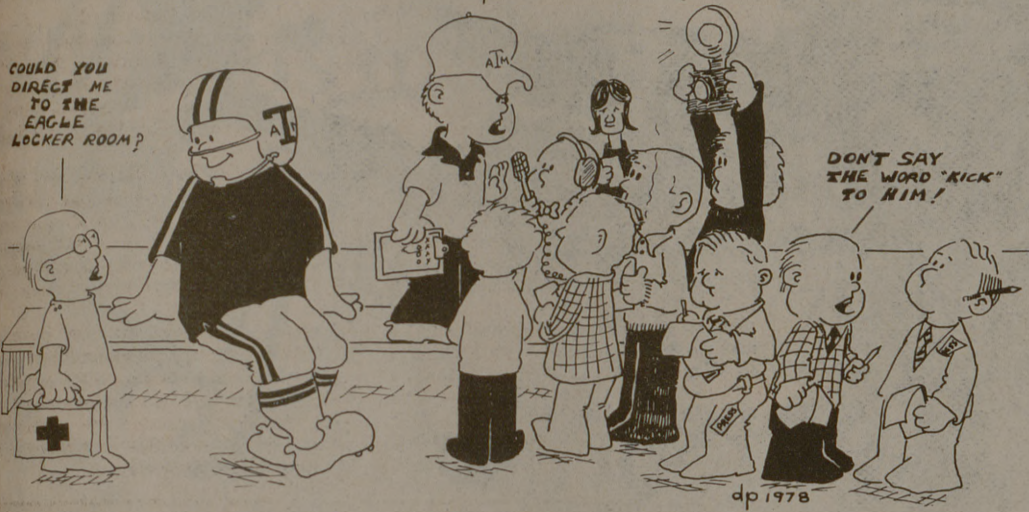


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TCU suffers loss off football field

United Press International
FORT WORTH — One would have expected joy in the Texas Christian University dressing room after the Horned Frogs upset Oregon 14-10 Saturday night in Eugene, Ore.

Instead there were tears. TCU Coach F.A. Dry broke the news to his team that one of its young players, James Timothy Roche, was knifed to death Friday night in Irving, Texas, while returning from an outing with fraternity brothers. Roche, who was a walk-on wide receiver from Austin, was not part of the traveling team.

"One of our players was killed last night (Friday) and I just told our team about it," Dry told reporters in the quiet TCU dressing room after the game.

"Some of them have taken it pretty hard. Some were pretty close to the boy."

"I didn't want to tell the team before the game. I knew they'd take it pretty hard."

Steve Bayuk, the senior TCU quarterback, said, "We had some-

thing terrible happen tonight. But this win is so important to the program at TCU. So important."

"He (Roche) was real close to Coach Dry," said a TCU spokesman

Sunday morning. "The coach was upset about it. He said he (Roche) was one of the most likeable youngsters on the squad and a real hard worker."

"Coach Dry said that the boy's parents had told him (Dry) that he was the happiest he had ever been getting to be a part of the team and contributing."

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Hot time in Boston

Aggies cool Eagles

By DAVID BOGGAN
Battalion Sports Editor

A Boston sportscaster this weekend described the New England area as "a hotbed of college football."

Hummm? Obviously, this feeling is shared by many New Englanders, as Boston-area television stations and more importance in Saturday's Yale-Brown contest than the most-nationally televised Michigan-Notre Dame game.

But if New England is a hotbed of college football, the Southwest Conference must be an inferno. Witness Texas A&M's 37-2 smothering of Boston College.

The reasons for such a lopsided score? Fairly simple. The Aggies did very little wrong. The Eagles did very little right. And, frankly, the ninth-ranked Aggies were a much superior football team.

However, Texas A&M did get off to a slow start, taking the whole first quarter to warm up to the chilly 30-degree Atlantic breezes.

"In the first quarter, Boston College was moving the football," said Texas A&M head coach Emory Ballard. "And when they turned it over, they turned it over on our goal line, so we had no breathing room. But our defense hung in there real good and stopped several of their drives."

The Aggie defense and the Eagle offense seemed to work almost in unison to stop Boston College's three first quarter drives. A quarterback sack by Jacob Green, holding against the Eagles and another sack by James Zachery and a fumbled pitchout recovered by Carl Grulich all added to the quelling of the Eagles' early scoring threats.

"They started off with tremendous field position in the first quarter," Grulich said. "That makes it tough. Just the fact that we kept them out of the end zone was an accomplishment of our goal. We put tremendous pressure on them with plug stunts and bare stunts and a tremendous pass rush and we were able to stop them."

In fact, it was up to the Aggie special teams to give Boston College its only score of the contest. Punting from his own endzone, David Appleby was pressured by the Eagle rush. Somehow, as the ball left Appleby's foot, it popped up over his head and out of the end zone, giving BC a safety. Officially scored as a blocked punt by Eagle defensive end Jack Kent, Ballard saw the play somewhat differently.

"That ball came off the tail end of our fullback," the Aggie coach said. "And that is ridiculous. That's poor coaching—on my part."

Throughout the rest of game, Eagle scoring threats were as rare as a pickup truck on the streets of Boston.

"They were fired up because we're Texas A&M—we're ranked ninth in the nation," Green said of BC's first period performance. "But we finally adjusted to their offense." And the Aggie offense finally adjusted to BC's defense.

Amassing 364 yards total offense, the Aggies were led by a 138-yard performance by Curtis Dickey. Uncharacteristic of his style, the junior running back rarely ran outside the hashmarks against the Eagles, gaining most of his yards with bursts through the middle of the BC defense.

"We just used a counter action or trap play with Curtis running up the middle," Ballard explained. "We determined in the first quarter that we could run that play with success, and success determines how often you run a play."

"I just faked the football to the fullback," quarterback Mike Mosley said, "and the defensive tackles were moving up the field so fast that Curtis could just use his speed to break by them."

SCORING SUMMARY

Texas A&M: 0 28 9 0—37
Boston College: 2 0 0 0—2

BC—Safety, punt blocked out of end zone
A&M—Dickey 13 run (rush failed)
A&M—Dickey 29 run (Franklin kick)
A&M—Dickey 1 run (Franklin kick)
A&M—Safety, ball snapped out of endzone on punt
A&M—Brothers 1 run (kick failed)
A&M—Mosley 55 run (rush failed)
A&M—Franklin FG 29

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