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Freshman quarterback to start for Tech

Raiders to face No. 1 defense — again

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In last week's game against the University of Texas, Ron Reeves, quarterback for the Texas Tech Red Raiders, threw an interception killing Tech's first drive of the evening. One of the Tech coaches walked by and said, "Those damn freshmen. They'll (bleep) you every time."

The Tech coaching staff must want to get (bleeped) again this week. Reeves will get the starting nod again at quarterback for the Red Raiders when they square off against the Texas Aggies on Saturday's contest, which kicks off at 1:30 p.m.

"Ron made mistakes last week because of inexperience," Tech coach Rex Dockery explained. "It was his first game to start in college and we understand that as a freshman he will make mistakes because of inexperience. We would have rather brought him along slower this season but we need him now. We've decided he's our starter and we're going to go with him."

And nothing could make the Lubbock native any happier. Reeves was the hero at University of Arizona two weeks ago, coming off the bench to rally the Raiders to a 41-26 come from behind victory. He got his chance to start against Texas and the hero became the goat.

"Basically, all the offense did wrong last week was make stupid mistakes," Reeves said. "We fumbled the ball and I threw some interceptions when I was off balance and shouldn't have been throwing the ball."

"I was able to make my reads right (in the Texas defensive secondary). They didn't do anything we didn't expect. We just hurt ourselves."

The Raiders will be hurting again

this week if they can't hang on to the football and plug the holes in their porous defense, two of the main reasons for their losing 24-7 to the Longhorns.

"Part of the mistakes we made last week against Texas was because their defense is so quick," Coach Dockery said. "Our interior defensive line got whipped pretty bad. And A&M is comparable in quickness to Texas. All we can do going into this game is stiffen up. And just try to tackle Dickey."

Curtis Dickey goes into Saturday's game against Tech as the nation's seventh leading rusher with 433 yards through three games. Tech's leading rusher is fullback James Hadnot who has compiled 181 yards in his first three games.

Tech enjoyed one game, against Arizona, in which they scored 41 points. The Raiders have been held to nine and seven points in their other two contests and Coach Dockery is worried about his attack.

"We've done some things well offensively and at times we've looked like a good team," Dockery said. "But then we do something to turn the ball over and we kill ourselves."

"We have an above-average offensive line but we're very weak at running back. We moved one of our tight ends (James Hadnot) to fullback just to get some depth and he's worked out well for us. Don Earl might start at tailback for us this week in place of (freshman) Phil Weatherall. We won't make that decision until Friday."

"Our receivers are the best part of our offense right now with Godfrey Turner and Brian Nelson. Turner is the most improved player of the team and his efforts sure have helped out the team."

Turner is leading the team in re-

ceptions with 13 for 267 yards. Brian Nelson is averaging 89 yards per catch while Nelson averages 20.5 yard per catch average.

The Red Raiders will test their skills if they hope to penetrate the A&M defense. For the week in a row Tech goes up against the nation's leading defense (led the nation defensive last week). And the Maroons have quarterback Reeve's attention.

"Playing against the best lets you get used to things," Reeves said. "I'm getting used to them against the best. But the way to get better is to play the best."

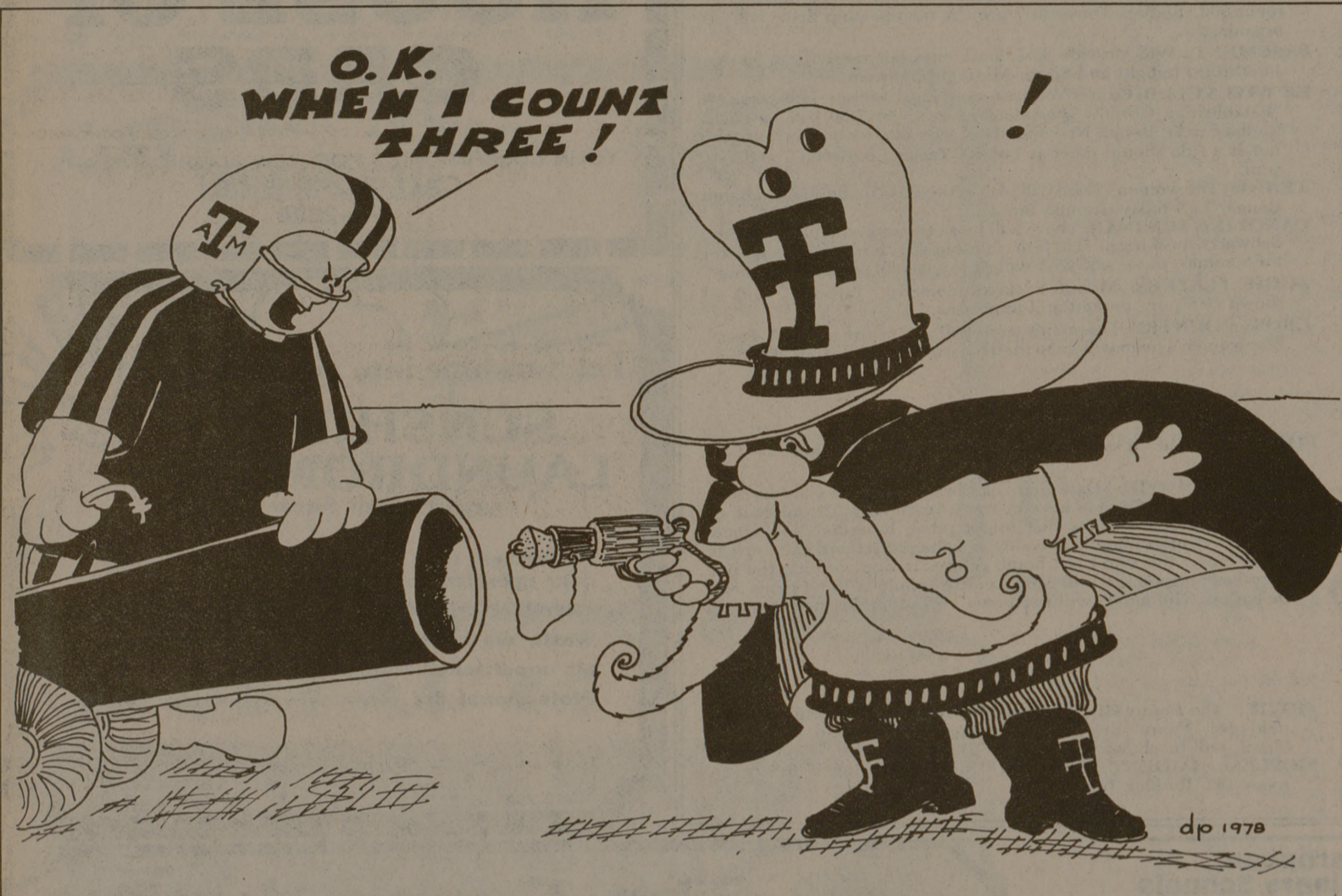
"A&M has some big offensive rush the passer. Their defense to blitz and stunt a lot. The game will be if our offense can pick up their blitz and back up."

"With the kind of defense you run they have to gamble a bit. We can hope to run the right play at the right time. When you become strong in that area you weaken yourself in another. Those weak areas are the ones we hope to attack."

"This will be Reeves', along with most of the Tech players, looking to Kyle Field. And the coach has been warned on what to expect."

"Coach Dockery told me I have to love to play the Aggies," Reeves said. "There are only about 10 players on the team who have played down there to play, to tell you young we are, and they say that really enjoy it, that it's an honor."

"We can usually get up there but just watching the Aggies film, knowing that they're one of the top teams in the nation is incentive enough."



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Sooner Coach Barry Switzer has a multi-talented running game, headed by Bill Sims, who has gained 420 yards on 49 carries. Thomas Lott has logged 311 yards on 40 attempts, Kenny King amassed 237 on 37 tries and David Overstreet 165 on 13 carries.  
This impressive ground corps totals 1,758 yards to lead the nation with a 439.5-yard per game average. Texas, in three games, has yielded a straight 62 yards a game in beating Rice, Wyoming and Texas Tech.  
No. 3 Michigan goes after its 599th football victory when a capacity crowd of 104,000 is expected to see the Wolverines play visiting

Arizona. When Michigan notches its 600th win, it will reach a lofty plateau only attained by an Ivy League quartet of Yale, Harvard, Princeton and Penn.  
The powerful Michigan offense has outscored opponents, 111-14, with quarterback Rick Leach's four touchdowns and running back Harlan Huckleby's two TDs leading the Wolverines pack. Huckleby, with a career total of 2,115 yards, needs just 20 more yards to move into sixth place on the school's all-time rushing list.  
Rounding out Saturday's schedule for UPI's top 10 ranked teams are No. 4 Penn State against Kentucky, fifth ranked Arkansas playing Texas Christian, No. 7 Texas A&M meeting Texas Tech, eighth rated Alabama going crosscountry to play Washington, No. 9 Pittsburgh tackling Boston College and 10th ranked Nebraska playing Big Eight oppo-

nent Iowa State. No. 2 Southern California is idle.  
TCU Coach F.A. Dry is concerned about holding down the Arkansas score, mentioning that the Razorbacks "have the best set of running backs in the country. Ben Cowins and Jerry Eckwood were two of the most highly recruited players in Arkansas history." Cowins is the third leading rusher in the Southwest Conference with 307 yards, while Eckwood has accounted for 212 on the ground.  
Alabama has met Washington twice, beating the Huskies, 20-19, in the 1927 Rose Bowl and 52-0 in a 1975 encounter.  
Pittsburgh hasn't been too over-

whelming since its 24-6 game victory over Tulane Coach Jackie Sherrill believes the Panthers are due for an excellent performance against Boston College.  
"I think the last two wins of the Aggie team (No. 1 Temple and North Carolina and 20-16) have helped our confidence," says Sherrill. "We're trying close to breaking things open."  
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