

The chase scene

It cannot be much fun looking up and seeing Texas A&M University's 242-pound defensive end Jacob Green breathing down your neck. Just ask Memphis

State quarterback Lloyd Patterson. He had to contend with Green and the rest of the Aggie defense all afternoon last Saturday. This week the nation's No. 1 de-

fense will test Texas Tech freshman quarterback Ron Reeves and the Red Raiders. The Aggies and the Raiders kick off at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Kyle Field.

Packers, Bears meet in divisional contest

United Press International
The accepted wisdom is that it takes at least three years to evaluate each National Football League draft. In the case of the Green Bay Packers, however, less than two years is enough to say the 1977 draft has produced a rich harvest of talent.

The Packers, who host Chicago Sunday in an important NFC Central Division game, can credit much of their surprising early season success to the development of the second-year players they drafted last year.

The two first-round choices, Mike

Butler and Ezra Johnson, have given stability to the defensive line. Led by Johnson's 10 quarterback sacks, Green Bay shares the league lead with San Diego in that category with 23.

Quarterback David Whitehurst, an eighth-round pick from Furman, ranks third in the NFC pass ratings with six touchdown passes and only four interceptions. Fifth-round choice Aundra Thompson from East Texas State caught two TD passes from Whitehurst in the Packers' 35-14 victory over Detroit last week.

Terrell Middleton, a third round

selection, had his second 100-yard game of the year against Detroit and ranks third in the conference with 452 yards.

Two other offensive starters, left guard Derrel Gofourth and right tackle Greg Koch, were seventh- and second-round choices, respectively, in 1977.

Before the season, Green Bay Coach Bart Starr figured his young team would spend another year mostly losing and learning. He didn't imagine after five weeks the Packers would be 4-1 and alone atop the Central Division.

"We are obviously pleased to be there, but we are trying to keep ev-

erything in perspective," Starr says. "We realize you are only as good as you were that particular week."

Chicago, meanwhile, hopes to rebound from two straight losses that have dropped the Bears' record to 3-2. The defeats were narrow decisions to Minnesota and Oakland (in overtime) and Coach Neill Armstrong isn't the least bit discouraged.

"For the last couple of weeks I've been wondering how good the Bears were, but after the Oakland game I think I know," he said. "We stayed right with one of the best teams in the league and played them even. I don't think there will be a letdown

against Green Bay. There's too much pride and too much at stake."

The usual defensive struggle between these two old rivals may give way this year to an offensive battle. Chicago features a strong running attack behind Walter Payton and Roland Harper while Green Bay effectively mixes the passing of Whitehurst with the running of Middleton.

Elsewhere Sunday, Atlanta (2-3) visits Pittsburgh (5-0), San Francisco (1-4) is at Los Angeles (5-0), Washington (5-0) at Detroit (1-4), Houston (3-2) at Oakland (3-2), Philadelphia (3-2) at New England (3-2), Cleveland (3-2) at New Orleans (2-3), New York Giants (3-2) at Dallas (3-2), Minnesota (3-2) at Seattle (2-3), Denver (4-1) at San Diego (1-4), Buffalo (2-3) at New York Jets (2-3), Tampa Bay (2-3) at Kansas City (1-4) and Baltimore (1-4) at St. Louis (0-5).

Cincinnati (0-5) seeks its first win at Miami (3-2) Monday night.

Rockets win

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HOUSTON — Center Moses Malone scored 25 points and grabbed 17 rebounds to help the Houston Rockets hand the San Antonio Spurs their first pre-season loss with a 117-111 victory Thursday night. Rockets forward Rudy Tomjanovich was the high scorer in the game with 30 points, and guard James Silas scored 21 points for the Spurs, who had beaten Houston twice this week.

Malone's 6-for-6 field goal shooting in the third quarter helped the Rockets increase a two-point halftime lead to 12 points entering the third quarter. The closest the Spurs came after that was four points in the final minute.

Houston's only two losses have been to San Antonio. The Spurs are 6-1.

Nude cheerleaders' tearaway jerseys outlawed by NFL

United Press International
CHICAGO — The National Football League is taking a neutral position on cheerleaders, but Commissioner Pete Rozelle says no women will be allowed to pose in the nude for photographers.

League owners also outlawed tearaway jerseys, effective with games next weekend, and deferred a vote whether to impose sanctions on majority owners violating the league rule against even minority ownership in another team sport.

The discussion on cheerleaders, which became controversial when the San Diego Chargers fired their "Chargettes" because one posed in the nude for a men's magazine, occupied most of the eight-hour debating session.

One immediate change will require cheerleaders to sign a contract that they will not pose in the nude.

"We outlined the problems and those with cheerleaders would like to continue with

them," Rozelle said. "But going to have to pay more attention to cheerleaders. Members of the staff of the clubs are going to have to get deeply involved checking on them."

Rozelle said tearaway jerseys were outlawed for two reasons: "the manufacturers say the pads are designed to be torn and when the jersey is ripped there's no protection. So when a player has to go to the sideline to get a new jersey there's the delay of the game."

The vote whether to impose sanctions on owners who interests in other team sports delayed because the American Soccer League has suit for a preliminary injunction to prevent the NFL from enforcing its rule.

"The judge said he could act on the suit for 60 or 90 days," Rozelle said, "so the league will vote on the suit for a week." "The vote will come after the court rules, he said.

A true-blooded Texan?

United Press International
OKLAHOMA CITY — It was another example of the heated rivalry between Oklahoma and Texas.

Deborah Bowen, who attended the University of Texas, wanted to make sure her second child was born on Texas soil, so she asked her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Love of Dallas, to bring her a sack of Texas dirt.

She had the dirt put in a sterile


bag and placed under the table when she gave birth Wednesday.


Bowen said her doctor at the University of Oklahoma kidded her that he would name the baby Thursday so she would feel up to watching the Texas football game Saturday.

He said she was "a little bit" but let her put the dirt on the table anyway, she said.

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