

the sports

# Aggies host Bears

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Some people may think that it is to get worried about playing a team that has lost all five of its games this year. Yet Texas A&M University's head football coach Gary Bellard is just that, worried. The Aggies take on the 0-5 Baylor Bears Saturday in what promises to be one of the Ags' hardest games this year.

How can a team that has lost all of its games be that good?

The Bears have probably had one of the most frustrating seasons in college football history. It's not that they are the only team to ever lose straight games, because other teams have gone an entire season without a victory. The frustration is in the fact that the Bears have lost most of their games in the fourth quarter after leading most of the game.

The Bears' worst defeat was a 46-11 loss to SMU last Saturday in Waco. They have lost five games by a total of 21 points which averages 4.2 points per game. It is why many coaches, including Bellard, are saying that Baylor is the best 0-5 team in the country. It is that why Bellard is worried over the Bears, who are way over for a victory.

It's impossible to believe that a team (Baylor) has lost five football games," Bellard said. "It worries me that they have come so close to beating so many people and that they are as good as the rest of the teams in the conference."

Baylor comes to Kyle Field with hopes that the Aggies will still be down after last week's upset loss

to Houston. The Bears will also be taking on an Aggie team riddled with injuries.

"At the start of the season, Grant (Teaff) said if they got a quarterback, they could play well," Bellard said. "Steve Smith, Baylor's quarterback, is outstanding and they have played well."

Smith is one of the top passing quarterbacks in the nation. Although Smith had a mistake-prone second half which cost the Bears some turnovers against SMU last week, he is still Baylor's starting quarterback.

"Even though he (Smith) made mistakes," Teaff said, "he has improved each week. Steve is the quarterback for Baylor University."

"Baylor has the most physical offensive line we've faced so far," Bellard said. If Baylor is more physical than Houston's offensive line, the Aggies could be in for a long day.

The Baylor defense has played well all year, having one of its best games against SMU. The Bears shut down the potent SMU passing attack the entire first half in Waco last week.

Linebacker Mike Singletary has led the Bears' defense most of the season. "He's one whale of a linebacker," Bellard said. "He loves to play the game and he is physically capable of playing well."

The Bears' offensive backfield has been crippled with the loss of Greg Hawthorne who is out for the season with a shoulder injury. The Bears still have fullback Steve Howell who rushed for 125 yards in three carries against the Aggies last year. Tight end Ronnie Lee is back and is a formidable receiver. Two of Smith's main receivers will be Mike Fisher and Bo Taylor.

This is no week to talk to Bellard about injuries. He will be playing musical running backs while trying to find someone who is healthy enough to play Saturday. Center and halfback were two positions of favorable depth for the Aggies at the beginning of the season. The Houston game has made a shambles of both of those positions. Curtis Dickey, Adger Armstrong and

Temple Aday were victims of the Coogs while centers Ed Pustejovsky and Don Wright will probably not see action against the Bears.

The Aggies are not only physically beat, their morale is low.

Speaking of the Houston game Mike Mosley said, "We've got to shake this one off by Wednesday so we can start thinking about Baylor."

What about Monday and Tuesday?

"Well I know that doesn't sound

too good," Mosley said, "but this has been a long weekend. That was a hard game to get over."

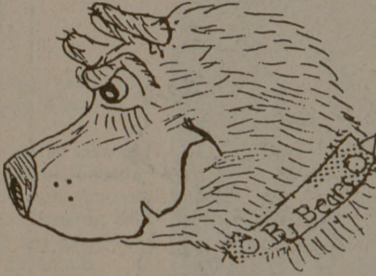
"We've got to buckle down now, take the games one week at a time and win the rest of our games," he said. That is easier said than done in the Southwest Conference.

The Baylor fans must not believe in their Bears anymore, as Baylor returned 1500 tickets to Texas A&M for the Saturday game.

Another overflow crowd is expected in Kyle Field Saturday when the two teams meet for the 75th time. The kickoff is at 1:30 p.m.

## Rugby team busy

The Texas A&M women's rugby team will be busy this weekend as three teams pay visits to Aggieland. The Aggies will host the Houston Boars Saturday at 10 a.m., the Houston Hearts Saturday at 4:30 p.m. and traditional rival Austin Sunday at 12:30 p.m. All games will be played on the main drill field across from the MSC. The Aggies are 3-0 for the season.



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Week 7



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GAME	Aggie Score	Opponent Score	Aggie %
Baylor-Texas A&M	0	11	0
Houston-SMU	9	6	60
Texas Tech-Rice	17	14	55
Arkansas-Texas	8	7	53
TU-Tulane	7	20	25
CLA-California	12	10	55
Nebraska-Colorado	13	15	47
Philadelphia-Dallas	13	7	65
Green Bay-Minnesota	4	3	57
Houston-Pittsburgh	6	10	37
Last week's record	7-3	7-3	7-3
Season's percentage	766	683	683



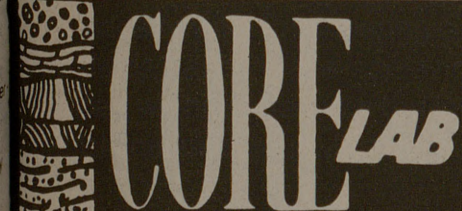
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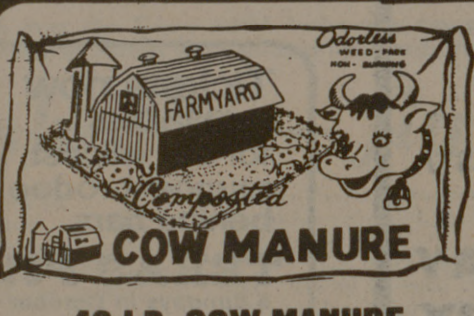
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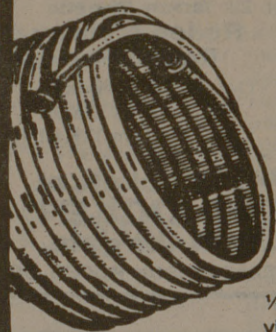
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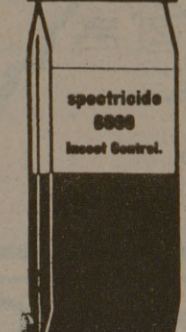
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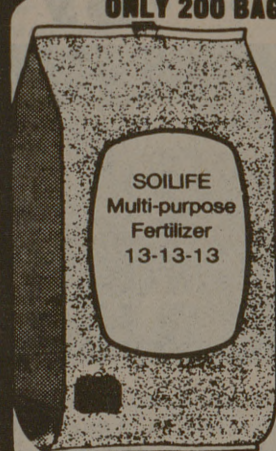
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