Abercrombie is hero for BU

By SEAN PETTY
Battalion Staff

Just as Baylor's mascot bear got loose and went after Aggie fans in the bleachers in the south end zone early in the game, so it was with the Baylor Bears on the field. The Bears charged into College Station led by a young cub named Walter Abercrombie.

The Bears needed the win to keep from going crazy with frustration over their five previous losses. The worst beating the Bears had was mental as they have lost five games by a total of 21 points. They were overdue and were not to be denied this Saturday.

"It's amazing," said crying Baylor head coach Grant Teaff just after the final seconds ticked off the scoreboard. "We've been through hell this season and now it's paid off."

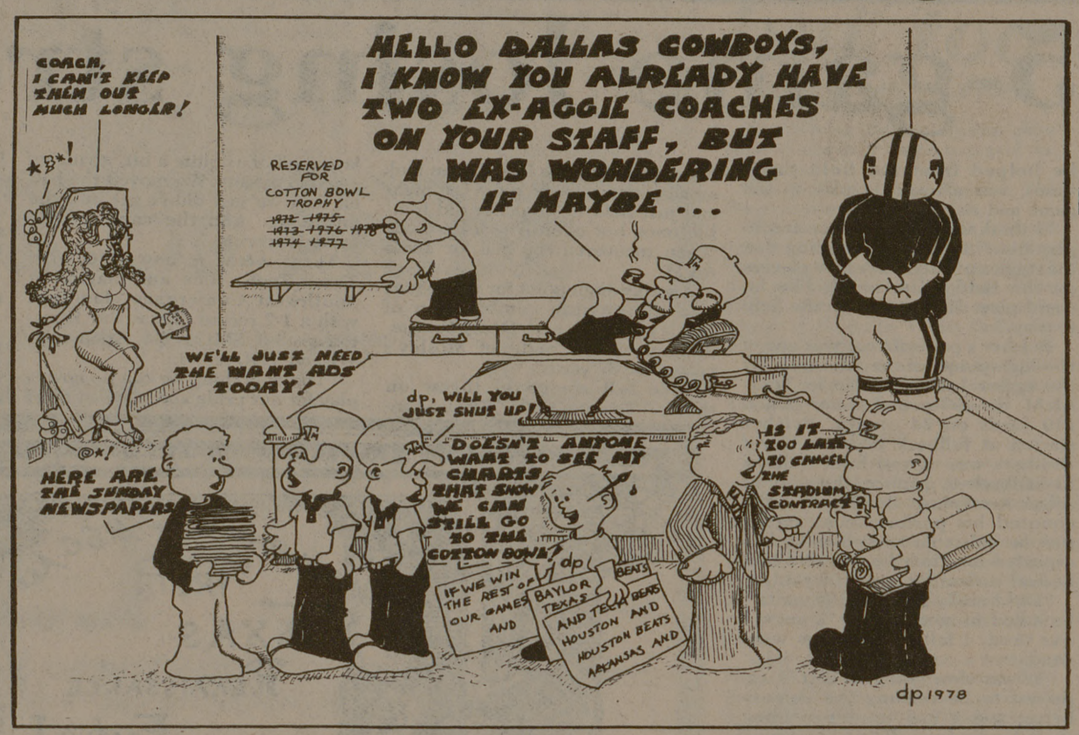
The Baylor dressing room was in complete mayhem after the game. Players were jumping around, coaches were laughing and it seemed like they had just won the Super Bowl.

The first win was a long time coming for the Bears who put all their faith in Grant Teaff's "I believe." The Bears believed in themselves enough to come back after five consecutive losses and beat nationally ranked Texas A&M 24-6.

"After five losses we had nothing going for us but ourselves," Teaff said. "This is as sweet as any victory we've ever had.

"We just choked and self-destructed in past games that we should have won. But we calmed down in the second half this week and had some big plays offensively and defensively that secured the win."

The worst thing that happened to the Aggies Saturday was that Baylor halfback Frank Pollard got hurt halfway through the second period.



Enter freshman Walter Abercrombie. The young unknown from Waco University High led the Bear offensive attack setting a school record for most yards rushing in a game. His 207 yards rushing in 19 carries broke Gary Blair's record of 199 yards against Texas Tech in 1976.

The last time the Aggies gave up that much yardage to one man was last year in Kyle Field when Texas' Earl Campbell rushed for 222 yards. Campbell was a senior and started that game; Abercrombie is a freshman and played two-and-one-half quarters.

Needless to say, the Bears are expecting very big things from their Abercrombie in the future.

"I wanted to redshirt him (Abercrombie) this season because I want to give him four good years at Baylor," Teaff said. "He's one of the best backs I've ever recruited and I think he's going to be Heisman Trophy material as he goes on.

"Was I surprised at his performance today? No, not at all. I expected this out of him." Teaff must be thinking about those first five games he kept "the kid" out of.

That's just what Abercrombie looked like in the dressing room, a kid. With a smile from ear to ear and tossing the game ball he had just received, he waited as reporters gathered around the new Baylor hero.

"I'm just glad I got the chance to play," Abercrombie said in a very poised manner. "I felt like I could give Pollard a break so he could rest. When he got hurt, I just went to do the best I could."

The best he could do was spark the Bears in the second half and allow them to take command of the game.

"I'm going to try and get better," Abercrombie said. If he has any better days than Saturday, he may be the first sophomore to win the Heisman Trophy.

The Bears struck early, 29 seconds into the game, in fact. Teaff described the play which he said has worked every time they have used it.

"It's just an old no-huddle play," he said. "We ran the first play, which was a dive, and then we acted like we were going back to the huddle. Instead of huddling we just line up and hit the split end who is headed down the sidelines."

Robert Holt was on the receiving end of the play which went for 78 yards and six points. It was the first touchdown of Holt's career.

That was all the scoring in the first half for Baylor as the Bears never got past midfield until the third quarter.

"We just settled down and we were determined we couldn't blow this one in the second half," Teaff said. "Our offensive line did a good job and we only had a few penalties.

"I was surprised that they (Texas A&M) didn't throw more in the second half. They were really hurting us with that bootleg pass in the first half. We just had to make a choice whether we wanted Mosley to run around the end with it or get the completion. Either way we couldn't stop it effectively until our linebackers started to chase Mosley out."

Linebackers Mike Singletary and Doak Field held the Aggie offense in check all day with a total of 29 tackles between the two of them. Singletary led the Bears with 18 tackles, 12 unassisted. Field had 11 tackles with eight solos.

"We knew we could win," Singletary said. "We just never got down on ourselves because we know we have winning players and winning coaches and it was just a matter of time. The main thing that keeps us going is that we are progressing each week, we are all getting better."

The main question posed to all the Baylor players was, "How does it feel to finally win?"

Singletary said, "I...I really don't know. I just don't know. I know it sounds old but I feel just great about the win."

"It feels fantastic," Abercrombie said. "Especially beating the Aggies and being able to help the team win.

The Bears headed back to Waco with their first win and a bright future, while the Aggies were all but eliminated from the tough Southwest Conference race where two losses may just be one too many.

Dorsett 'humiliated' by disciplinary benching

United Press International

IRVING — Dallas coach Tom Landry demoted star running back Tony Dorsett to the second team Sunday for missing a practice and Dorsett angrily told reporters the action "humiliated" him in front of his family.

"I don't belong on the bench and I don't think I deserve this either," Dorsett said in the dressing room after the Cowboys' 14-7 win over Philadelphia.

Landry said Dorsett missed Saturday's 9:30 a.m. practice and did not phone to notify anyone on the team why he was absent. For the double infraction, Landry said Dorsett would be fined an undetermined amount of money and would not start.

"He didn't start today. Whether he starts again is up to him," Landry said. "Preston (Pearson) started today and will continue to start until Tony shows he can make it on time.

Landry was asked if it was possible Dorsett could be a starter for Thursday's game against Minnesota.

"Sure he could come back. I'm not really hard-headed on this," Landry said. "If he recognizes what he did and comes back and works hard, that's fine with me."

Dorsett, Heisman Trophy award winner at the University of Pittsburgh and rookie of the year in the National Football Conference last year, told reporters he overslept and by the time he awakened, the practice was over.

Dorsett said he had to rush to the airport to pick up his parents and other family members who had flown from Pennsylvania to see him play. He said he was "tied up with my family" for the remainder of Saturday and could not call the Cowboys' office because he had lost his team telephone directory.

"I was humiliated," Dorsett said, spitting out words in rapid verse. "I was totally embarrassed in front of my family. This is distasteful. This is hard to swallow. I'll live with it but I'll never forget it."

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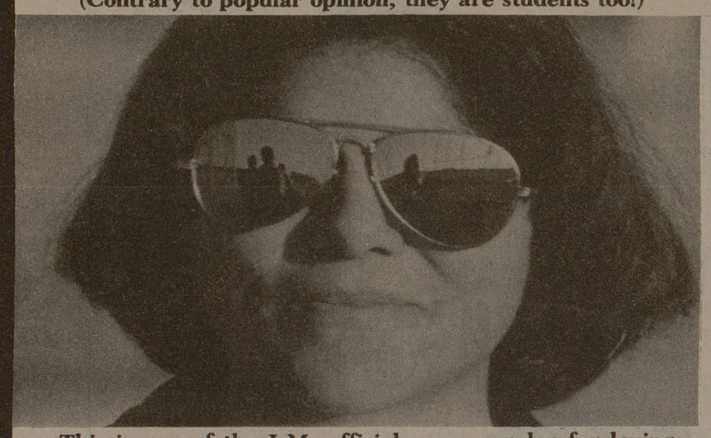

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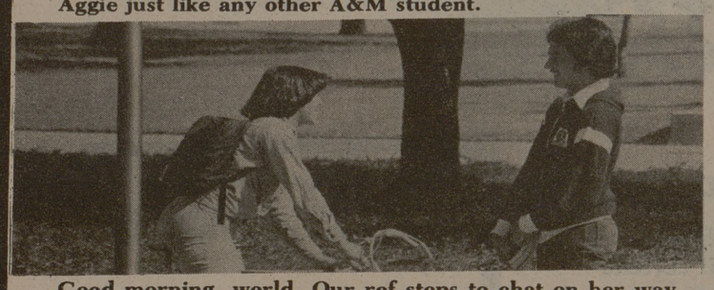


Good morning, world. Our ref stops to chat on her way to class.

A familiar scene — lecture class.

Refs Corner

Official's meeting — 7:00 p.m., Room 267, G.R.W., Thursday, October 26.

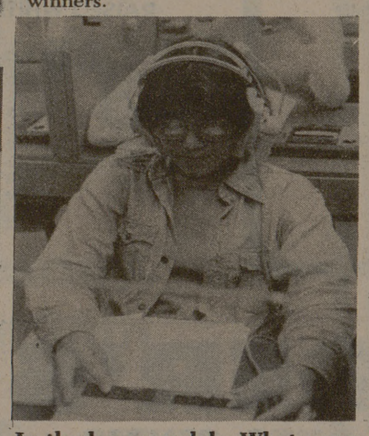
Soccer officials needed — See James Welford in the Intramural Office by Wednesday, October 25.

Double It —

If two heads are better than one, two paddles should be better than one. With this philosophy, you could be a winner in the upcoming table tennis doubles. Entries open today, Monday, October 23 and close Tuesday, October 31.

Schedules will be posted November 2 in the IM Office. Play will begin November 26 in Room 256, G. Rollie White. Divisions will be men's, women's, and co-rec in A, B, and C competition options. Matches will be the best two out of three games. Games are to 15 points.

Balls and paddles may be checked out from the official. T-shirts will be awarded to all winners.



In the language lab. What a way to spend the afternoon.

Over The River And Through The Woods

To run or not to run — that is the question pertaining to the IM cross country run. Competition will be singles — men's and women's; or by team — men's, women's, and co-rec. Each team may have a maximum of five runners. However, only the top three finishers will score for the team.

The course will be 3 miles. Maps and more information may be obtained in the IM Office in DeWare Fieldhouse. Entries open today, October 23 and close Tuesday, October 31. Warm-up your warm-up suit and come join us. It's a great way to travel.

IM SPORT SHORTS

Sports Shorts

Entries Open:	
Table Tennis Doubles	Monday, October 23
Cross Country	Monday, October 23
Entries Closing:	
Racquetball Doubles	Tuesday, October 24
Archery	Tuesday, October 24
Meetings:	
Advisory Council — Wednesday, October 25, 8:00 p.m., HPE Library, G.R.W.	
Playoffs:	
Football	
Water Polo	
Special Events:	
Bike Race — Sunday, October 29.	

At work —

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"I-Spy" Participant Of The Week

Jane Blunt, of the "Has-Beens" water polo team, tries to get to the ball first. Jane should come by the I.M. office to pick up her "Be Our Guest" card, redeemable for free food at McDonalds.

Swim Meet Notice

Don't forget that the swim meet will be November 6 and 7. Men's dorm, fish, women's independent, and co-rec races will be November 6 at 7:00. November 7 will see women's dorm, Corps, men's independent and master's competition at 7:00 p.m. Divisional finals are scheduled for Thursday, November 9 at 7:00. All-University is set for Tuesday, November 14.

Please check the preliminary schedules in the IM Office. Some events may not swim prelims and may start in divisional competition on November 9. You still have time to get in shape, but don't forget to check your meet time.

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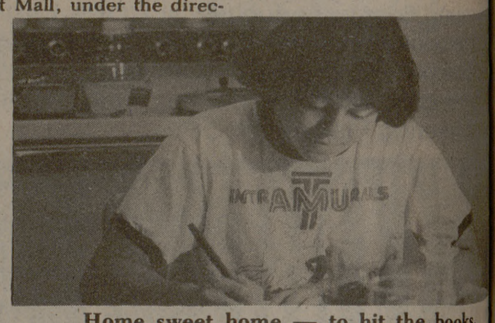

Home sweet home — to hit the books. Even a ref has to study sometimes.