

# Cotton Bowl host to be decided?

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Bill Yeoman said it with as straight a face as possible. "I don't know who is saying this game is for the Cotton Bowl," Yeoman said. "I think some people might take violent exception to that."

But if Yeoman's Cougars should beat the Texas Longhorns next Saturday all they would have to do is defeat either Rice or Texas Tech to win a spot in the Cotton Bowl. And if Texas is the winner the Longhorns would have to capture just two of their last three games

against TCU, Baylor and Texas A&M to make it to Dallas on New Year's Day.

The Texas-Houston game, bringing together the only two teams unbeaten in Southwest Conference play, will carry all the drama of a post-season affair. But unlike post-season games, this one will be played on somebody's home field — and that field is Texas.

"Both teams play on the same field," Yeoman said. "It doesn't make any difference where we play."

"I am glad Bill feels that way," said Texas Coach Fred Akes. "I think you have to have more confidence when you play in your own surroundings."

"By no stretch of the imagination is your home the only place you can play quality football. But at home everything is more familiar and you don't break your routine. There probably is too much emphasis on the home field thing, but if given a choice, I think anyone would rather play at home."

Akers said Randy McEachern would start at quarterback in the Saturday game.

Elsewhere around the conference Monday SMU Coach Ron Meyer said quarterback Mike Ford would start against Rice despite a hamstring pull. Texas Tech Coach Rex Dockery said his team played its best game of the year in defeating Baylor and TCU Coach F.A. Dry pondered his team's 63-6 loss to Houston.

"Thank goodness Bill Yeoman is a friend of mine," said Dry. "I don't

know what the score would have been if he wasn't. Houston is as good as any team we have played (and TCU has played second-ranked Penn State this year).

"It seems that anytime our youngsters play a game of any magnitude they either fumble the opening kickoff or the opening snap and go into a state of shock."

Texas Tech running back James Hadnot took over the league lead in rushing during Tech's 27-9 win over Baylor and Dockery, whose Red Raiders have been one of the surprise teams in the country, was justifiably pleased.

"We were ready to play after having an open date and Baylor was not quite ready after having seven hard games in a row," said Dockery. "That was the best game our defense has played all year. We were gang tackling and we were coming up with the big plays."

This week Baylor must face Arkansas and Bears Coach Grant Teaff said turnovers would be the key.

"We have to eliminate the turnovers we have had in the past few weeks," said Teaff, whose team lost the ball eight times against TCU two weeks ago and six times against Tech. "We will also have to play great defense and be extremely fired up."

"Arkansas has played well in both of their losses. The teams that they lost to (Texas and Houston) both played flawless football."

Texas A&M has an open date this weekend but will travel to Little Rock to face the Razorbacks next week.

## A&M-UT game moved for national television

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AUSTIN — The University of Texas announced Tuesday that the date of the Longhorns game with Texas A&M would be changed in order for the contest to be nationally televised.

The Longhorns and Aggies were originally scheduled to play on Saturday, Dec. 2 with a 2 p.m. kickoff. But the game will now be played on Friday night, Dec. 1, kicking off at 8 p.m. from Memorial Stadium.

Texas, ranked sixth and owning a 4-0 Southwest Conference record

and a 5-1 season record, will meet the eighth-ranked Houston Cougars Saturday. The winner of that game will likely earn a trip to the Cotton Bowl New Year's Day.

Texas A&M has little hope for a conference title, but with a current 6-2 record (3-2 in the SWC) will probably be making a bowl trip this season. The Aggies have an open date before facing Arkansas in Little Rock and hosting TCU.

After Houston, the Longhorns play at TCU and Baylor before hosting Texas A&M.

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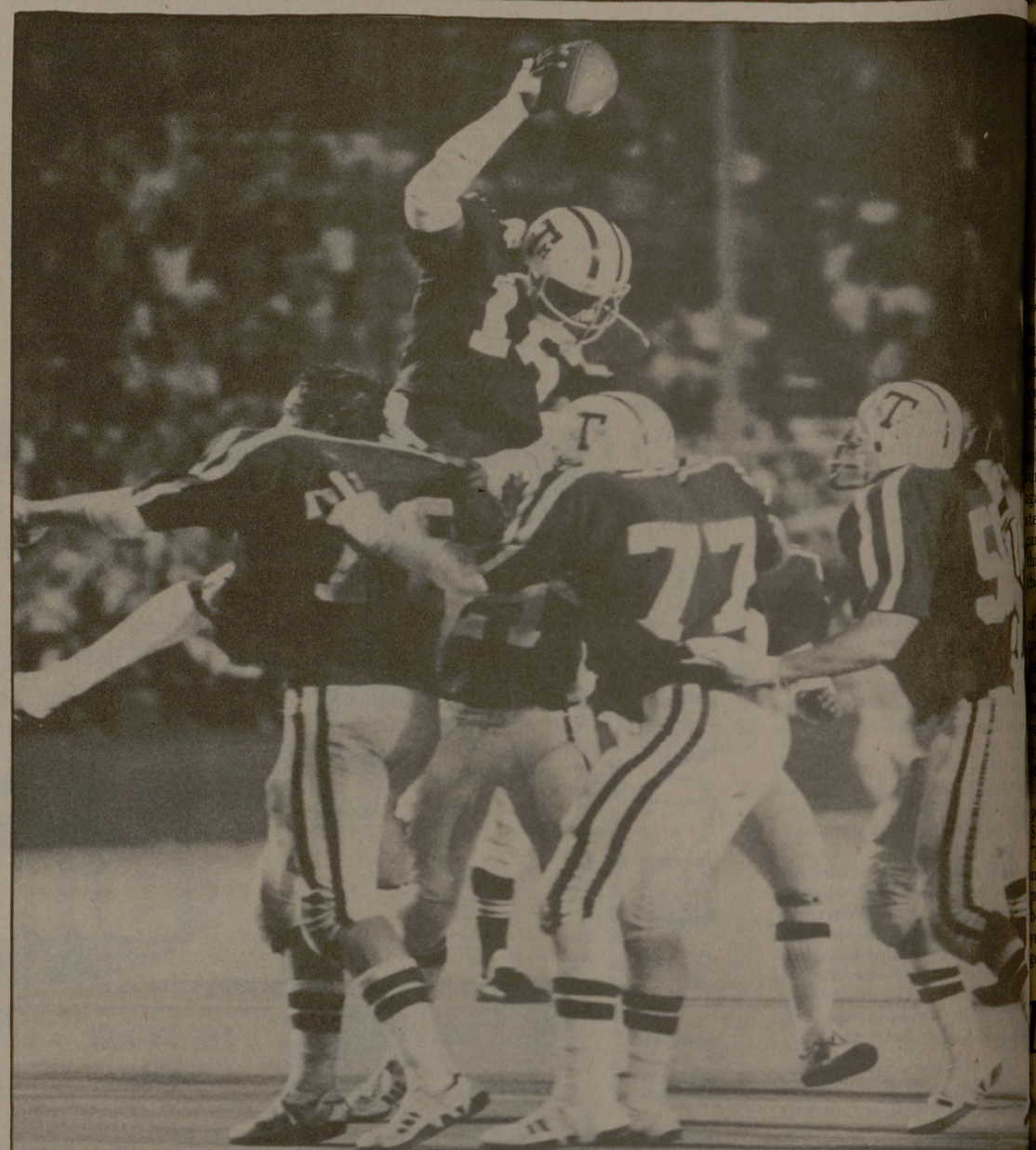
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Kenneth Taylor is greeted by his Aggie teammates after he intercepted a Mike Ford pass that assured Texas A&M of a 20-17 victory over SMU Saturday. The Aggies have an open date this weekend while preparing for Arkansas Razorbacks.

## Alborn criticizes Holtz' complaint

United Press International  
HOUSTON — Rice coach Ray Alborn says "it's asinine" for Arkansas Coach Lou Holtz to complain that Southwest Conference game officials are mostly from Texas.

"I don't give a damn where the officials are from — Texas, Arkansas or Louisiana," Alborn said. "I don't believe there's an official in our league that makes a call just because we're from Rice, Texas, Arkansas or A&M."

"To me it's asinine to drag that stuff out in the newspapers. I think it casts a bad reflection on every guy that wears a striped shirt. I know I'm a rookie but I don't give a damn how many years you've been coaching, it's not right to say those things in a newspaper."

Alborn said he was referring to Holtz' remarks in a newspaper article and to Holtz' refusal to level with game officials in the Arkansas coaching room during the Rice challenge, which Arkansas won 37-7.

"Personally, I don't think we need that in college football upset with them (officials)," Alborn said. "But I don't think it's a bad thing. Officials don't become bad because they're from here or there. I don't think a bad call becomes a bad call because of where it's made."

## Aggies lead in tournament

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AUSTIN — Texas A&M took the lead after two rounds of the Harvey Penick golf tournament Tuesday with a 746 total, six shots ahead of Oral Roberts.

The tournament's third and final round will be played today. Texas was in third at 753, Oklahoma followed at 757 and Baylor was next with 759.

Fred Couples and Terry O'Connell leads with even-par 144 on Morris Williams golf course. Pender of Oral Roberts was back of the leaders.

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