

Conference notes

# Alborn criticizes Owls

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HOUSTON — Ray Alborn is the head coach of Rice University football coaches to be disgusted with the play of his team, but he may be the first to rap his players publicly for failure to play hard.

Rice, 1-8, suffered its most embarrassing loss of Alborn's freshman season as head coach Saturday in a 40-0 setback to SMU, but as usual he met with reporters Tuesday.

"The thing that upset me the most Saturday was I felt some of our people did not give us a very good effort," Alborn said.

"I'm not saying anything to you that I have not said to them either as a group or as individuals. We're going to set out this week to try to get with the program or put them in the stands with their girl friends so they can have a happy Saturday afternoon."

Despite having an undersized, slow team to compete in the Southwest Conference, Alborn has exhorted the Owls to several competitive performances this season. Only Oklahoma and SMU have scored more than 42 points against them.

"I've been coaching 16 years," Alborn said, "but I've never been as upset and disgusted as I was Saturday. I was ready to throw in the towel a couple of times. But I knew better because I kept seeing my wife's and kid's pictures running through my head."

Since Jess Neely left the Rice head coaching job in 1967, neither Bo Hagan, Bill Peterson, Al Conover, Homer Rice or Alborn has coached a winning team. Alborn accepts his share of the blame.

"I was on the sidelines doing my worst. We did everything wrong

that was humanly possible for a football team to do, and I think we came up with some other things that possibly hadn't been done," he said.

Despite his disgust, the genial coach kept his record clean for not having missed a weekly Houston Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association luncheon. He still had enough enthusiasm left to promote Rice's game Saturday against Baylor.

"Baylor has some great defensive players. I was amazed at the number of tackles linebacker Mike Singletary has. I'm not going to let my kids see any film of that guy," he said. "I think it's going to be a heck of a ballgame — for us. I'm sure they are looking forward to Saturday, especially in light of our performance last Saturday."

Alborn showed once again he

could speak frankly about football.

"I talked to Coach (Grant) Teaff over the phone and he sounded about like I feel, so I'm sure we'll have an emotion-filled game. We've got to get ourselves up first and then get the kids ready."

Not all of his post-game speeches to the Owls have been biting, he said.

"I told the players after the game, there will be a time — whether they are here or I'm here — when this place is going to get turned around and we're going to kick somebody like we got kicked," he said.

The crowd for Saturday's game in 70,000-seat Rice Stadium would be "scattered", he said.

DALLAS — Southern Methodist coach Ron Meyer said Tuesday his team's game with Texas Tech Saturday is "practically a toss up."

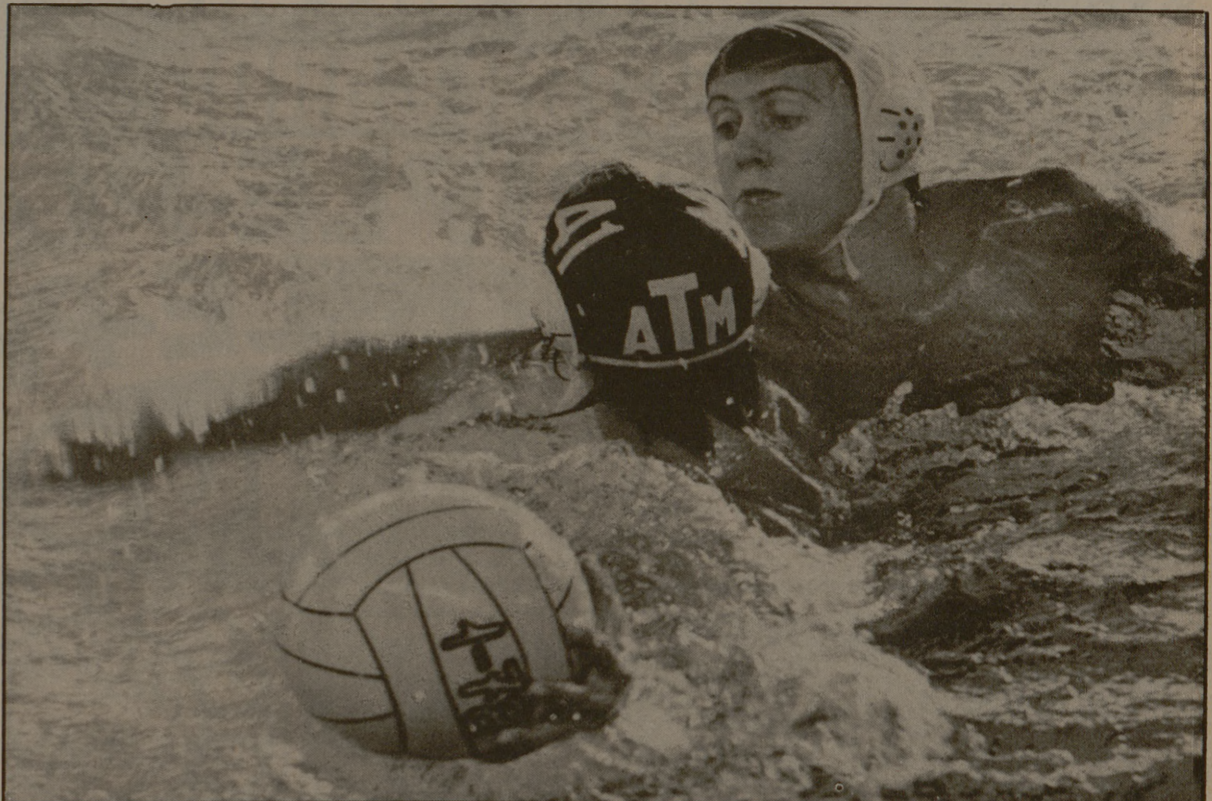
"Both teams do some things very well, but don't do everything well enough to be contending for the conference championship yet," Meyer said.

"We throw the ball pretty well and they do a good job of running with Hadnot in there. Ron Reeves is a quarterback with a tremendous future so it should be a heck of a game."

Meyer said Tech's momentum, having won four games in a row, worries him the most.

"We're meeting Tech at their highest crest of the season," he said. "They're right about where we are in the conference standings."

"This game is important to us because it will be a good test of the progress we've made as a team."



Aggie vs. Aggie

Battalion photo by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.

Texas A&M's Mark Holley (41) competes for the Aggies' varsity water polo team in Saturday's Southwest Championships. Holley is guarded by an unidentified member of the

Aggie freshman team, which played the varsity team in the finals of the tournament, exemplifying the quality of the water polo program at Texas A&M.

## Soviet treatment showing signs of success for TCU-ex

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FORT WORTH — Two trainers from Texas Christian University were present at the game when the Dallas player Kent Waldrep was analyzed and delighted Tuesday by the news that Waldrep had stood in a Soviet treatment center.

Jim Sullenger, who had helped Waldrep get the helmet off Waldrep's head after the player was injured in a game against Alabama at Birmingham, spoke of Waldrep's strong reaction. Both trainers worked with Waldrep in TCU facilities after the young man took a job as an assistant sports information director at the school.

"The first time we brought him into our training room and started working on his legs to keep the muscle tone, he quoted the Bible. He said, 'I'm a sinner and I need mercy from Romans and it has to do with everything working out for you at the end,'" said Sullenger.

"That was the scripture that kept me going up again and again. And when I heard about this, I thought it was a miracle."

The verse, Romans 8-28, says, "And we know that all things work together for good, to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

Sullenger said, "I had just come to TCU that summer and I had played a lot of golf with Kent before practice started that year. And when this happened a lot of things raced through my mind. He could have made it on a golf scholarship at a lot of places and now he wasn't going to be able to play again. It was a very depressing thing to think about. I kept wondering why it had to happen to such a super youngster."

"I was not all that strong in my religious beliefs then as I am now and Kent helped me there."

"I stayed behind with him in Birmingham and there was just a feeling of hopelessness. The doctors were not even sure he would make it through the surgery. They were just hoping he held on until his parents got there."

Ross Bailey also was present

when the injury occurred. It was Bailey who told team members that Kent was injured.

"This is great encouragement to me," Bailey said. "We shared similar beliefs with him concerning the treatment and we thought any progress, regardless of what it might be, would be super."

"We are all very excited. We have all been working for this for several years."

The trainer was asked why American medical experts could not have done the same thing.

"That's just the way the trend of American medical thought has been," Bailey said. "I think this could change it."

Sullenger said, "My feelings are that I hope it will have some effect on the way of thinking here. There are a lot of people in this situation who will want to be receiving answers. People in this situation are willing to take some risks. I would think that it should have an effect."

AUSTIN — Texas freshman running back Brad Beck, who injured a knee against Houston last week, will not play against TCU this week and will undergo tests Wednesday to determine if he needs surgery.

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## Landry praises Newhouse

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DALLAS — Dallas coach Tom Landry said Tuesday fullback Bert Newhouse played the most perfect game ever by a Cowboy back in the club's 42-14 victory over the Green Bay Packers.

Landry also said an outburst by running back Tony Dorsett against Dallas media following that victory was probably nothing more than a reaction to the pressure that was building for the past few weeks.

Dallas' one-sided win, which broke a two-game losing streak, set the Cowboys a game back of Washington in the NFC East and tightened the team's playoff outlook.

Dorsett gained 149 yards, Newhouse picked up 101 and the team rushed for a record 313 yards.

Robert is having his best year for Landry said. "He graded the game we have ever graded a back. We grade eight or nine categories — blocking pass routes, protection, run blocking, etc. — and have percentages in each category which measure up to having a winning football."

"He did not grade in the red in any categories."

Landry said Dorsett and Newhouse, along with every member of the offensive line, received a game ball for the victory.

After the game, however, Dorsett blasted the Dallas area media and said they were trying to run him out of town. He was particularly upset at comments in a column written last month reflecting on Dorsett's collegiate and brief professional career.

"That (Dorsett's reaction) was unfortunate," said Landry. "A guy can get uptight in certain situations. I don't know if the article was justified. I don't remember if I even saw it."

"I don't think Tony meant things to come out quite the way he said them. It was just something that came out in a buildup. He has had some pressures the last few weeks."

"He hasn't been running as well as he would have hoped and that puts a lot of pressure on him. He is a competitor. He was probably down and that was the result of that kind of feeling."

Landry was particularly pleased

with Dorsett's ability to run outside during the Green Bay game.

"He has had a little hang-up because he hasn't run outside during his career," Landry said. "But he is finding now that there is yardage out there and as he picks up the plays he is running much better. This can add a new dimension to him. Once he can get outside it makes it easier to go inside."

Much of the success at running outside, Landry said, comes from experience.

"I think the blocking becomes very important thing for him because he is an instinct runner," said Landry. "As you learn more about the blocking pattern you learn that there is a softness there and there are holes."

"Sometimes you see flashes of color from the opposite color of jerseys which tend to make you react and run away from them, but if you know the patterns you can anticipate the softness in the defense and run through tacklers even if you don't have those clean holes."

## Wrestlers win

The Aggie wrestling team bolted from 12 points behind to jolt the Richland Jr. College Thunderducks Tuesday afternoon.

The wrestling club's team, which took first place in the Texas State Wrestling championship last year, then won seven of the remaining eight matches for a final score of 39-15.

Results were: Bill Kelvey 118 was pinned, forfeit 126, Mel Merthens pin, John Sweatt 142 pin, Andy Cates 150 oupinned 12-6, Jim Collett 158 pin, Bob Santini 167 won by forfeit, Blake Purcell 177 won 6-4, Larry Albertson 190 pin, and Curtis Templet unlimited pin.

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