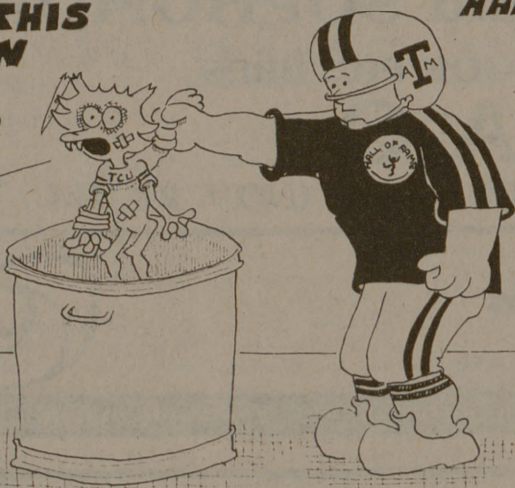


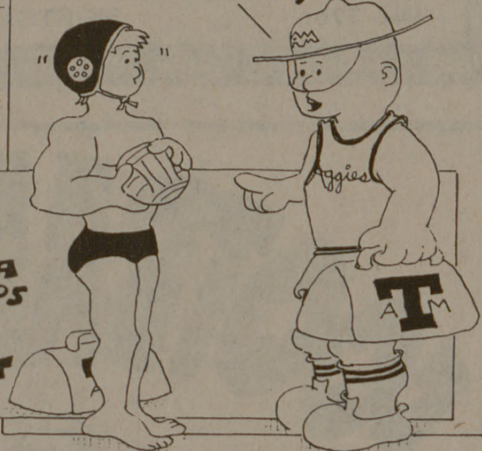
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Aggies edge Eagles 72-71 in home opener

Two critical field goals and two clutch free throws in the last two minutes of the game by junior college transfer Peggy Pope put the Texas A&M women's basketball team in the lead to stay. The Aggies defeated North Texas State 72-71 in C. Rollie White Tuesday night.

The Aggies' home opener proved to be an exciting, lead-swapping contest in which Texas A&M raised its season record to 3-0. Leading at one time by six points and at halftime by a score of 29-24, the Aggies had to come from six points down to maintain their winning ways.

"We hope not to make the next

game this close," Aggie coach Wanda Bender said afterwards. "North Texas is by far the toughest opponent we've faced so far." Earlier in the season, Texas A&M defeated Southwest Texas 82-65 and Texas A&I 81-37.

Cindy Gough, Lisa Hughes and Von Bunn each scored 14 points to lead the Aggies past the Eagles. Pope was the Aggies' leading rebounder with 12. North Texas' Lisa Risinger was the game's leading scorer with 29 points. A major factor in determining the outcome of the contest came when Risinger was forced to leave the game with a knee injury with 3:07 left to be played.

This weekend the Aggies will play in the Southwest Missouri Tournament in Springfield.

"We will play Southern Illinois in the first round," Bender said. "They have three starters that are over six feet tall."

The Aggies next home game is on Dec. 4 against Prairie View A&M.

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Season's last home game

Ags host Horned Frogs

By MARK PATTERSON
Battalion Staff

It had to eventually come for Tom Wilson, his first loss as a head football coach. It happened last week against Arkansas and dropped Wilson's record to 2-1.

"That first one really hurts," Wilson said addressing the press Tuesday. "Losing sure isn't very fun."

The Aggies will have a chance to rebound from their setback when they take on the TCU Horned Frogs Saturday in Kyle Field. It will be the last home game of the year for the team, and the last home game for the seniors on the club.

"I don't think this team will have any problem getting motivated for the TCU game this week," Wilson said. "We lost against Arkansas, but we still have our heads up. We're going to correct our mistakes and go on from there."

The Horned Frogs carry a 2-8 season record and a 0-7 conference mark into the game. Yet their poor

showing this season will not give the Aggies a chance to take the week off.

"I've told the team and they realize the nature of football, that on any day one team can beat another," Wilson said. "This team won't look past TCU to the Texas game. There have been too many upsets around the country this season to be confident about a game."

"We're going to approach TCU with concern about our own game. There's not much we can do about TCU except hope to play up to our potential. This team can't afford to look past anybody. Anything could happen Saturday."

If the Horned Frogs make things happen Saturday it will be because of quarterback Steve Bayuk, currently the third leading passer in the conference with 108 completions. Bayuk has passed for 1,042 yards and three touchdowns on the year while throwing 18 interceptions. The senior quarterback is averaging 10.8 completions a game.

"Never mind their record, Bayuk is a dangerous passer," Wilson said. "And if you remember, he had a good game against us up in Fort Worth last year."

"TCU runs the type of offense that spreads people out all over the field. They run a multiple set, and

you never know what they're going to throw at you."

When the Frogs do throw it is usually to running back Craig Richardson or split end Micheal Milton. Richardson is second in the SWC in pass receiving, catching 42 passes for 312 yards on the year. Milton ranks second in the conference in receiving yards, totaling 579 yards on 33 catches.

The pair have been two of the few Frogs to escape the surgeon's knife this season. Three more TCU players went down with injuries in last week's 41-0 loss to Texas, running the injury total to 24 on the year.

"I've never had a team get so many major injuries in one season as this one has," said F. A. Dry, TCU's head football coach. "We were bad before the Texas game, but now we're worse."

Against the Longhorns the Horned Frogs lost wide receivers Phillip Epps and Steve Williams as well as defensive end Ted Brack to injuries. Epps and Brack suffered knee injuries and will undergo surgery today. Williams crashed into the stadium wall last week after catching a pass and broke his jaw. It was wired shut and he's out for the year as well.

At the other end of the spectrum, the Texas Aggies are again a healthy football team. Defensive cornerback Darrell returned to the Aggie team Monday after missing last week with a bruised thigh, marking the start of the only starter out of last season's line-up.

The Aggie players might have been a mental low after their loss to Arkansas last week, but when the Hall of Fame Bowl representative extended the Aggies a post-season bowl invitation even after the players responded with confidence in themselves.

"If the team hadn't been disappointed after the loss I would have been disappointed in them," said of his team's attitude even after the loss the bowl still thought we were worthy bid.

"We realize that 26 teams nationwide go to post-season and we're happy to be one of them. With the bid we can't help but think that this has been a success for the team."

"It marks the fourth straight appearance for a Texas Aggie football team. This could be the start of a new tradition."

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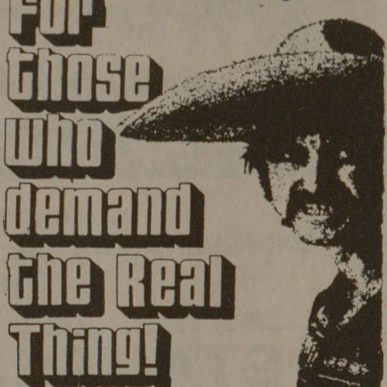
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Washington-Dallas	Dallas by 8	Dallas by 7	Dallas by 7	Dallas by 7	Dallas by 7
Cincinnati-Houston	Houston by 6	Houston by 14	Houston by 14	Houston by 14	Houston by 14
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Last week's record	7-3	7-3	7-3	7-3	7-3
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Basketball season opens Friday

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But whatever the 1978-79 season will bring it is going to start bringing it Friday.

Four SWC clubs open their season Friday night, another one starts in Saturday.

The conference is coming off its most successful year in history — Arkansas winning third place in the NCAA tournament, Texas capturing the NIT championship and Houston winning a berth in the NCAA event as well.

It would not appear that this year's race could provide as much glory because both Arkansas and Houston lost some of their strength, but four starters are back for the Longhorns and they are the overwhelming choice to grab this year's title.

Whatever happens, it will be noticed more by parts of the country which overlooked SWC basketball in the past.

"In two or three years we will be as good a basketball league as there is in the country," said Rice coach Mike Schuler, one of the influx of young enthusiasts who helped generate the boost in basketball interest.

"Russ Potts (the athletic director at SMU who came from the basketball minded Atlantic Coast Conference) thinks basketball is ready to explode here. And when it does the Rice Owls are going to be part of it."

Signs of that explosion are already here. Texas has sold almost every one of its 16,231 seats on a season basis. Arkansas is completing the final stages of its renovation of Barnhill Fieldhouse.

Baylor has boosted its season ticket sales by 1,500. Last season a

standing room only crowd of jammed into Autry Court at where crowds of 200 had commonplace in recent years.

Last March the SWC postseason tournament sold out all three at The Summit in Houston and conference officials were so encouraged that they have decided to tourney on the road — moving San Antonio for the 1979-80 season.

This year's race has lots of special winners, but Texas — deadeye outside shooter Jim Braxton along with Ron Baxter, Braxton and John Moore — logical pick.

Even though Arkansas lost Brewer and Marvin Delgado, Razorbacks still have super Sidney Moncrief and Texas has potential superstar Rudy playing in the middle. Houston is shorter and quicker than cent years, but they will be experienced.

At SMU coach Sonny Allen his son Billy, thought to be the best high school guard in the country last year, playing the starting unit while Baylor's Johnson will be back for another year of amazing ball handling.

Rice and TCU both had recruiting campaigns and will improve on their poor records 1977-78 while Texas Tech has to a running style of offense.

The season opens Friday with Baylor hosting Austin College SMU playing at home against Southwestern, Texas making a tough trip to Long Beach State Texas A&M taking part in the Tournament.

The last team to open its season will be the Arkansas Razorbacks who do not start out until Dec. 4 at home against Oklahoma.



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