

TECH WILL GO TO COTTON BOWL... IF TECH BEATS ARK. & RICE BEATS U.O.H!

Frogs not out until last play

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Sweeping down from the northwest like a cold front, Mr. Turnover and Mr. Mistake moved through Lubbock, headed west for Waco and fortunately, lost their full strength before making it to Kyle Field.

Although the Texas Aggies did feel the last of the front that left the Houston Cougars and Texas Longhorns strewn in its disastrous path, Texas A&M did manage to hold on to the ball long enough to edge the TCU Horned Frogs, 15-7.

"We weren't out until the last play," said TCU head coach F.A. Dry. "We just didn't want to go out there and do something silly when we were so close."

In a day that saw the Coogs and Horns upset mostly by their own doing, the Horned Frogs looked like they were going to get in on the act by giggling the Aggies who turned the ball over six times. But it was not to be as Aggie Leandrew Brown intercepted the ball at the one yard line with 18 seconds left in the game to end all Frog hopes.

"We were about one throw away from that last touchdown," said a low-toned Dry. "I'm very proud of these guys because they never gave up today or all season. The guys have fought back all year."

Even more frustrating than their season record of 2-9 is the number of injuries the Frogs have had this season.

"We've had 17 operations and 24 injuries this season," a dejected Dry said. "Do you know what that means? It means you have to switch men around, come up with new

combinations and you don't have any continuity.

"We were hit hardest at mid-season when the biggest question was who would be going to the hospital next. My gosh, I think we were even banned by the American Medical Association. We had to counter with time outs twice in the second half just to rest our defense. We had to because we couldn't put anyone else in, we were just too thin."

One good thing that happened to the Frogs this season was Dry signing a new six year contract last week.

"I think that the new contract helped the team out because it brought out something I wasn't really aware of," Dry said. "Apparently, the players thought that we (the coaches) felt they weren't playing well and they thought we might leave."

"After I signed the new contract, we had our best practice ever. In fact, this is the best Thanksgiving week of practice I've ever had out of a team."

The Frogs only score came on a 32-yard pass from quarterback Steve Bayuk to Mark Renfro.

"It was a simple pattern," Renfro said. "I just faked outside and went inside and Steve threw the ball right to me. All I had to do was use what little speed I have and get to the end zone which looked like it was about a mile away."

The straw that finally broke the Frogs back was Curtis Dickey's 55-yard touchdown run in the third quarter.

"Dickey definitely made the big difference in the game," Dry said.

"He broke a couple of tackles on that long run, which isn't unusual for him and then outran everyone."

"We were really in the game and fired up until Dickey made that long run," Renfro said. "I guess that kind of hurt us."

The biggest factor for the Aggies would have to be the defense. It allowed minus 17 yards rushing and only 134 yards total offense.

"We came into the game knowing that we would be limited running against the Aggies," Dry said, "so we decided to throw short passes, some slant-ins and throw to the back coming out of the backfield. But their pass rush was too overpowering for us and upset our game plan somewhat."

"That defense was hell," said quarterback Steve Bayuk. "I think they are underrated because they are a little better than people think. Jacob (Green) and Eugene (Sanders) are really quick and I spent a lot of time trying to get away from them.

They really surprised me.

"It (the rush) made us do some things we didn't want to do. We wanted to throw back to the weak side but couldn't even do that. I have to give them (the defense) a lot of credit. I had them on my back all afternoon."

But Texas A&M was not the only team that played good defense. Although they gave up 484 yards total offense, the Frogs allowed only 15 points. While Bayuk was retreating from defensive linemen most of the afternoon, younger brother Jim chased Aggie offensive backs leading TCU's defense with 25 tackles, 15 unassisted, 10 assisted and one fumble recovery.

Now the Horned Frogs long, disappointing, injury-riddled season is over. Next year they have an easier pre-conference schedule unlike this year's. They will play teams like Tulsa and UTA rather than Oregon and Penn State.

Earl, Oilers sneak by Bengals

United Press International
HOUSTON — The Houston Oilers remind head coach Bum Phillips of a clutch hitter in baseball.

The Oilers, 9-4, outslugged the Cincinnati Bengals 17-10 Sunday, for their sixth victory in seven games, but as in eight of their previous wins they fell behind on the count and trailed 10-0.

Falling behind does not bother Phillips, he said after a short pause during which he changed the tilt of his cowboy hat an tossed an empty beer can.

"Two years ago it might have worried me. Early last season it might have worried me.

"But this team has matured tremendously since the middle of last season. It's like a hitter. He gets one strike, two strikes before hitting a single. Nobody remembers the two strikes. We never seem to get that third strike."

Two touchdowns in the final five minutes of the second quarter, one on Ronnie Coleman's 4-yard run and the other on Rich Caster's 47-yard pass reception, boosted the Oilers to a 14-10 lead.

If Houston is a clutch hitter, it's record breaking rookie tailback Earl Campbell is the clean-up batter. Campbell ran early to fuel Houston's first touchdown drive and he

ran late as Houston ate up the final 4:43 with three first downs.

"I'm glad he's on our side," Oilers defensive end Elvin Bethea said. "It's a blessing to us defenders to not have to take on that guy."

Betha had two of his team's five quarterback sacks, and he had a big part as the Oilers' defense kept the Bengals out of scoring position in the second half.

"We had our defensive line stunting inside (in the second half). We tried to make them run outside. We felt like our outside people could track them down," Bethea said.

Houston, currently vying for a wildcard playoff berth, was aided when Oakland, Miami and Denver all lost this week.

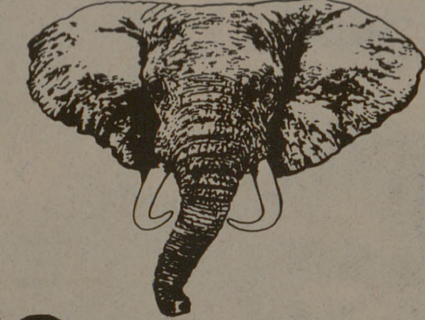
"I know we're gonna make the playoffs now," Bethea said. "We may even win the division. If Pittsburgh loses (Monday night) and we beat them next week, we're gonna win it."

Houston's victory plus losses by Miami on Sunday and Denver on Thursday significantly improved the Oilers' playoff situation. In the battle for two wildcard berths, the 9-4 Oilers lead Denver and Miami, both 8-5.

Houston could still win its division, although Pittsburgh, 10-2, carried a two-game lead into its

Monday night game against San Francisco. The Oilers host the Steelers next Sunday.

Campbell, the NFL's leading rusher entering Sunday's game, boosted his season rushing total to 1,265 yards. His 58 yards in the second quarter broke the NFL rookie-rushing record of 1,162 yards set by San Diego's Don Woods in 1974 and the Oiler's club rushing record of 1,194 yards by Hoyle Granger in 1967.



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Facts, Statistics And June Scobey

The statistics from the swimming and diving meet are impressive. Eleven new records were set and several teams held on to their championships for a second year.

In the Corps Division E-1 held on to their title with 59 points. Dunn and Spence both kept their dorm championships with 52 and 66 points, respectively. In men's independent, the Otters clung on to their title with 39 points, and also became All-University champs for the second year in a row.

As to individual events, several people were exceptionally outstanding (all participants were outstanding, of course). Mike Thomas, an independent swimmer won the 50 yard backstroke with a time of 27.72 seconds. He also won and broke the old record of 24.83 seconds in the 50 yard butterfly.

In the 50 yard backstroke, Greg Carver won the event for SMF with a time of 28.67 seconds breaking his own record from last year of 29.15 when he won the event for Jagdeck. Sandra Spears, swimming for Spence, also topped her last year's record of 36.62 seconds in the 50 yard breaststroke with a new time of 36.11 seconds. Adrienne Ognibene set a brand new girls' record with an 86.90 points on the three 1 meter dives. This is the first time for a record to be set for this event. Out of a total of ten divers, nine of which were males, Adrienne ranked third.

For co-rec, the 12%ers broke both the 200 yard relays records. For the freestyle, they beat their own record of 1:52.1 minutes with a 1:45.86 and in the medley they topped their last year's record of 2:03.1 minutes with a 1:58.75. Last year their teams name was

Scobey's, named after their team captain, June Scobey.

June is really the most outstanding facet of the meet. She broke four records, two of which were her own and as a one-woman team placed third in the All-University results with 24 points. As a freshman at A&M, June set four IM swimming records in the 1977 meet, one of which has stood until she broke it this year. Last year, three of those were broken, one by herself.

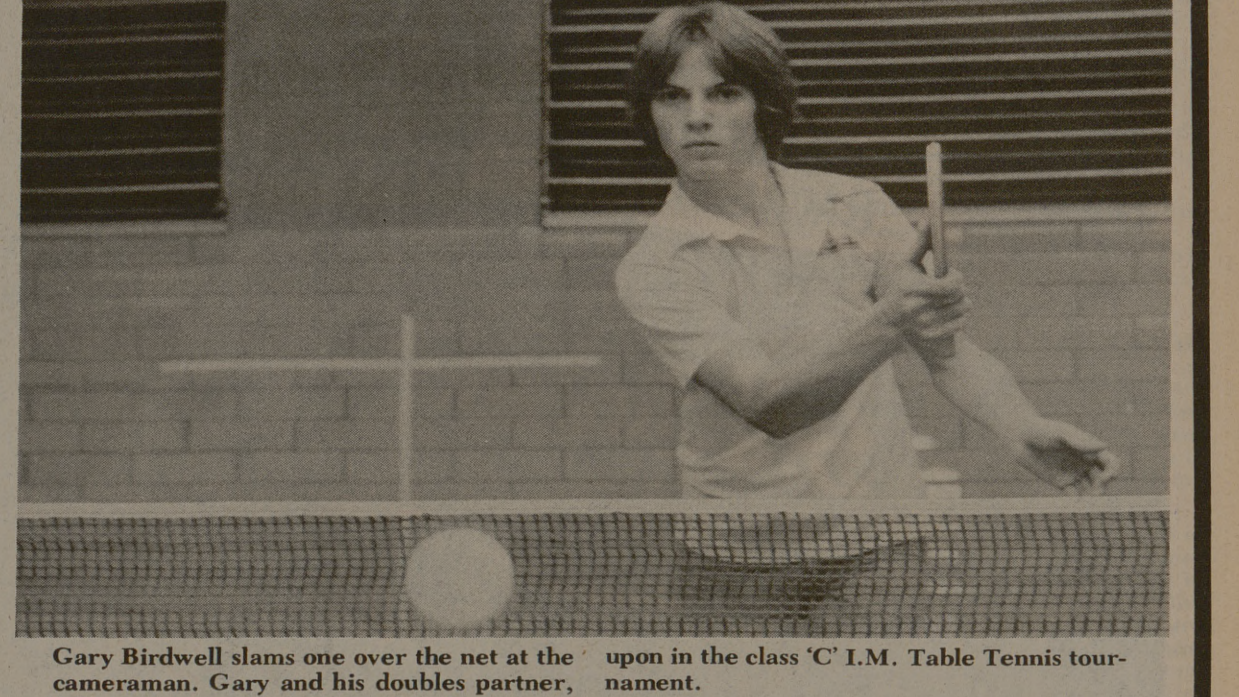
This year, June has reclaimed all four records. In the 100 yard individual medley, June broke Spence's Cathy Cocke's time of 1:09.79 minutes with a 1:08.39. In the 50 yard freestyle, she took Peggy Machol's record of 27.57 seconds and replaced it with a time of 26.93. In the 100 yard freestyle, June shattered her own record from last year of 1:00.60 by

shaving it down to a 58.51. She tore down her two-year standing 1977 record of 30.44 seconds in the 50 yard butterfly to a new low of 30.01 seconds.

June, a 20 year old bioengineering major from Midlands, says she has not been working out. She did play IM water polo this semester and is taking water polo for a P.E. class. June started swimming at the age of 12 for the city of Midland club which has about 50 girls, ages 6-18, competing in various events. She competed in the Junior Olympics at Anne Arbor, Michigan when she was 15 and won ninth place in the nation in the 500 yard freestyle.

In high school, June continued to swim for the city of Midland team and joined her high school's team. She attended Robert E. Lee High School. The team averaged about ten girls and as a sophomore, June was an all-state swimmer, placing second in both the 200 and 500 yard freestyle events. Her relay team was first in state competition and qualified for an All-American relay.

An all state swimmer all through high school, June placed fourth her junior year and won two sixth places her senior year. She was the swimming team's sweetheart as a senior, and was offered several swimming scholarships, but she was more interested in A&M than the swimming pool. June works as a lifeguard at home in Midland during the summers.



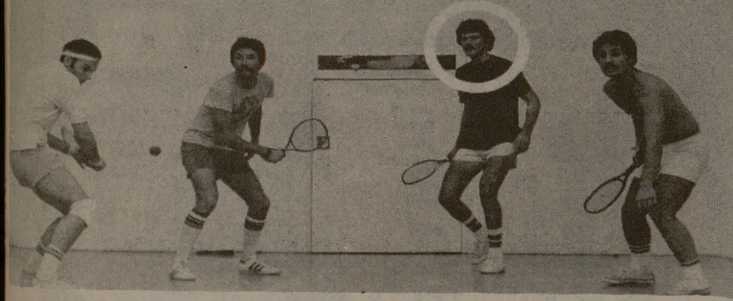
Gary Birdwell slams one over the net at the camera. Gary and his doubles partner, Bill Hopkins, are undefeated and unscored upon in the class 'C' I.M. Table Tennis tournament.

It's On The Table

Foosball doubles has closed out its season with four new couples as champions. Congrats to these new table-gaming champs —

Men's A — Chuck Hayes & Danny Rothnell
Men's C — Darryl Yee & Serry Yeang

Women's — Lisa Crossland & Diana Luschen
Co-Rec — Danny Rothnell & Diana Luschen



"I-Spy" Participant Of The Week
From left to right, Dan Hampton, Jody Fry, Ted Horobowski, and Rick Ames play a hard doubles match in the Mens Ind. Raquetball tournament. Ted should come by the I.M. office to pick up his "Be Our Guest" card, redeemable for free food at McDonald's.

Sports Shorts

Basketball opens — Monday, November 27
Closes — Tuesday, December 5

Team managers' meeting — Thursday, December 7, 5:15 p.m., Rudder Theatre

Volleyball Playoffs start Tuesday, November 28, 7:10

Final matches, Wednesday, November 29th, 7:10 & 8:10

Look Out Courts, Here We Come

Well sports fans, it's almost time for a new semester and of course a new sport. Basketball entries open today, November 27 and will close next Tuesday, December 5. Entry forms should be read thoroughly before being filled out.

Basketball will be round robin

few fantastic plays. Sign up your team now and expect a fast-moving fun-filled season on the courts next January. They'll all be jolly good games.

The season looks promising and is sure to be an exciting one. Last year's playoffs were all intense and intricate games hinging on just a

Memo To: All All-University Class A Champs

FROM: Richard Westlake, IM photographer

All class A All-University champions (be they teams or individuals) who have not had their championship picture taken are to come in Monday, November 27 from 3:00 to 5:30, or Thursday, November 30 from 5:00 to 6:30 to

have their pictures made. The pictures are for the Intramural Handbook for 1979-80. Mark these dates and times on your calendar and make a super special effort to make one of the sessions scheduled this week. Meet for the pictures in the IM Office.

Basketball officials are still needed for next semester. No experience necessary. Will train. See James Welford at the IM Office, DeWare Fieldhouse.

Basketball clinics, Room 267 C.R.W., 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 29
Monday, December 4
Tuesday, December 5
Wednesday, December 6

Flag football officials' meeting, 7:00 p.m., 267 C.R.W. Thursday, November 30