



Breaking away from the crowd is Curtis Dickey, one of four players Texas A&M placed on UPI's all-SWC first team. Cody Risien, Tony Franklin and Jacob Green join Dickey on

the list. Making the second team for the Aggies were Doug Holms and Carl Grulich.

Battalion photo by Pat O'Malley

SWC teams announced

United Press International
DALLAS — Mike Ford, the dead-eye passer from Southern Methodist who fueled Mustang Mania and moved the ball for more yards than any other player in the country this season, edged Houston's Danny Davis to win the first-team quarterback spot on the UPI all-Southwest Conference team released Wednesday.

Ford was joined in the first team backfield by SWC leading rusher James Hadnot of Texas Tech, Curtis Dickey of Texas A&M and Ben Cowins of Arkansas.

And Ford's top receiver — Emanuel Tolbert — was the only unanimous selection to all-conference, a team voted by sports writers and broadcasters throughout the southwest.

The writers and broadcasters opted for Ford, who helped turn SMU into a threat every week although the Mustangs won only four games, over Davis, who with a fine cast of supporting characters boosted the Cougars to as high as No. 5 in the nation before a setback against Tech.

Ford threw for 3,007 yards this year and his total yardage figure of 2,957 (which took into account quarterback traps) made him the national champion in that department.

Ford was also named the SWC's offensive player of the year while defensive tackle Jimmy Walker of Arkansas was tabbed defensive player of the year. Newcomer of the year was Ron Reeves, the freshman quarterback who came in early in the season to help make the Texas

Tech Red Raiders the surprise team in the league.

And coach of the year went to Rex Dockery, whose masterful gathering of forces at Tech brought the Raiders into conference contention during a year in which they had been forecast to finish next-to-last.

Tolbert and Cowins were the only two repeaters from the 1977 all-conference team. Other members of this year's offensive group included Olympic sprinter Johnny "Lam" Jones at wide receiver, Greg Kolenda of Arkansas and Cody Risien of Texas A&M at tackles, David Sledge of Baylor and Jim Yarborough of Texas at guards and Chuck Brown of Houston at center.

Barefoot kicker Tony Franklin of Texas A&M was named place kicker and Maury Buford of Texas Tech, among the national leaders, was the all-conference punter.

On defense there were four players named who made the 1977 team — Walker at tackle, SMU's Putt Choate at linebacker and defensive backs Johnnie Johnson of Texas and Vaughn Lusby of Arkansas.

Joining them on the defensive squad were ends Dwight Jefferson of Texas and Jacob Green of Texas A&M, tackle Steve McMichael of Texas, linebackers Lance Taylor of Texas and David Hodge of Houston and defensive backs D.K. Perry and David Hill, both of SMU.

For the Aggies, Doug Holmes (offensive guard) and Carl Grulich (defensive back) were voted members of the second team all-SWC.

- First Team Offense**
Emanuel Tolbert, SMU WR
Lam Jones, Tex WR
Greg Kolenda, Ark T
Cody Risien, A&M T
David Sledge, Bay G
Jim Yarborough, Tex G
Chuck Brown, Hou C
Mike Ford, SMU QB
Curtis Dickey, A&M RB
James Hadnot, Tech RB
Ben Cowins, Ark RB
Tony Franklin, A&M PK
- First Team Defense**
Dwight Jefferson, Tex E
Jacob Green, A&M E
Steve McMichael, Tex T
Jimmy Walker, Ark T
Putt Choate, SMU LB
Lance Taylor, Tex LB
David Hodge, Hou LB
Johnnie Johnson, Tex DB
Vaughn Lusby, Ark DB
D.K. Perry, SMU DB
David Hill, SMU DB
Maury Buford, Tech P
- Second Team Offense**
David Houser, Rice WR
Doug Cunningham, Rice WR
Mike Jusko, SMU T
Melvin Jones, Hou T
Joe Bays, SMU G
Doug Holmes, A&M G
Wes Hubert, Tex C
Danny Davis, Hou QB
Emmett King, Hou RB
Randy Love, Hou RB
Jerry Eckwood, Ark RB
Bill Adams, Tech PK
- Second Team Defense**
Ron Bones, Tex E
Jim Howard, Ark E
Dan Hampton, Ark T
Hosea Taylor, Hou T
Michael Singletary, Bay LB
Larry Jackson, Ark LB
William Hampton, Ark LB
Carl Grulich, A&M DB
Ricky Churchman, Tex DB
Elvis Bradley, Hou DB
Glenn Blackwood, Tex DB
Russell Erleben, Tex P

Coogs bring new look to courts

United Press International
This is the second in a series of profiles profiling Texas A&M's 1979 Southwest Conference basketball opponents.

HOUSTON — There will be a new look around the Southwest Conference once basketball season begins this year and one of the newest looks of all will be at the Heinz Pavilion.

Much of the muscle and power which carried the Houston Cougars to the SWC tournament title last year will not be back. And that caused Coach Guy V. Lewis, who is in his third decade of guiding the Cougars, to alter his way of doing things.

"I've met all our players," Lewis said in reference to the large number of newcomers on his squad, "but I'm not really acquainted with them."

"We have got a year and a half of

experienced playing time coming back in the starting lineup. We have lost 8½ years of playing time.

"We have lost our entire front line and I honestly don't know who will be starting for us."

Cecile Rose, Mike Schultz and Charles Thompson all have completed their eligibility, and returning from last year's starting group will be Kenneth Williams and Ken Cioli.

The tallest freshman or transfer student coming in to the Houston team this year is 6-7.

"This is the shortest team we've had here at any time since 1965," said Lewis. "We've been a power-oriented team for as long as I can remember. We are quicker than we usually are, but we are not as good a passing team."

"We will still be a good shooting team, but we are going to have to change our style of play."

And what kind of style will Lewis use?

"A delay game," he joked.

One of the players who should help Houston this year will not even be available until January. That would be Leonard Mitchell — a 6-7 intimidator who is currently taking up place in the defensive line of the Houston football team.

Lewis is obviously anxious to have Mitchell rejoin the team. When asked how long it would take Mitchell to rejoin the team and become a factor, the Cougars coach said:

"About 30 minutes after the final gun."

The players who will have to step forward this year do not have familiar names to most SWC fans. Lewis is expecting help from 6-4 transfer Marshall Sauls, 6-6 transfer Darnell Roper, 6-6 transfer Victor Ewing and freshman Kent Davis.

"But we're not conceding anything to anybody," said Lewis,

whose team posted a 258 record last year and lost in the first round of the NCAA tournament to Notre Dame.

"But we have to be realistic and realize everybody else will be competitive. We aren't as strong as we were last year and other teams will be. I think we will be a little bit better come tournament time, but everybody else can make that statement."

To spice up the early portion of the season Lewis will take his team to Alaska for a pair of games — one of them on Christmas Day.

"I've never been to Alaska and I thought it would be a good idea. I don't guess it will make any difference that we play on Christmas. We can't play them in July."

Lewis is not expecting his team to reach its potential by Christmas. But he certainly hopes they do it before July.

The Cougars currently hold an 0-1 season record, losing to Nevada-Reno Monday 77-73. Houston will host Texas A&M on Jan. 10.

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Week 13

GAME	Score	Percentage
Texas A&M-Texas	28-27	.510
Texas Tech-Arkansas	75-70	.514
Rice-Houston	77-73	.514
Alabama-Auburn	77-73	.514
Army-Navy	77-73	.514
New England-Dallas	77-73	.514
Pittsburgh-Houston	77-73	.514
Philadelphia-Minnesota	77-73	.514
Miami-Washington	77-73	.514
Denver-Oakland	77-73	.514
Last week's record	8-2	.800
Season's percentage	.708	

David Boggan	Mark Patterson	Sean Petty
Texas by 6	Texas by 9	Texas by 3
Arkansas by 10	Texas Tech by 6	Texas Tech by 7
Houston by 20	Houston by 27	Houston by 16
Alabama by 12	Alabama by 13	Alabama by 10
Navy by 8	Navy by 17	Navy by 8
Dallas by 13	Dallas by 13	Dallas by 7
Houston by 4	Houston by 4	Houston by 4
Philadelphia by 4	Philadelphia by 6	Minnesota by 2
Miami by 6	Miami by 9	Miami by 6
Oakland by 7	Oakland by 9	Oakland by 7
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SAN ANTONIO — The local NBC television affiliate has touched quite a furor among Dallas Cowboy fans by opting to broadcast the Houston Oilers-Pittsburgh Steelers game next Sunday instead of the Dallas-New England game.

KMOL-TV found itself faced with the fact that NBC is televising the games involving both Texas teams at the same time.

When the station, which ordinarily carries the Houston games, was deluged with telephone calls and became the object of talk show rages and newspaper articles.

"We're between the rock and the hard place," said KMOL sports editor Jerry Desmond. "NBC gave us a choice. We opted for the Oilers. We've been the Oilers' station all these years. Now that they have a shot of going into the playoffs, we decided to go with them."

"We could have put them out in the cold. Then all the Oiler fans would have called to complain. It's a win-win situation."

Desmond said his station tried to arrange for both games to be shown in San Antonio to no avail.

CBS normally televises Cowboy games on KENS-TV, but once a year NBC is awarded a Cowboy game and this year the starting games of the Dallas and Houston teams conflicted.

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