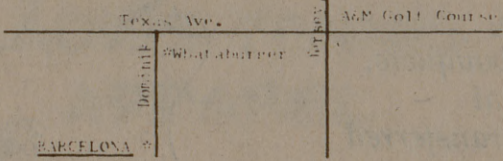


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Aggies prepare for big battle

By SEAN PETTY
Battalion Sports Editor
It's being billed as "The Battle
for Survival in the Southwest Con-
ference."
And although that description of
the Texas A&M-Texas Tech game
may be a little too dramatic, it is

theoretically correct.
Consider the situation that the
surprising Baylor Bears have put the
Aggies and Red Raiders in. Both
teams have played one conference
game and both were beaten by the
Bears who were supposed to finish
the season playing marbles with the

Owls and the Horned Frogs some-
where in the SWC cellar.
Both teams must play Texas,
Houston and Arkansas on down the
road. Not fun.

You will hear all the cliches —
backs against the wall; worked into a
corner; do or die; now or never.
Whatever, it's all the same, both
teams gotta win the darn ball game.

The Tumbleweed Bowl will fea-
ture two evenly matched teams ex-
periencing similar problems on of-
fense, that is, putting the ball in the
end zone. Both the Ags and Raiders
boast strong, quick defenses. Inten-
sity and motivation will be no prob-

lem this week.
That was the situation the last
time the Aggies mounted up and
headed for the high plains of West
Texas in 1977. The Aggies' 33-17
victory was not indicative of the
game which saw the Raiders lead
the game through the first three
quarters.

The Aggies, led by the Wishbone
attack of quarterback David Walker,
fullback George Woodard and
halfbacks Curtis Dickey and David
Brothers, were supposed to finish
high in the SWC. The Aggies also
carried one of the best kickers in the
country in Tony Franklin.

1977 was supposed to be the
of the Raiders and their He
anchored by two all-SWC
linebacker Mike Mock and
defensive end Richard Arledge.

Both teams came into the
undefeated — the Raiders be-
cause of the 6-3, 1977
Aggies having beaten Kansas
and Virginia Tech.

The intensity was there and
game would probably bring
breaks and mistakes. It did.
The Raiders scored on their
possession led by the passing
running of Allison. But that was
Allison would do for the Raiders
he left the game with a broken
knee near the end of the first quarter.

The Aggies didn't tie the
until the second period on a
tight end Russell Mikeska. The
Raiders scored again as Bill
kicked a 57-yard field goal
gun sounded at the half.

The Aggies took the lead in
third quarter on a screen pass
Dickey took 68 yards for the
combined to

Then the Aggies made a mistake
Dickey fumbled on the 4th
yard line and the Raiders
four plays later. The quarter
with Tech leading 17-14.

Then Franklin went to
the fourth quarter. He kicked
goals of 48, 25, 51 and 39
make it 26-17. The final
touchdown was made by
Roderick Reed who intercepted
pass and ran it back 25 yards
score. End of game.

This year's game could be
same tough, well played game
over.

It will be a game of
mistakes; the Aggies need
one and must eliminate the
There's no room for butter
Lubbock.

And there's a little more
Aggie head coach Tom Wilson
is going home in a way
glory days as an all-SWC
back for Texas Tech were
the floor of Tech's Jones
He was a winner there before
there's nothing he'd like
to be a winner there again
night. Except he will be
maroon and white this time.

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**Goodson's good foot
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AUSTIN — Texas walk-on
barefoot kicker John Goodson
was placed on an athletic schol-
arship Wednesday by the Long-
horns because of his performance
against opponents this year.
Goodson is ranked fourth in
the nation in kicking field goals,
hitting on five in seven attempts.
He also has kicked three of three
extra points.
The scholarship announce-
ment was made by Longhorn
coach Fred Akers.
Akers also said the team work-
out was better Wednesday than
it had been earlier in the week.
"They knew more what to do
against the complicated Rice of-
fense," said Akers, discussing
this week's opponent.

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