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Prep battles getting hot

United Press International
The Breckenridge Buckaroos, sporting an 8-0 record, moved to the top of Class AA while the other three classification's top-rated teams held on to their rankings in the eighth weekly United Press International Texas high school football poll released Tuesday.

Abilene Cooper polled all 17 firsts and a maximum 170 points to top Class AAAA, Paris drew 10 firsts and 161 points to lead Class AAA, and China Spring had 11 firsts and 158 points to remain atop the Class A ratings as voted by the Texas UPI board of sportswriters and sportscasters who regularly cover Texas schoolboy athletics.

With the exception of Breckenridge, which replaced fallen Kenedy atop the Class AA ratings, only minor changes appeared in the latest ratings as the top five teams — with the exception of Kenedy — remained the same.

Conroe remained No. 2 in Class AAAA, La Porte retained third, San Antonio Converse Judson was fourth and Temple was fifth. All five teams have 7-0 records.

Plano headed up the second five in Class AAAA with a sixth-place ranking, Houston Klein remained seventh, and Lubbock Monterey was eighth. Dallas White took over ninth place and Marshall moved in as 10th. They replaced Odessa Permian and San Antonio MacArthur, both of whom were defeated last week.

Ruggers take second place

Despite being riddled with injuries, the Texas A&M women's rugby team managed to place second in the eighth annual San Antonio Seven-a-Side Rugby tournament last weekend.

The Aggies won three games, lost

Huntsville, with three first-place votes, remained second in Class AAA, and Kerrville, with three firsts, retained third, with Beaumont Hebert fourth with one first and Gregory-Portland fifth. All five teams are unbeaten this year.

Lubbock Estacado, with the other first-place vote, remained sixth and San Angelo Lakeview was seventh. However, the bottom three places all were new, with Jacksonville (8-0) taking over eighth, Brownwood (6-2) returning to the rankings in ninth place and San Antonio Madison (7-1) claiming 10th. They replaced last week's bottom three — Cuero, Pecos and Jasper — all losers in last week's games.

Kenedy's 18-5 upset by Yoakum knocked it all the way from the unbeaten in Class AA and No. 1 ranking, knocking it out of the top 10. Behind Breckenridge, with nine firsts, came Pittsburg with four firsts, Childress with two firsts, Hays Consolidated, Wylie with a first and Hallettsville with the other first. Abilene Wylie was ranked No. 7, Medina Valley No. 8, Van No. 9 and Fairfield No. 10. All of the top 10 teams this week are undefeated.

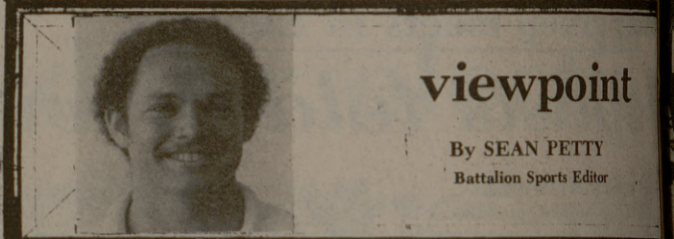
Second-ranked Haskell, third-ranked Glen Rose and fourth-ranked Seagraves each polled one first-place ballot and fifth-ranked Troup received the other three first-place votes. Hawkins was rated sixth, Flatonia seventh, Rotan eighth, Dilley ninth and Pettus 10th. All 10 rated teams are undefeated, although Dilley has been

tied, the only mark among the 10 teams. Pettus replaced Mason, which was beaten last week by Junction, 21-14.

Texas High School Football Poll

United Press International
DALLAS — The United Press International eighth week Texas high school football top 10 poll, Classes AAAA, AAA, AA and A, (with first place votes and won-loss records in parenthesis), and total points: Class AAAA

1. Abilene Cooper (17) (7-0) 170
 2. Conroe (7-0) 148
 3. La Porte (7-0) 127
 4. San Antonio Judson (7-0) 116
 5. Temple (7-0) 114
 6. Plano (6-1) 87
 7. Houston Klein (7-0) 72
 8. Lubbock Monterey (7-1) 42
 9. Dallas White (6-1) 35
 10. Marshall (5-0-2) 27
- Class AAA**
1. Paris (10) (7-0) 161
 2. Huntsville (3) (8-0) 143
 3. Kerrville (2) (8-0) 138
 4. Beaumont Hebert (1) (8-0) 129
 5. Gregory-Portland (7-0) 103
 6. Lubbock Estacado (1) (6-1) 85
 7. San Angelo Lakeview (7-1) 64
 8. Jacksonville (8-0) 39
 9. Brownwood (6-2) 37
 10. San Antonio Madison (7-1) 25
- Class AA**
1. Breckenridge (9) (8-0) 160
 2. Pittsburg (4) (7-0) 150
 3. Childress (2) (7-0) 149
 4. Hays Consolidated (7-0) 110
 5. Wylie (1) (7-0) 91
 6. Hallettsville (1) (7-0) 89
 7. Abilene Wylie (7-0) 69
 8. Medina Valley (8-0) 54
 9. Van (7-0) 34
 10. Fairfield (7-0) 24
- Class A**
1. China Spring (11) (7-0) 158
 2. Haskell (1) (7-0) 153
 3. Glen Rose (1) (7-0) 122
 4. Seagraves (1) (7-0) 118
 5. Troup (3) (7-0) 103
 6. Hawkins (8-0) 96
 7. Flatonia (7-0) 68
 8. Rotan (7-0) 55
 9. Dilley (6-0-1) 30
 10. Pettus (7-0) 21



viewpoint

By SEAN PETTY
Battalion Sports Editor

The creators of Kyle haunt and taunt Ags

Seeing as today is Halloween, it seems only appropriate that the Texas Aggie football program is being haunted by spying ghost phantom touchdown catches by opposing teams, voodoo-practicing alumni and mysterious invisible creatures who have been running around ripping the ball out of Aggie backs' hands since the beginning of the season.

One creature that has controlled the fate and record of the Aggie team is the lowly Fourth-Quarter Phantom who has crawled out of the dark cave of defeat in the fourth quarter of three A&M games this season, turning victory into agonizing defeat.

The ever-present Tyrant of Turnover and Fumble Freak has spent many a game with the Aggies, giving a helping hand to the Fourth-Quarter Phantom, making life miserable for the A&M offense and head coach Tom Wilson.

Speaking of Wilson and misery, a strange type of voodoo seems to be in practice around Aggieland. Wilson has felt the stinging pain of the pressure pins the powerful Aggie alumni have been applying with rumors of the witchdoctors buying up his contract and bringing in another victim.

The really powerful witchdoctors, although few in number but many in bucks, always warn us not to bite the hand that feeds us or it's hard to take the diet they force down the University's throat at times.

But the alumni is not to blame for all of the Aggies' misery, contrary to popular belief. In fact, someone will probably end up connecting the few alumni witchdoctors with the Spying Ghost of Kyle Field. And the poor alumni will catch unnecessary blame.

But the Spying Ghost of Kyle has been a definite problem. The classless, slinking, slimy slob, who was just discovered this week went to work before the Tyrant and the Freak even made it to Lubbock and Waco. It seems this creeping crawler sent information about A&M's game plans to Texas Tech and Baylor before the Ags played them.

Although the game plans didn't affect the outcomes of the Tech and Baylor games, they certainly didn't help the Ags.

But one thing that did affect the outcome of the Tech game was what is being called the phantom touchdown catch. The non-catch was made by Tech's L.M. Cummings in the fourth quarter. Game films show the ball bounced off Cummings, hit the ground and bounced back into Cummings' hands.

And that's where the Count of Crummy Breaks enters the scene. In that particular play, the Count jumped in front of the referee, that he wasn't able to see the non-catch. And there's rumors the Count has taken his seat on the team's bus more than once.

Most say he put the ball in Houston receiver Eric Herring's hands to set up the Cougars' winning touchdown against the Ags. I want the sidelines and I thought I saw the Count right by Eric but couldn't tell because Igor the Interception Idiot was standing in the way.

Igor had already played a big part in the Coog-Ag game by pushing Houston's Donnie Love in front of three Mike Mosley passes.

But the season hasn't been a total horror movie for the Ags. If it took away the Fumble Freak, Tyrant of Turnover, the Count and Igor, the Ags would probably be 6-1. And if the Ags were 6-1, the witchdoctors would have never shown up in the first place to haunt Wilson.

I'm sure the rest of the Aggie schedule includes lots of tricks and treats for the Aggie fans but hopefully, the monsters will go home after tonight. Or at least go to Houston or Arkansas or Texas or...

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