

Breckenridge looks like Buckaroos of old days

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Larry Parker was an all-state end-linebacker and Emory Bellard was head coach when last the Breckenridge Buckaroos had something to rave about. That was 1958.

Now, two decades later, the Breckenridge Buckaroos are back. And, former star player Parker is head coach. His star player is his own son, quarterback Brent Parker who may be the best quarterback in the state in Class AA this year.

Breckenridge is undefeated through eight games, and a combination of a Buckaroo victory over Eastland this week — and a Coleman win over Cisco — would put Breckenridge into the post-season playoffs. If Coleman and Breckenridge do not both win, it will go down to the season finale before the playoff berth is decided.

"You have a run of outstanding athletes in a community, and you have your ups and downs in winning," Parker said. "We like to think the winning tradition that was once noted at Breckenridge is returning."

The Bucks have lost only four of their last 35 games. And, this week for the first time in recent years, Breckenridge was back atop the top 10 ratings in the state. If they win the district title either this week or next, it will be the third straight district championship under Parker.

"I feel we are playing good football now," Parker said. "We're a

large Class AA school with a run of good kids. We certainly don't mind lining up against anyone."

Parker says football is still big in the state's smaller communities, like Breckenridge.

"We're 100 miles away from everything, so on Friday night everything shuts down and everyone pretties up and goes to the football stadium — that's just the social event of the week," he said.

"We know we've got our work cut out this week. We have to make sure it's not just another game for us. After all, if Eastland were to win it would make their season. So, we've got to be ready to play."

The other top-ranked teams will also see action, as Class AAA's Abilene Cooper goes to Big Spring, Class AAA's Paris hosts Sulphur Springs and Class A's China Spring travels to Clifton.

Conroe, second-ranked in Class AAAA, hosts Houston Jersey Village; third-ranked La Porte hosts South Houston; fourth-ranked San Antonio Judson is at San Antonio McCollum; fifth-ranked Temple hosts Killen; sixth-ranked Plano hosts Greenville; seventh-ranked Houston Klein is at Houston Cypress Fairbanks; eighth-ranked Lubbock Monterey hosts Lubbock Coronado; ninth-ranked Dallas White hosts Dallas Wilson; and 10th-ranked Marshall hosts Longview.

Kerrville, ranked third in Class AAA, hosts San Antonio Southwest; fourth-rated Beaumont Hebert is at Bridge City; fifth-rated Gregory-Portland hosts Corpus Christi Tuloso-Midway; sixth-rated Lubbock Estacado hosts Lubbock Dunbar; ninth-rated Brownwood is at Crowley and 10th-rated San Antonio Madison is at Gonzales. Second-ranked Huntsville, seventh-ranked San Angelo Lakeview and eighth-ranked Jacksonville have open dates this week.

All top five teams in Class AA are home this week, with No. 2 Pittsburg hosting Paul Pewitt, No. 3 Childress hosting Henrietta, No. 4 Hays Consolidated hosting San Antonio Randolph, and No. 5 Wylie hosting Ferris. No. 6 Hallettsville is at Kenedy, No. 7 Abilene Wylie hosts Stamford, No. 8 Medina Valley hosts Pearsall, No. 9 Van is at Lindale, and No. 10 Fairfield is at Palestine Westwood.

Haskell, second-ranked in Class A, hosts Munday; third-ranked Glen Rose hosts Grandview; fourth-ranked Seagraves hosts Forsan; fifth-ranked Troup is at Cushing; sixth-ranked Hawkins is at Longview Spring Hill; seventh-ranked Flatonia is at Schulenburg; eighth-ranked Rotan hosts Albany; ninth-ranked Dilley is at Nueces Canyon; and 10th-ranked Pettus hosts Poth.

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Washington-Pitt. . . Pitt. by 10	Pitt. by 11	Pitt. by 10	Pitt. by 10
New Orleans-Denver Denver by 3	N.O. by 7	Denver by 7	N.O. by 7
Dallas-NY Giants . . . Giants by 3	Dallas by 13	Dallas by 14	Dallas by 14
Cleveland-Philly . . . Philly by 8	Philly by 6	Philly by 6	Philly by 6
L.A.-Seattle . . . Seattle by 6	Seattle by 14	Seattle by 7	Seattle by 7
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Last week's record . . . 7-3	6-4	8-2	8-2
Season percentage . . . 712	687	662	662

Cowboys looking out for Giants

United Press International
DALLAS — The New York Giants have the longest winning streak in the NFL and the Dallas Cowboys have just been handed their biggest disappointment of the season.

So, no matter what the oddsmakers say, the Cowboys likely will be the emotional underdog in East Rutherford, N.J., next Sunday.

"We will have a hangover from it," Coach Tom Landry said referring to the club's 14-3 loss to Pittsburgh.

"You don't ever lose and not have something taken out of you," he said. "And when you lose to Pittsburgh it takes more out of you than normal."

"We will have a very tough time with New York. The whole season is made up of peaks and valleys. New York is at their peak right now. They couldn't be more enthusiastic or be playing with more enthusiasm than they are now because they have done a lot more than they ever thought they would do this year."

"That's going to make them tough to handle unless we play very good. If we play good then I think we will be all right."

How long does Landry expect the Pittsburgh loss to hang over the head of his players?

"Well," he said, "it just depends. It's what the players hear, what they read and how they feel that determines how quickly they can shake it

off. I have no trouble shaking it off myself, but I'm not out there playing."

"Some players have more trouble than others."

"We need to win. But New York has the best attitude of any of us in our division right now. Philadelphia is down in a valley. Washington got beat and has to go against Pittsburgh next week."

"I don't know if we will come up to a top level after a disappointing defeat. It will be a close, tough football game because of that. It's not that the Giants aren't capable, but if we play as good as we can play we should win the football game. But I

think we will have to do it."

Landry said quarterback Staubach would likely lead the Giants despite a shoulder injury and a concussion during the Pittsburgh loss.

"Roger's biggest problem is to be the knee," Landry said. "Landing on a bruised pretty good. He's been too mobile on Sunday."

"Probably (running back) Pearson will be the one to get back by Sunday, but he won't know for a while. I think he came out as well as he could. He just damaged the ligament (of a knee)."

Ag runners head to regional

By CAROLYN BLOSSER
Battalion Sports Staff

Texas A&M's women's cross-country team competes today in the Regional Cross-Country meet in Denton.

Running for the Aggies will be Adelaide Bratten, Cathy Coker, Barbara Collinsworth, Keress Hawkins, Annie Muniz and Beverly Porter.

Last weekend at the state meet in Georgetown, A&M's top runner Sandra Brown got spiked in the calf at the beginning of the race, and coach Bill Nix says her loss will hurt A&M's chances at regionals.

"We were shooting for a second place finish, but now without Brown, we will probably place about fifth," Nix said.

The top two teams and the top 15

individual runners at Regionals will qualify for the national meet Nov. 17 at Tallahassee, Fla. Because chances of qualifying as a team are greatly reduced with the loss of Brown, Nix said he is more concerned with A&M's individual placements this weekend.

"We're trying to get as many individuals as we can to qualify for nationals," he said. "I think we might get a maximum of three runners in the top 15."

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Last weekend the Aggies placed third at the state meet behind the University of Texas, and second place Houston. The top two finishers for A&M were Annie Muniz (11th) and Cathy Coker (13th).

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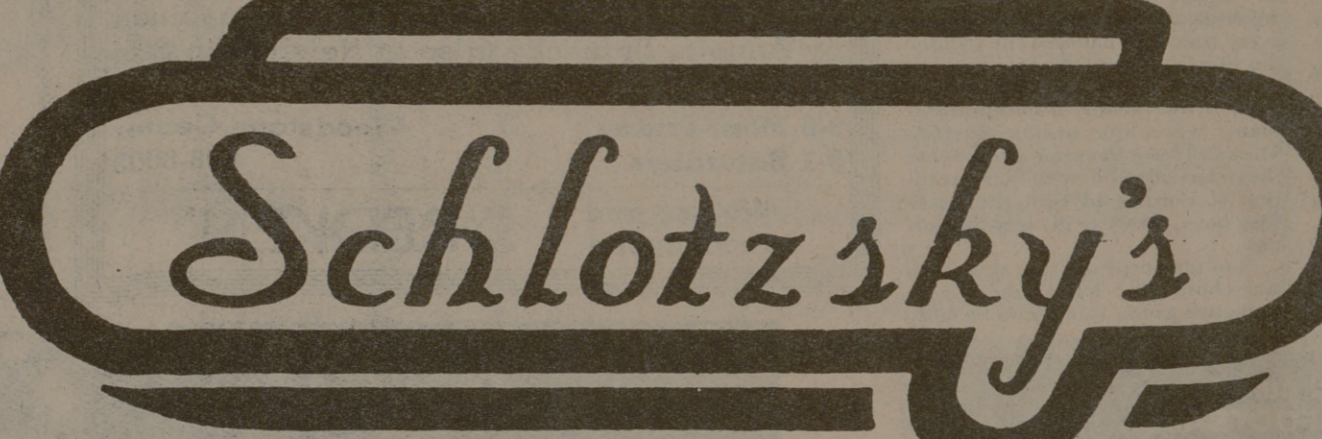
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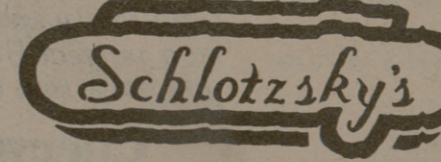
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