

# Temple psyched for Vikings

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The Temple Wildcats have become accustomed to important games and Coach Bob McQueen knows he won't have to do anything special to get his team ready this week.

Friday night third-ranked Temple (9-0) hosts No. 8 Bryan (8-1) in its biggest game of the year, with the district championship and a berth in the post-season playoffs hanging in the balance. It's the second showdown this season for Temple, something that is getting to be a habit for Coach Bob McQueen and his players.

"The magnitude of this game takes care of getting the kids up and ready to play," McQueen said. "We've been in several games of this kind in last few years. They never are easy, but I think our kids are beginning to get use to the pressure which comes with big games."

McQueen said almost every year the Bryan and Killen games are big rivalries, and almost every year the season seems to be riding on the outcome of those games.

"We try to maintain as near a normal week as we can, but sometimes it gets rather hard when the whole community is excited," he said. "There's a whole lot of talk about the home-field advantage, and I'm not sure it means that much when it comes down to a game like this one. But, I'm happy to be playing this one at home."

McQueen said preparations for the game were no different this week from any other week.

"We know from the beginning of spring workouts that Bryan is going to be a big game when it gets here, so we work out a little every day all season for it," he said.

The Temple-Bryan showdown is only one of an unusually large number of district championship games on the docket during this final regularly scheduled weekend of games. Even the top-rated teams in all classifications have big games this week, with only Abilene Cooper in Class AAAA assured of a playoff berth despite the game's outcome.

The Cooper Cougars meet cross-town rival Abilene in a big game, but

will meet Lewisville the following week in post-season play regardless of the outcome. The other top-ranked teams, meanwhile, must win in order to play next week — Paris at Mount Pleasant in Class AAA, Breckenridge at Cisco in Class AA, and China Spring at Meridian in Class A.

In fact, officials said an unusually large number of district championships would be decided this weekend in all classes, indicating more balance in many more districts than in recent years.

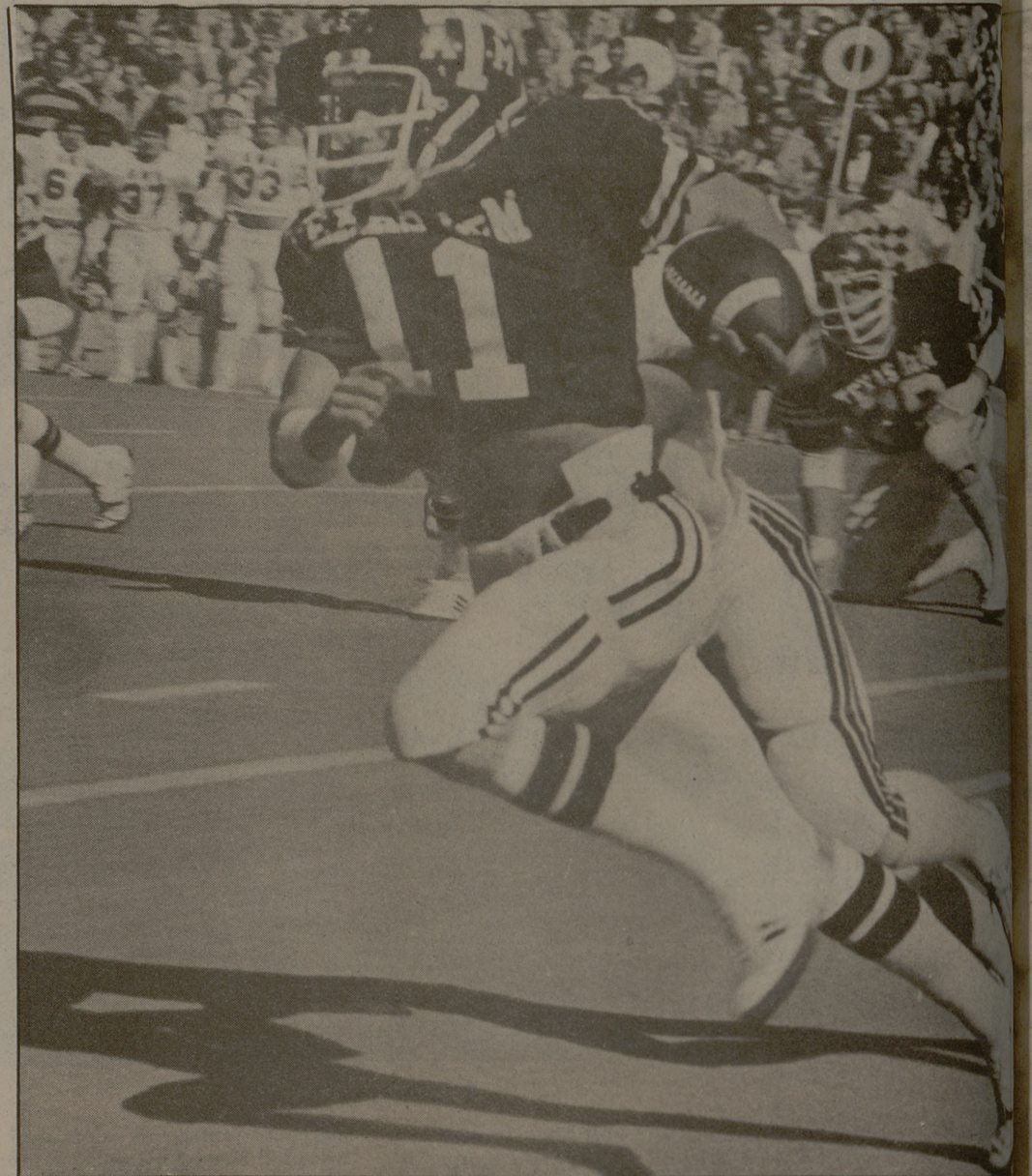
La Porte, ranked second in Class AAAA and already assured of a post-season berth, is at Deer Park this week, fourth-ranked Plano hosts Richardson Pearce, fifth-ranked San Antonio Judson faces San Antonio East Central, No. 6 Spring Klein is at Humble; seventh-ranked Dallas White plays Dallas Jefferson, No. 9 Lubbock Monterey hosts Hereford and 10th-ranked Lewisville hosts Denton.

Huntsville, No. 2 in Class AAA, is involved in a big district showdown against Navasota, fifth-ranked Gregory-Portland is at Corpus Christi West Oso, No. 6 Lubbock Estacado hosts Canyon, No. 7 San Angelo Lakeview plays at Lamesa and

eighth-rated 8 Jacksonville hosts Carthage. The remaining rated Class AAA teams will be involved in zone playoffs this week, with No. 3 Kerrville meeting No. 10 San Antonio Madison, No. 4 Beaumont Hebert playing Crosby and No. 9 Brownwood facing Waco Connally.

Class AA's second-ranked Wylie hosts Frisco; No. 3 Pittsburg hosts Linden-Kildare, fourth-ranked Childress is at Seymour; fifth-ranked Hallettsville hosts Goliad, No. 7 Van is at Brownsboro, eighth-ranked Fairfield plays at Teague, No. 9 Port Isabel is at Rio Hondo and 10th-ranked Barbers Hill plays at Col-dspring, Medina Valley, ranked sixth, has completed a 10-0 season, and is idle until post-season play next week.

Troup, Class A's second-rated team, hosts Alto, No. 3 Seagraves hosts Ropesville; fourth-ranked Flaton is at Shiner; fifth-rated Hawkins hosts Big Sandy; No. 6 Haskell hosts Paducash; seventh-ranked Rotan plays at Hawley; eighth-rated Pettus hosts Falls City; and No. 9 Dilley hosts Natalia. Pilot Point, the 10th-ranked team, has finished the regular season at 10-0 and is awaiting post-season play next week.



Mosley running the Aggies

Texas A&M quarterback Mike Mosley turns the corner for a big gain against SMU. Mosley, a top candidate for All-Southwest Conference quarterback, will pit his running and passing talents against Arkansas' quarter-

back Kevin Scanlon who is also having an excellent year. Mosley is third in the conference in passing and total offense while Scanlon is first in the same two categories.

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HOUSTON — Tight end Mike Barber returned to practice Wednesday and declared his injured right knee fit.

"I feel fine. Everything is fine," said Barber, whose condition was the subject of debate by a number of doctors this week.

An examination by orthopedist Dr. Jack Hughston in Columbus, Ga., Tuesday cleared Barber to practice after he had missed a week and a

half of work following his injury in a game against Miami Nov. 5.

Oilers team physicians had refused to allow Barber to practice, saying he might have a slight ligament tear which could become worse. Barber's personal doctor, however, clearing him to practice a week ago.

Head Coach Bum Phillips said Barber would start Sunday against the Cincinnati Bengals.

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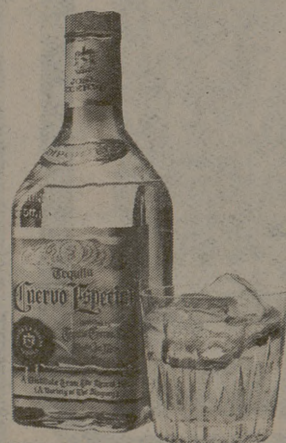
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