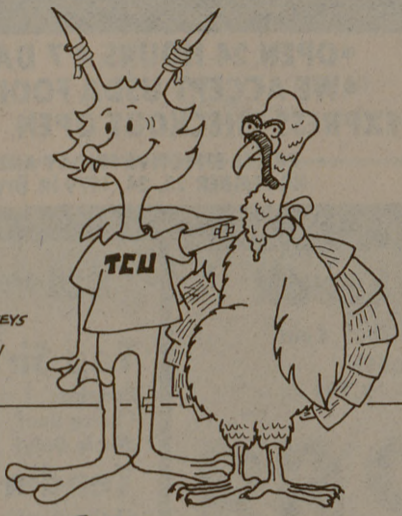


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Frogs waiting to gig Aggies

By MARK W. PATTERSON
Battalion Sports Staff

What kind of season are the TCU Horned Frogs having?

In the statistical team categories compiled by the Southwest Conference, the Horned Frogs are not listed among the top five teams in any of the six categories: total offense, rushing offense, passing offense, total defense, rushing defense and pass defense.

In fact, of the statistics kept on individual players, the only Frogs that appear among the top six players in each category are Craig Richardson and Cameron Young. Richardson is fourth in the conference in total offense, averaging 8.6 yards a play. Young, the TCU punter, is ranked third in the conference with a 42.2-yard average.

With the TCU offense-per-game average approaching the I.Q. level of its mascot, it's not surprising that Young leads the SWC in punting attempts with 73.

But the statistics, or lack of, can be deceiving. The Frogs have compiled a 2-7 record, but the Arkansas Razorbacks beat the Frogs with a field goal in the last seven seconds, Baylor scored one touchdown on TCU on a 95-yard pass interception, Texas Tech managed a 3-3 tie and the Houston Cougars beat TCU 21-10 in a game that was closer than the score indicated.

"Everyone has said for weeks now, and there is no question, that TCU is the most improved team in the conference," Aggie coach Tom Wilson said. "They're giving up 19.6 points a game on defense, and that's after a couple of teams ran up the score on them.

Their offense is scoring 12 points

a game. They can play with anyone and have a chance to win. They're not getting run off the field like they use to."

The TCU defense has shown the greatest improvement. The Frogs have installed a new defense, unique in the conference, and have been effective holding down their opposition.

"TCU runs a 5-3 defense, putting eight men on or near the line of scrimmage," Wilson said. "It's a different scheme than anyone runs in the conference. They have five linemen and stack linebackers behind the noseguard and two tackles."

"It's the same type defense Penn State ran. We did have some luck against it earlier this year."

Most of that success against Penn State was enjoyed by tailback Curtis Dickey. After missing last week's Arkansas game with a broken rib, Dickey is listed as doubtful for the TCU game as well. If he is able to return this Saturday, Wilson said he will be used in a reserve role behind starter Johnny Hector.

Free safety Elroy Steen, who severely sprained his ankle against Arkansas, is out for the TCU game and may be finished for the season. James Zachery (bruised thigh), Arlis James (groin pull) and Doug Carr (thumb injury) are listed as questionable for this week's game.

"We suffered more bumps and bruises in last week's game than we have all season," Wilson said. "With all our people hurt on defense, we could be in trouble."

"TCU concerns me. At this point in the season, a coach worries about

the team's attitude, if it is ready to play. But our folks are looking forward to playing TCU."

"This is a big game for TCU and for us. They've been so close this year, they're looking at this game as the one that might turn their program around."

"And we have a chance for a winning season if we beat TCU and Texas. But we have to win this one first."

The Aggie players may be caught between looking to next week's Texas game and thinking about the Arkansas loss. But Wilson feels his troops will be ready Saturday.

"In past years, taking TCU too lightly could have been a problem," Wilson said. "But you don't have to look at films too long to see that this isn't the same kind of TCU football team. At this point, they're playing good, solid football. They are a team we have to have respect for."

Kickoff at TCU's Amon G. Carter Stadium is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday.

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WEEK 12

Texas A&M-TCU	A&M by 3	A&M by 31	A&M by 13	A&M by 9
Baylor-Texas	Texas by 16	Texas by 10	Texas by 3	Texas by 10
Arkansas-SMU	Arkansas by 17	Arkansas by 21	Arkansas by 6	Arkansas by 12
Houston-Texas Tech	Houston by 20	Houston by 17	Houston by 17	Houston by 13
Nebraska-Oklahoma	Nebraska by 7	Oklahoma by 7	Oklahoma by 2	Nebraska by 1
LSU-Tulane	LSU by 3	LSU by 10	LSU by 7	LSU by 3
UCLA-USC	USC by 16	USC by 31	USC by 14	USC by 9
Pitt-Penn St.	Pitt by 7	Penn St. by 7	Penn St. by 1	Penn St. by 4
Houston-Dallas	Houston by 9	Dallas by 13	Houston by 3	Houston by 2
Cleveland-Pittsburgh	Pitt by 10	Pitt by 11	Pitt by 10	Pitt by 3
Last week's record	8-2	8-2	7-3	5-5
Season percentage	.709	.672	.681	.611



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Philadelphia tops Spurs; Knicks kick Rockets

United Press International
SAN ANTONIO — The Philadelphia 76ers outtraced San Antonio, 118-114, behind a 40-point third quarter in NBA action Tuesday night.

Center Darryl Dawkins led the Sixers charge, scoring 12 third quarter points, pulling down four rebounds and grabbing two steals.

Philadelphia scored at will, overcoming a 52-48 halftime deficit and hit 17 of 27 field goal attempts to take an 88-85 lead into the final 12 minutes.

The Spurs fought back behind reserve guard Mike Evans' 11 fourth quarter points. Evans, a first year man, saw his longest action of the season, finishing with 19 points in 24 minutes.

Larry Kenon's 15-foot jumper, his 10,000th career point, tied it for the Spurs at 94-94 with 7:56 to play. But six points by guard Maurice Cheeks and four by Julius Erving moved Philadelphia out to a 107-100 advantage.

Evans' three-point shot pulled San Antonio within one, 112-111. Then Dawkins dunked and Erving and forward Bobby Jones each hit two free throws answered only by a

Kevin Restani three-point shot.

In New York, Michael Ray Richardson sank two free throws with 43 seconds remaining in overtime when New York made up a 23-point deficit in the second half to post a 130-125 victory over Houston, snapping the Rockets' seven-game winning streak and giving Coach Red Holzman his 500th career victory with the Knicks.

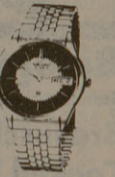
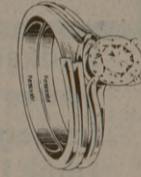
The Rockets, who led by 15 at halftime, ran up a 23-point lead in the third quarter — when Moses Malone scored 17 of his game-high 32 points — and Houston led 123-117 midway through overtime. New York, which had lost five of its previous six games, then ran off a 13-2 spurt as Ray Williams and Richardson combined for 10.

After Richardson's free throws, Toby Knight put New York ahead 128-125 with two foul shots. Rudy Tomjanovich missed a three-point attempt with six seconds left and Richardson — one of four Knicks with 20 or more points — sealed it with two more free throws.

Bill Cartwright scored 24 before fouling out and Knight finished with 21. Calvin Murphy scored 16 of his

30 points as the Rockets took a 35-30 lead after one quarter. The Knicks trailed 98-79 after three periods after committing 11 turnovers in both the second and third quarters. Malone, the NBA's fourthleading scorer, had 25 points after a first half in which he was 1-for-8 from the field.

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