

The night before Bonfire

It was the night before Bonfire, and all through the dorm
Not a student was stirring, it wasn't the norm.
The textbooks were stacked on the desk with great care,
In hopes that the holidays soon would be there.
The coeds were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of passing grades danced in their heads;
And she over in her room and I in mine,
Had just settled down to think of good times —
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the curtain and threw up the sash.
The moon on the breast of the now-dying grass
Gave a lustre of midday to all that did pass.
When what to my wondering eyes that met with shock,
But a huge blocking sled and eight football jocks,
With a short little driver, so lively with charm
I knew in a moment it must be Coach Tom!
More rapid than eagles his players they came,
And he whistled and shouted and called them by name:
"Now, Jacob! now, David! now, Gerald and Pugsy!
On, Woodard! on, Dickson! on, Grulich and Dickey!
Able to jump to great heights, able to knock down the walls!
Now run away, block them down, tackle them all!"
As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,
So up to the dorm roof the players they flew,
With a sleigh full of points — and Coach Tom Wilson, too.
And then in a twinkling I heard o'er my seat
The stomping and pounding of turf football cleats.
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
Down the hallway Coach Wilson came with a bound.
He was dressed in maroon from his head to his feet,
And his clothes were all torn from five hard defeats;
A bundle of pressure he's endured for no reason,
Yet he looked like a veteran just beginning a season.
His eyes, how they twinkled! His dimples, how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And from the corner protruded a lit Marlboro.
The stump of the cig he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath.
He had a broad, smiling face and a little, round belly
That shook, when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.
He was chubby and short — yet still pretty fast,
And I laughed, when I saw him, in spite of his past.
A wink of his eye and a twist of his ear
Soon gave me to know an Ag win was quite near.
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And promised a victory; then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his head,
And giving a wave, down the hallway he fled.
He sprang to the sled, to his boys gave a yell,
And away they all sped, like bats out of hell.
But I heard him exclaim, as they got near Cain Hall:
"BEAT THE HELL OUT OF TEXAS — Good night to you all!"

— MARK W. PATTERSON

Tech's Hadnot heads all-SWC team

United Press International
DALLAS — James Hadnot, who led the Southwest Conference in rushing for the second straight year, and three members of the talented University of Texas defensive backfield highlighted the 1979 United Press International all-Southwest Conference football team announced Wednesday.

Hadnot was one of six players to repeat on the all-SWC team, having piled up 1,371 yards this season despite Texas Tech's disappointing campaign.

In addition, Hadnot was named offensive player of the year in the SWC, Baylor linebacker Mike Singletary was chosen defensive player of

the year and TCU linebacker Darrell Patterson led in the balloting for freshman of the year.

The UPI all-conference team was chosen by a panel of writers and broadcasters who covered SWC games this year.

Longhorns Johnnie Johnson, Derrick Hatchett and Ricky Churchman — members of what Texas' assistant athletic director Bill Ellington called the best secondary he has ever seen in college football — were all named to the all-conference squad.

Texas has surrendered only 76.9 yards through the air this season and it was the third year for Johnson to be voted to the all-league team.

Joining Hadnot in the offensive

backfield were Texas running back A.J. Jones, who will miss the Longhorns final games of the season with a knee injury, and Arkansas quarterback Kevin Scanlon, who has completed a remarkable 66 percent of his passes this season.

Arkansas' Robert Farrell, Texas' Johnny "Lam" Jones and Longhorns tight end Lawrence Sampleton made up the receiving corps on the all-conference team while the offensive line was made up of Greg Kolenda of Arkansas and Melvin Jones of Houston at tackles, George Stewart of Arkansas and Dennis Greenawalt of Houston at guards and Texas' Wes Hubert at center.

Joining Hatchett, Churchman and

Johnson in the defensive backfield was Kevin Evans of Arkansas. The defensive line was made up of Andrew Melton of Baylor and Jacob Green of Texas A&M at ends, Steve McMichael of Texas and Hosea Taylor of Houston at tackles and Robert Oglesby of Houston at nose guard.

David Hodge of Houston joined Singletary at the linebacking positions. Arkansas punter Steve Cox

and place kicker Ish Ordonez both won in the balloting at their positions.

Neither SMU receiver Emanuel Tolbert nor A&M running back Curtis Dickey, both of whom had been selected to the all-conference team in 1977 and 1978, were picked to this year's squad. They were second team selections in this year's balloting.

Green only Ag on first team

United Press International
DALLAS — The 1979 United Press International all-Southwest Conference football team:

First Team Offense			
Name	School	Pos.	HT. WT. CL.
Robert Farrell	Ark WR	6-5	190 Sr.
Jhony "Lam" Jones	Jus. T WR	6-1	183 Sr.
Lawrence Sampleton	TXTE	6-6	230 So.
Greg Kolenda	Ark T	6-1	258 Sr.
Melvin Jones	Hou T	6-3	265 Sr.
George Stewart	Ark G	6-3	252 Jr.
Dennis Greenawalt	H G	6-3	235 Sr.
Wes Hubert	Tex C	6-4	250 Sr.
Kevin Scanlon	Ark QB	6-0	182 Sr.
James Hadnot	Tch RB	6-2	240 Sr.
A.J. Jones	Tex RB	6-1	200 So.
Ish Ordonez	Ark PK	6-0	216 Jr.

First Team Defense			
Name	School	Pos.	HT. WT. CL.
Jacob Green	A&M E	6-3	240 Sr.
Andrew Melton	By E	6-4	210 Sr.
Steve McMichael	TXT	6-2	250 Sr.
Hosea Taylor	Hou T	6-5	270 Jr.
Robert Oglesby	H MG	5-11	129 Sr.
David Hodge	Hou LB	6-3	211 Sr.
Mike Singletary	By LB	6-1	224 Jr.
Ricky Churchman	TX DB	6-1	195 Sr.
Derrick Hatchett	TX DB	5-11	182 Sr.
Johnnie Johnson	TX DB	6-1	190 Sr.
Kevin Evans	Ark DB	6-1	193 Jr.
Steve Cox	Ark P	6-3	210 Jr.

Second Team Offense			
Name	School	Pos.	HT. WT. CL.
Jim Howard	Ark E	6-2	215 Sr.

Second Team Defense			
Name	School	Pos.	HT. WT. CL.
Donnie Little	Tex QB	6-1	200 So.
Terald Clark	Hou RB	5-9	196 Jr.
Curtis Dickey	A&M RB	6-3	200 So.
John Goodson	Tex PK	6-3	200 So.

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Bills' Smerlas on injured reserve

United Press International
ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — A knee injury to Buffalo Bills' rookie defensive lineman Fred Smerlas will not require surgery, a Bills' spokesman said Tuesday.

Medical tests indicated Smerlas suffered stretched ligaments in his right knee in Sunday's 16-13 overtime victory over the New England Patriots. He was placed on the injured reserve list but it was not decided whether he will be activated for any of the Bills final three games this season. Veteran Mike Kadish replaced Smerlas in the lineup.

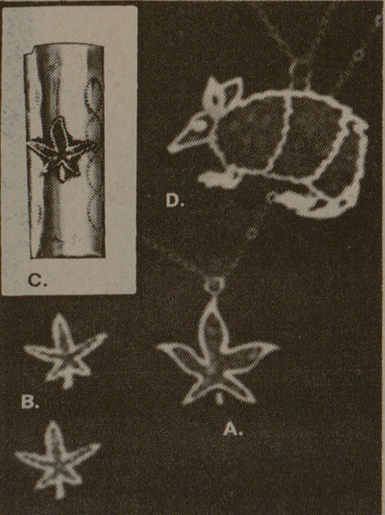
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Leavell leads Rockets past Cavs in overtime

United Press International
HOUSTON — Six-foot-one guard Allen Leavell, making his first NBA start, blocked two driving layups and scored a season high 21 points Wednesday night to spark the Houston Rockets to a 113-111 overtime win over the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Cleveland, 10-15, outscored the Rockets 8-4 in the final four minutes of regulation to send the game into overtime. But Leavell, a rookie drafted in the fifth round out of Oklahoma City University, scored four points in the overtime game of the season.

Cleveland led 78-70 midway through the third quarter and 82-81 moments later when Leavell jumped high to swat Randy Smith's breakaway layup off the glass and bring a partisan crowd to its feet.

Houston led 93-98 early in the fourth quarter on two free throws made by Robert Reid and Paul Mokeski when Leavell blocked Aue Carr's layup attempt.

Rockets center Moses Malone led scorers with 35 points, Calvin Murphy added 18 and Rick Barry chipped in 16 as the Rockets evened their record at 11-11.

The Cavaliers were led by Dave Birch with 19 points. Kenny Carr

scored 17 points, but with 37 seconds left in overtime and Houston leading by one point, he made only one of three free throws to tie the score.

Barry's 15-foot jump shot with 24 seconds left provided the winning margin.

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