



# Beal will have wrist checked

Texas A&M quarterback David Beal will have his injured right wrist x-rayed again early this week and that examination will determine his status for the rest of the season, coach Tom Wilson said Monday.

"If it doesn't show a break, he might be back in time for the Arkansas game (Nov. 15)," said Wilson. "If there is a break, he'll be lost for the season."

In the meantime, sophomore

Gary Kubiak was listed as the No. 1 quarterback ahead of veteran Mike Mosley, who had been moved to defense before Beal's injury.

Wilson also said offensive guards John Osborn and Kent Adams and linebacker Mike Little will be held out of work this week because of injuries. Wilson went on to say that if his guards cannot play two freshmen will have to start at those positions.

"We certainly aren't using it as an excuse for our record (2-4)," said Wilson, "but we've been playing a lot of youngsters. It tells in crucial situations because they are inexperienced."

The Aggies were clobbered by Baylor last Saturday, a one-sided loss that followed similar setbacks against Georgia and Penn State.

"We're not as good as Georgia, Penn State or Baylor," Wilson said, "but we could be 3-3 because we should have beaten Houston. I'm disappointed at the margin by which we lost to those three good teams."



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## All washed up

A&M defensive tackle Fred Caldwell and defensive end Robert Stoss sandwich Baylor reserve quarterback Mike Brannan as he tries to pitch out in Saturday's 46-7 Bears' victory.

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# Cotton heads want Alabama

DALLAS — The selection date for college bowl games is only a month away and the people who run the Cotton Bowl have taken dead aim on the Alabama Crimson Tide in hopes of landing the No. 1 college football attraction of the year.

Cotton Bowl officials point out that a host of obstacles stand in the way, but a meeting in Dallas on Jan. 1 between top-ranked Alabama and No. 2 Texas for the national championship is not out of the question.

Such a possibility depends on two crucial happenings:

—Texas, of course, must win an invitation to the Cotton Bowl as champion of the Southwest Conference. The Baylor Bears are likewise unbeaten and conceivably could reach the Cotton Bowl without a blemish on their record. But there is some question that Baylor, even with an unbeaten record, would command one of the top few spots in the national ranking.

Scovell attended the Alabama-Tennessee game. Scovell, one of the best known "behind the scenes" men in college football, has had an excellent rapport with Alabama coach Bear Bryant.

If Georgia does go through the SEC season unbeaten, Alabama would be free to go to any of the two obvious choices and would be either the Orange Bowl or the Sugar Bowl.

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—And for Alabama to become eligible for the Cotton Bowl, it would have to become ineligible for the automatic invitation to the Sugar Bowl that goes to the Southeastern Conference champion. Even in the event that Alabama should stay unbeaten, the Georgia Bulldogs would win the Sugar Bowl invite if they have a perfect SEC record.

Alabama and Georgia do not play each other this year and if they share the SEC title it would be Georgia that would earn the Sugar Bowl bid.

So there are a lot of ifs. But Cotton Bowl officials are not taking any chances.

Last weekend the bowl's executive vice president, Jim Brock, and former chairman of the board Field

Bryant has said in the past that he would like to see Alabama play in the Cotton Bowl. He followed Georgia in the University of Tennessee game. The Orange Bowl has been the host team there with either Nebraska or Oklahoma as the other team. Bryant was looking for someone to lead by example. Last year Curtis Dickey was the leader. Mosley is a backup man and secondary and Kubiak did a rousing job of moving the offense. A&M has the national title pride in it. A Baylor player simply could not be surprised at how

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**Viridon cited as best**

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The sports publication said Viridon was chosen in one of the closest contests in the 45-year history of the award.

Viridon finished with 10 votes and was followed by Bobby Valentine of the Atlanta Braves and Bill Mauer of the Oakland A's at seven each.

The Sporting News award went to Viridon in 1974. He managed the New York Yankees.

In naming him this year, the publication cited Viridon's "steadfastness in rebuilding the Astros from the worst teams in baseball to the best."

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