

TANK McNAMARA

by Jeff Millar & Bill Hinds



Franklin still confident
Overcomes recent slump

NEW ORLEANS — Each time they play a Super Bowl there is discussion about how the game could be won and how it might be settled in the final moments by the field goal.

But it has happened only once — Jim O'Brien booting three seconds to go for Baltimore to beat Dallas Super Bowl V, 16-13.

And if it happens again, Tony Franklin says he is ready.

There was a growing feeling during the second half of the season that Franklin was not ready to be the deciding factor in any game.

He struggled and struggled and his misses early in the regular season game against Dallas allowed the Cowboys — at least for a while — to reach the 25-point advantage it needed in order to capture the NFC East title. The Eagles, however, came back to lose by only one point, that rally featuring a Franklin field goal.

After the Cowboys game, coach Dick Vermeil was specific about Franklin.

"He needs to get his problems worked out," said the Philadelphia coach. And that has happened, at least to Franklin tell it.

"I just had to get away from the people who were going to tell me what was wrong," said Franklin, the pre-famed kicker from Texas A&M who set 18 NCAA records and is the only player in football history to kick a field goal longer than 60 yards in the same game. He pulled that trick against Baylor in 1976 when he was successful on tries of 64 and 65 yards.

Like a golfer who looks at videotape replays of his swing, Franklin broke out of his slump thanks to a close study of film.

"I could see that I was lunging at the ball," said

Franklin. "I was trying to kill it. I was taking much too big a stride and when I planted my left foot it was ahead of the ball. That threw me way off."

Since the Cowboys game Franklin has returned to proper form.

"I've hit three out of five in the playoffs," he said. "And those two misses were because of missed blocking assignments and they were blocked."

Since the mental aspect of kicking is so important, the site of Sunday's Super Bowl meeting between the Eagles and Oakland Raiders could come into play.

The calm, comfortable — if noisy — surroundings of the Superdome make for perfect kicking conditions. And that eases the mind of the kicker.

"When you are indoors you feel like you can kick one through from anyplace on the field," said Franklin, surveying the Superdome playing field. "The conditions really make a difference. When it is cold it feels like you are kicking a shot put."

But no matter how it feels when you kick it, it doesn't make any difference unless it goes through the uprights. And if it comes down to Franklin as the one doing the kicking, he feels he knows how to cope with the pressure.

"One thing I've found to be true," he said. "You can't go out onto the field thinking what might happen if you miss. That is a defeatist attitude before you start."

"If that situation comes I just watch the game and when it comes time to go, I go."

But, surely, there would not be any pressure in football like that on a kicker who goes in to win or lose a Super Bowl. And it would probably be just fine for Franklin if his teammates went ahead and relieved him of the responsibility on Sunday.

Mecom confused
over resignations

United Press International
NEW ORLEANS — New Orleans Saints owner John Mecom Jr. says the resignations of his general manager and personnel executive reveal the shocking extent of dissension in the team's front office.

"Most of the disagreements were with me, even concerning Bum, but that was just the last straw, not the whole story," Mecom said. "Apparently, there was some intrigue I wasn't aware of, because I didn't think it was important."

"I knew we had some differences in philosophy. I guess I never knew

just how many, or how deep, they really were."

THE TAILOR SHOP
FORMERLY RUBIN

105 College Main
at Northgate

CORPS SENIORS '82

Prices on SENIOR BOOT PANTS will go up Feb. 15...

Order yours NOW and save.

846-6019

Sweet Thang's

FRESH COFFEE • BLUE BELL ICE CREAM • YOGURT • PASTRIES
• CUMAR BEANS •

405 UNIVERSITY DR. ACROSS FROM POST OFFICE
OPEN MONDAY → SATURDAY

HOMEMADE • CHOCOLATES • HARD CANDY • ROASTED NUTS
• PRESERVATIVE FREE •

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Harlem Globetrotters
presented by MSC Town Hall

TUESDAY JANUARY 27 7:30 PM
G. Raleigh White Coliseum

reserved seats: \$7.00
all others: \$6.00 adults
\$5.00 students

on sale: MSC Ticket Office (9-6 daily)
Sears in Bryan

CHARGE BY PHONE (Visa MC), call: 845-2916

Frank's Bar And Grill

the perfect place for a quiet sunday evening of dining

open 5-12 p.m. sunday

and the perfect place for happy hour

4:30-6:30 p.m. monday-friday

Coupons void after Nov. 30
woodstone commerce center on hwy. 30

Tuesday's A&M box

PRICE (\$4)
Pence 7-0-14, Bennett 1-0-0-2, Austin 7-6-8
Tudor 3-5-6-11, Washington 0-0-0-0, Shaw 1-1-1-1
DeCello 1-3-4-5, Wilson 0-0-0-0. Totals 20-20-5

TEXAS A&M (50)
Smith 2-1-1-5, Wright 3-0-0-6, Riley 6-1-2-13,
Allen 3-0-4-6, Brown 0-0-0-0, Roberts 7-0-0-14,
Daniel 0-0-0-0, Jones 3-0-0-6, Scooter 0-0-0-0,
Woolley 0-0-0-0. Totals 24-2-3-50.

Half-time—Rice 26, A&M 21. Total fouls
Rice 11, A&M 22. Fouled out—Wright,
Roberts. A—7,049. Records: Rice 3-2
0-7; A&M 1-4, 8-6.

JUNIORS

ARE YOU AN ACTIVE, INVOLVED AG WITH A 3.25 GPR & 75 CREDIT HOUR?
IF SO, YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR MEMBERSHIP IN CAP & GOWN CHAPTER OF MORTARBOARD, THE NATIONAL SENIOR HONOR SOCIETY AT A&M.

INFORMATION SESSIONS WILL BE HELD FOR THOSE INTERESTED ON:

JAN. 26 7:00 PM 137 MSC
JAN. 29 7:00 PM 140 MSC

Information sheets will be available in YMCA 110, in SPO cap & gown cubicle, and in offices of deans and dept. heads.
(MUST BE COMPLETED & TURNED IN BY JAN. 30)

\$1.00 OFF
Records and Tapes
w/this ad at
Tapes ETC

3601 E. 29th St.
Post Oak Center 846-3162

* TAPES * CUSTOM * POSTERS
(BLANK TDK'S) PRINTED FRAZZETTA PRINTS
* RECORDS * T-SHIRTS * TIDDIES
(LP'S and 45'S)

Where do you go for a quality haircut?

George Green Building • Shear Class (846-4771)
Bank of A&M • Shell • Texas Ave. (Hwy. 6)

TAMU SHEAR CLASS

3 MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES
8:45 9:45 11:00

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of College Station

Sunday School — 9:45 a.m.
Church Picnic — 6:00 p.m.
Evening Service — 7:00 p.m.
Dessert — 8:00 p.m.

Church St. Univ. Dr. TAMU CAMPUS (Northgate)
College Main Loupot's

MSC Video

Learning About Video. Making Your Own Productions. Scheduling Next Semester's Programs. Interested?

INTRODUCTORY MEETING

THURSDAY, JAN 22
ROOM 404 RUDDER
7:00 PM
refreshments will follow

step into the m/c