

# Sports

## SEC kicks off '81 college grid slate

NEW YORK — The Southeastern Conference will help kick off the 1981 college football season Saturday with a pair of games that may well decide the early favorites for both the conference title and the national championship.

Here are the selections:

**EAST**  
Pittsburgh 27, Illinois 7 — Pitt quarterback Dan Marino and wide receiver Dwight Collins team up to pace the Panthers.  
Others: Syracuse 28, Rutgers 17; Temple 31, William & Mary 13.

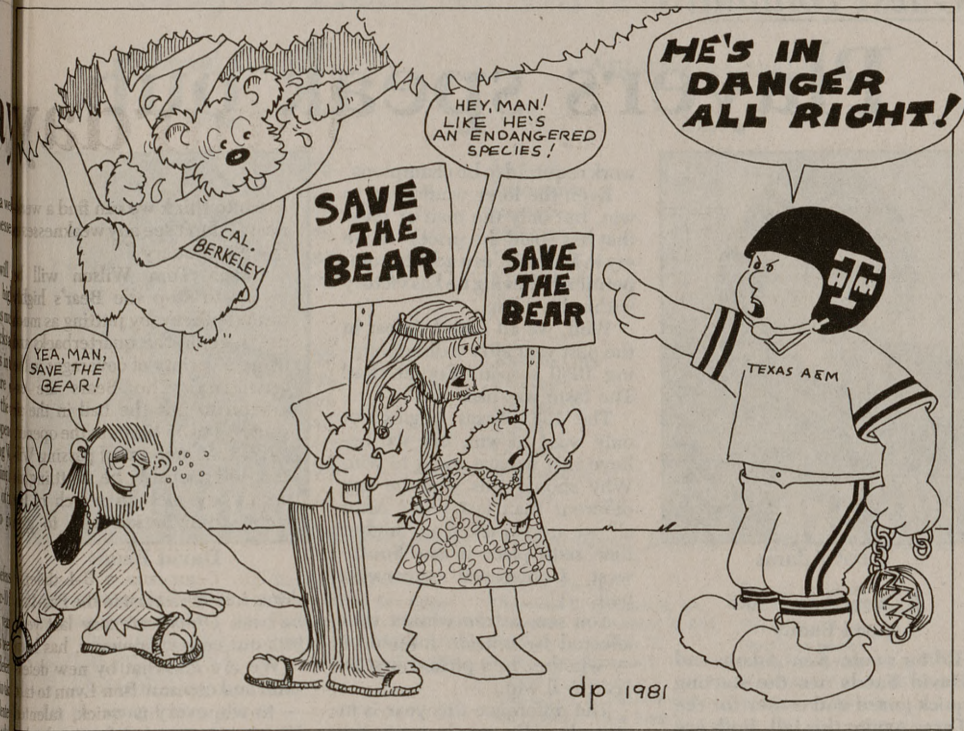
**SOUTH**  
Alabama 20, Louisiana State 10 — The Crimson Tide defense may get an early scare, but Coach Bryant will shake up his troops enough to hold off the hungry Tigers.  
Florida State 38, Louisville 7 — Just a warmup for Florida State, who meet Nebraska, Ohio State, Notre Dame and Pittsburgh on the road in successive weeks beginning Sept. 19.

Georgia 31, Tennessee 21 — Welcome back, Herschel.  
Miami (Fla.) 24, Florida 23 — Miami is the 1980 Florida champion, having beaten Florida and Florida State last year. Florida becomes the first victim in 1981.  
Mississippi State 38, Memphis State 10 — MSU quarterback John Bond may score as many touchdowns as his running backs.  
Others: South Carolina 24, Wake Forest 20; Mississippi 21, Tulane 17; Southern Mississippi 35, SW Louisiana 21; North Carolina State 21, Richmond 17; Kentucky 28, North Texas State 13; Clemson 31, Wofford 10; Auburn 28, Texas Christian 14.

**MIDWEST**  
Kansas 32, Tulsa 21 — The Jayhawks get off on the right foot.  
Others: Cincinnati 22, Youngstown State 16.

**SOUTHWEST**  
Baylor 35, Lamar 10 — The Southwest Conference champions chalk up an easy victory.  
Houston 24, New Mexico 14 — Houston Coach Bill Yeoman will not allow his team to duplicate last year's poor start.  
Others: New Mexico State 28, Texas-El Paso 10. Southern Methodist 41, Texas-Arlington 14.

**WEST**  
Brigham Young 42, Long Beach State 14 — If you forgot about BYU quarterback Jim McMahon, you'll remember him after Saturday.  
Others: Texas A&M 24, California 21; Oregon 34, Fresno State 12; Nevada-Las Vegas 31, San Jose State 30; Utah State 27, Utah 26; Wyoming 33, Fullerton State 20.



## Auburn's Dye hopes to control Stamp's passing in initial game

United Press International  
AUBURN, Ala. — New Auburn Coach Pat Dye says pressuring Texas Christian's rifle-armed quarterback Steve Stamp will be a bit if the Tigers hope to beat the Horned Frogs in Saturday's season opener.

"If we don't get any pressure on the quarterback, someone will get because we're good enough to get to them," said Dye. "Our coaches feel Stamp will probably be the best quarterback we'll play against all year."

Stamp, a 195-pound senior, threw for 1,830 yards and 14 touchdowns in 1980, and set a school record with 408 yards in 34 plays.

His top target is speedy all-Southwest Conference receiver Stanley Washington, who grabbed 34 passes for 501 yards and eight touchdowns a year ago.

"I don't think there is any question the key to this game is what kind of pressure we get on the quarterback," he said. "It won't matter how well we cover if we don't pressure the quarterback."

TCU's hard-nosed defense is led by linebacker Darrell Patterson, a 225-pound junior who was on 179 tackles last year.  
Dye, who took over from the ousted Doug Barfield after the Tigers finished 5-6 last year, said he believes TCU will be a "highly motivated football team."

"Everything we hear from Fort Worth is that the players and coaches believe this is the year they are going to turn their program around," he said. "They believe they can beat Auburn and they are placing a lot of emphasis on this game."

Auburn took a tough 10-7 victory over TCU in Fort Worth last year and leads the series 2-0. TCU was 1-10 in 1980.

With Auburn bringing in a different coaching staff and a new wishbone offense, TCU Coach F.A. Dry says he knows "little or nothing" about the Tigers in 1981.

"We have some knowledge of individual players from last year, but since Auburn changed its schemes, we've pretty much had to start from scratch in preparing for them," he said.

"Trying to teach kids who aren't used to seeing the wishbone in such a short time is tough," he said. "We're going to have to play an error free first game and that's difficult to do."

Auburn will depend heavily on a senior and a freshman in its wishbone offense.  
Senior quarterback Charles

Thomas, who shared quarterbacking duties last year in the I-formation, will run the attack. Dye will also be counting on full-back Ron O'Neal, a speedy 242-pound freshman, to make the wishbone work.

On defense, Auburn will be led by senior tackle Ed Nelson and senior linebacker Danny Skutack.  
The Tigers are young, starting only five seniors on the first 22 on defense and offense.

"We are going into the game with a lot of football players who never have had to go out there and win a game on their own ability," said Dye. "That concerns me."

Auburn is looking for a record opening day crowd of near 60,000 at Jordan-Hare Stadium.

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