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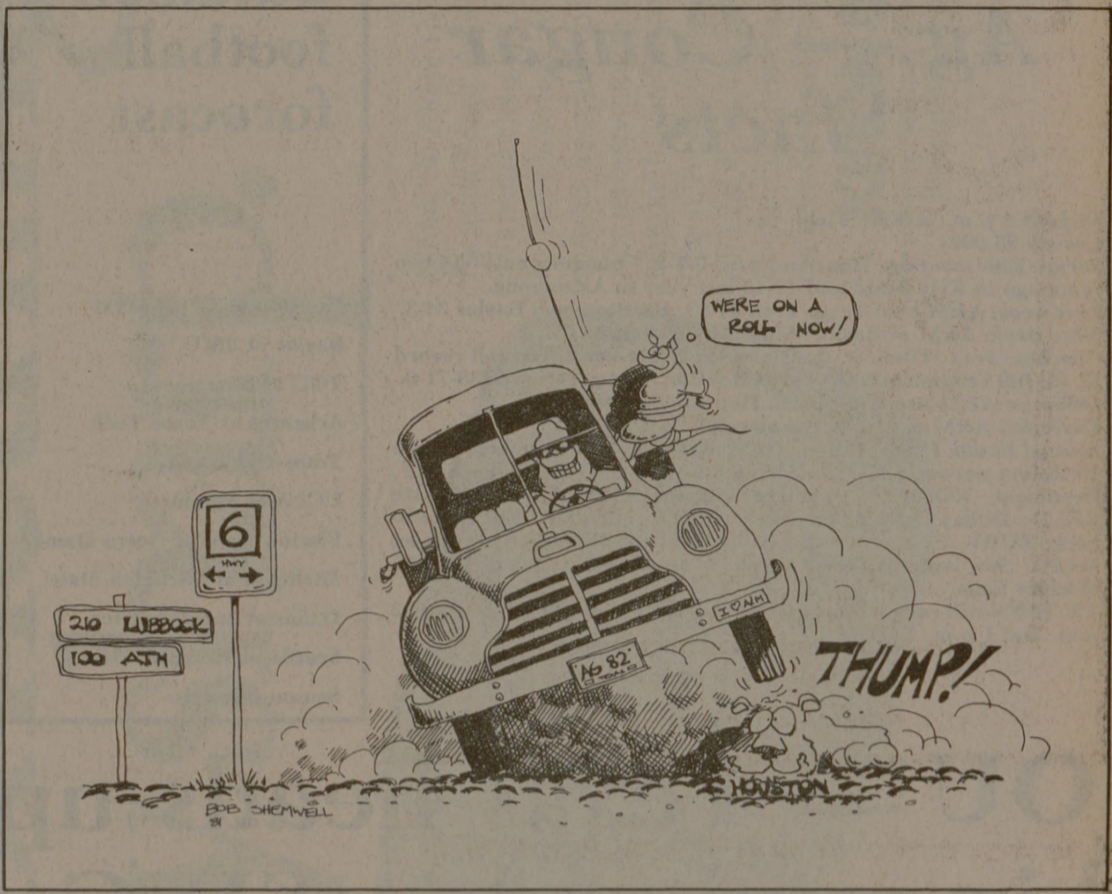
Aggies try to break 17-13 spell

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Saturday's Texas A&M-University of Houston football game ends with the Cougars winning 17-13, coach Tom Wilson of the Aggies will probably wonder what it takes to beat Coach Bill Yeoman's team.
Although the 20-year Cougar coach has had only four losing seasons while at UH, Wilson's Aggies the past two years have given Yeoman more of a challenge than most other teams. Wilson hopes that the 17-13 Cougar wins of 1979 and 1980 are history, and that the Aggies will come away with a victory that has eluded them the last two years by a total of only six points.
This year's UH team has been expected to understand through the first four weeks of the season. The Cougars have been up and down compiling a 3-1 record so far, with last weekend's 24-3 defeat of the Baylor Bears showing that the Aggies didn't last long. UH has overcome its quarterback problem, finding that sophomore Lonel Wilson can handle the starting position better than Yeoman first thought.
Audrey McMillian, Yeoman's starter at quarterback through the first two weeks of the season, received a season-ending injury during the Cougars' 12-7 loss two weeks ago at Miami. Wilson has stepped in and completed 19 of 36

passes for 254 yards, while rushing for 243 yards on 47 carries.
Wilson feels that his offensive line has been a major factor in his success so far, and that if the linemen can continue giving him adequate protection, the Cougars should do well against the Aggies.
"I felt more confident going into the Baylor game because I was able to get another week of work," Wilson said. "I'm still trying to get used to everything around me and all of the guys up front have really helped me by protecting me. Every time I run I hope to learn something about the offense. The veer demands so many different keys it just takes time.
"I ran most of the time when I was in high school so I worked hard on my passing during the spring," he said. "Obviously, I still have tons of work to do."
"Playing Texas A&M will be another tough game. I am sure they will be ready for us."
The Cougars entered the season with several question marks floating through Yeoman's mind. Not only was the quarterback situation a problem, but the Cougars' youth also worried the UH coaching staff. However, the Cougars' answers to those questionable spots have performed well during the team's first three wins.
The UH defense ranks seventh in the nation, allowing 221 yards a game. The Aggies have relied heavily on the talents of running

backs Earnest Jackson and Johnny Hector through the first four games of the season, and the UH rushing defense has given up only 55 yards a game. The Aggie backfield will receive its strongest test of the 1981 season, while Texas A&M quarterback Gary Kubiak hopes to have success against a defensive backfield that has given up 162 yards a game.
Jackson and Hector have totaled 773 rushing yards through the first four games, as well as 148 receiving yards. That places Hector fourth in the Southwest Conference in tandem offense, while Jackson is sixth in the SWC.
Cougars senior defensive end Leo Truss said: "To stop Hector and Jackson, we'll just have to hit them hard and solid. They both ran well last year, especially Hector, and I'm sure they'll be better this year because they've matured."
Kubiak said the Aggies' balanced offensive attack will be an advantage in Saturday's game.
"Some teams try to pass on Houston because they've got great linebackers and a great front four," Kubiak said. "California (29-28 losers to the Aggies) had a good secondary, but they weren't very big up front (on the defensive line), so we figured we could handle their front line and we ran against them. Against Tech we tried to balance the offense so the run and pass would complement

each other."
"When you work all week on both the running game and the passing game, if one of them isn't working in the game you can always go to the other," he said.
Texas A&M linebacker Mike Little said the Houston veer offense could pose problems for the Aggies, but he and his teammates hope to shut off an option-oriented offense.
"The Houston veer is very dangerous because if you don't stop the inside run you leave a crease between the linebacker and the defensive linemen that the running backs and the quarterback can get through," Little said. "If you go wide, they have the option of cutting back up the field on you. If you don't get a good blow on the outside blocker, it causes real problems for linebackers."
"We want to force them to pitch the ball as much as we can. If they exchange the ball a lot, we may force a few mistakes."
If Texas A&M can cause the Cougars to make those mistakes, the close 17-13 scores of the last two years might turn into a not-so-close Aggie win.



Aggie soccer teams ready to face strong opponents

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Both the Texas A&M University men's and women's soccer teams are in action this weekend, with the women playing at home against Louisiana State University and the men traveling to Lubbock to play Texas Tech University.
The weekend action follows Monday's announcement that both teams have been elevated to varsity teams by the Texas A&M Athletic Council and President Frank E. Vandiver. After the past weekend's matches, interim athletic director Wally Groff announced that the Aggie men's and women's clubs had been given team status.
The men's team has an overall record of 3-3-1 and a Southwest Conference Soccer League record of 2-0-1. The women's team, with a record of 2-0, puts that unbeaten mark on the line against eighth-ranked LSU Saturday on the Texas A&M drill field.

The men's team won two matches the past weekend, defeating TCU and Arkansas by scores of 3-2 and 3-0. Coach Telmo Franco said after those games that his team is playing with spirit and intensity.
"In general, we accomplished some very good teamwork," Franco said. "Our club is playing more as a team. I would say we are right on schedule in that respect. Especially in the TCU game, which was a very difficult game, we played well."
The women's team raised its record to 2-0 on the season by defeating Stephen F. Austin State University 2-1 Saturday in Kyle

Field. Sue Niles scored the first goal for the Aggies with a direct shot on goal from the left wing. Two minutes later, Carol Smith passed to halfback Laura Estes, who scored from the 20-yard mark.
The Aggies were unsuccessful on 15 shots, but they dominated the Lumberjacks enough to hold them to one goal. Aggie goalie Lucy Bourne saved several shots on goal by SFA, but the Texas A&M defense couldn't prevent a fast break goal late in the game by the Lumberjacks.
The women travel to Baylor Oct. 17 to play the Bears, then play the University of Texas in Austin Oct. 24.



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