

Sports

Giant's coming alive early

As the Badcats of the Bayou state invaded the domain of the Giant, the fans, serfs and peasants at Jolly Rollie, the Giant's castle, had one question: Can the Giant get back on track after a terrible jousting season last year?

Last year, after a great start, (seven sketched opponents in seven tries) the Giant fell upon hard times and went to sleep against the funny (turned killer) Frogs from Fort Worth. His mentor, Magical (Call me Merlin) Metcalf had put him to sleep trying new formulas and concoctions for winning. And it took the longest time for Magical to awaken him.

Then the Giant awoke from that sleep that had consumed over half the season (including 10 losses in 11 jousts). He caught the Badcats while they were on the upswing in the Bayou state and got beat.

The loss slowed the Giant's return to full consciousness. He could never regain proper form afterwards and was beaten three jousts later by the funny (turned killer) Frogs out of Fort Worth on a magical shot that even Magical (call me Merlin) Metcalf couldn't believe.

This season, the Giant began with the same Badcats who had gone to the finals of the jousting tournament held by the greater kingdom of NCAA. The 'Cats lost to the

Rick Stolle



eventual champion and ended full of holes and fourth in the kingdom.

This season, the Badcats had to come to Jolly Rollie, and the serfs, peasants and fans showed up in great numbers. They lifted the Giant to a great victory over the Badcats to help give the Giant needed momentum before a dangerous and long road trip.

In the next four weeks, the Giant will see snow in the north, sun in the south and that one place that may be even more magical than his own kingdom: Las Vegas.

In the first jousting tournament, the Giant will travel to the north play in a tournament with the Okie City Okies, the Short Hair City Cadets and the Fightin' Snowbirds.

In the next one, the Giant and Magical must participate in a tourney which includes the Okie State Wowboys, Stinging Insects from Georgia and some gold-

hungry miners from West Texas.

Finally, he must take on three others in that most magical of all places, Las Vegas. Hopefully, the Giant won't gamble all of his new-found luck away and will come home to Jolly Rollie with at least a little left.

Against the Badcats, the Giant and Magical finally seemed to find themselves for the first time since the nap last season. The chinks that had appeared in the Giant's wall last season have been stopped up.

Last season, in the final few jousts, the bricks in the Wall were crumbling away into nothingness. Opponents were crashing through that Wall with surprising regularity.

The Wall II appeared against the Badcats. Now, with some new bricks and some magic glue as mortar (found by Magical Metcalf), the new Wall II looked great as it blocked, bounced and bumped the Badcats out of the picture.

The top two Badcats that hurt the giant the most last year were back but after the first part of the joust, they were surrounded and slowly crushed by the Wall. Howard (I-can-shoot-from-the-ozone-layer) Carter could not miss in the first part of the joust. His running mate, Leonard (Hit-Man) Mitchell was a dominate factor underneath, disrupting portions of the Wall.

But their efforts were not enough for the Badcats of the Brazos.

Ags healthy going into Saturday's bowl game

By RITCHIE PRIDDY

Sports Editor

The Texas Aggies continue their preparations this week for Saturday's bowl encounter with the Oklahoma State Cowboys in Shreveport, La.

The Aggies, heading to the Independence Bowl, went through light workouts last week but picked up the pace Monday.

Health will not play a factor in the game although the Aggies will be without defensive tackle Keith Guthrie, head coach Tom Wilson said Monday.

Quarterback Gary Kubiak, who injured his shoulder against TCU and Texas, has been working out and will start Saturday night.

"Gary appears to be fine," Wilson said. "He threw the ball a little bit last week, but not with a great deal of zip. But he should be completely well by gametime."

Wilson said the trainers have Kubiak wearing a special pad for added protection.

Guthrie will miss the game with a knee injury. Guthrie was hurt in the Texas game and, although he will not have to undergo surgery, is in a cast. Freshman Ray Childress will start in his place.

The strength of Oklahoma State lies in its defense. The Cowboys finished the regular season as the ninth best team in the country and at times were as high number two.

Wilson pointed out that the game could be decided by how good the Aggie offense plays against the Cowboy defense.

The Oklahoma State defense gave up an average of 252 yards per game through its regular season. The Texas A&M offense averaged 385 yards per game.

"It matches up as a very interesting game," Wilson said. "We've got a great deal of respect for their defense and we feel that we're pretty balanced and can do some things offensively."

Wilson said the Cowboys are similar to SMU and Texas offensively in that they run the same basic offense of sweeps and draws. The OSU quarterback at the beginning of the year was known for

his passing but was injured and replaced by more of a running type quarterback. Both are healthy now and no starter has been named, but Wilson said his team will be ready for either one.

"Hopefully, we can find out before gametime who the starter will be. At this stage of the season, though, we've seen just about all we are going to."

Wilson said the two teams exchanged all 11 game films.

The Aggies will be playing on grass for the first time in three years. Wilson said a few of his players have never played on grass before and it was interesting to see them work out in cleats for the first time.

"Five or six players have never worn cleats before. It's really in-

teresting to watch them."

The last time the Aggies played on grass was in 1979 when they played Penn State.

Wilson said the transition to astroturf to grass can affect ballgame.

"It (grass) affects the game. On turf the receiver has an advantage. On grass the defense backs have the advantage."

"We're not worried about that, though."

Oklahoma State played in Missouri on grass earlier in the season.

Wilson said the Aggies will be taking 113 players, only 50 suit out.

The Aggies, 6-5, leave Shreveport Wednesday morning. The Cowboys 7-4, leave today.

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Clemson finishes regular season as undefeated champs

United Press International
NEW YORK — Georgia is going to the Sugar Bowl but how many people know who is going to the Orange Bowl?

Georgia finished the 1981 campaign with a 10-1 record but it was Clemson who finished with a perfect 11-0 season — including a defeat over Georgia.

Georgia grabbed more of a stronghold in the balloting by Un-

Bryan Boy's Club seeks deer meat

By GWENDOLYN HAM

Battalion Reporter

Local hunters can again help carry on a 21-year Christmas tradition by donating any wild game they kill to the Boy's Club of Bryan for an annual barbecue.

The Boy's Club, a non-profit organization, provides members, ages 17 and under, with athletic events and hobbies to help fill their spare time.

"The way the barbecue has worked in the past," said J.T. Ayers, executive director, "is that people who enjoyed deer hunting but not the meat could donate it to the club and we had a free barbecue for the boys."

"We've never asked for anything else, just deer meat, but we would take other kinds of wild-life," he said. "We need approximately seven deer to feed up to 350 of the 1,600 members."

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department always helps by donating deer that have been confiscated from people who hunted illegally, said Ayers.

Readfield Meat Company and Producers Cooperative Association, who both process donated meat free of charge, have not yet had any donated for the Dec. 15 meal.

"We're up on deer processing about 40 percent over last year but haven't had anybody donate this year," said Larry Ruffino, part owner. "We've never had this problem before."

Donations go kind of slow the first couple of weeks because people usually want to keep the first one they kill, said Ayers. "I'm kind of concerned but not worried. We started advertising when deer season opened."

ited Press International's Board of Coaches — more of a grip on second place, that is. Clemson is still No. 1.

Georgia, the only member of the Top 20 to play last Saturday, walloped Georgia Tech 44-7 and further solidified its No. 2 rating as the entire Top 20 went unchanged in the final ratings of the regular season.

The final ratings will be released on Saturday, Jan. 2 at 6:30 p.m. EST.

Clemson, the nation's only undefeated major college team, totaled 618 points and received 33 of 42 first-place votes cast by the coaches — six from each of seven geographical sections of the country. Last week, Clemson had 36 first-place votes and 621 points.

The Bulldogs, 10-1, accumulated four first-place votes and 575 points. Third-ranked Alabama had three first-place votes and 531 points while fourth-rated Nebraska, which meets Clemson in the

Orange Bowl on New Year's night, received one first-place vote and 469 points.

Rounding out the Top 10 are No. 5 Texas, No. 6 Penn State (one first-place vote), No. 7 Southern California, No. 8 Pittsburgh, No. 9 North Carolina and No. 10 Washington.

In the second 10, Iowa is rated No. 11 followed by No. 12 Brigham Young, No. 13 Michigan, No. 14 Ohio State and No. 15 Southern Mississippi.

Also, UCLA is rated No. 16 followed by No. 17 Arkansas, No. 18 Washington State, No. 19 Houston and No. 20 San Jose State.

Major bowl games — all to be played on Jan. 1 — that may determine this year's national champion will be the Orange Bowl, Sugar Bowl (Georgia vs. Pittsburgh), Cotton Bowl (Alabama vs. Texas) and the Fiesta Bowl (Southern California vs. Penn State).

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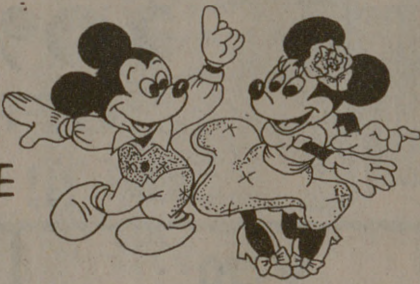
One final word: six different No. 1 teams in the UPI Coaches' Poll have been upset this season. Guess who's hoping that Clemson will be the seventh?

Georgia. Of course.

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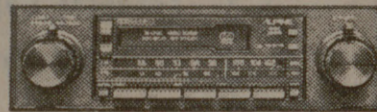
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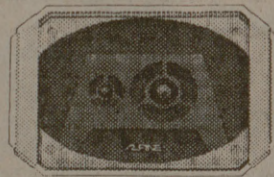
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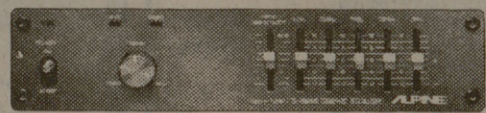
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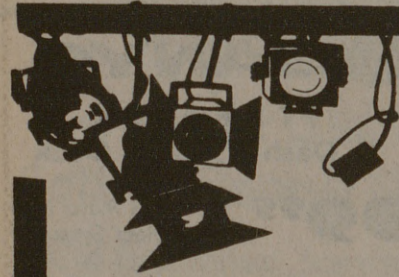
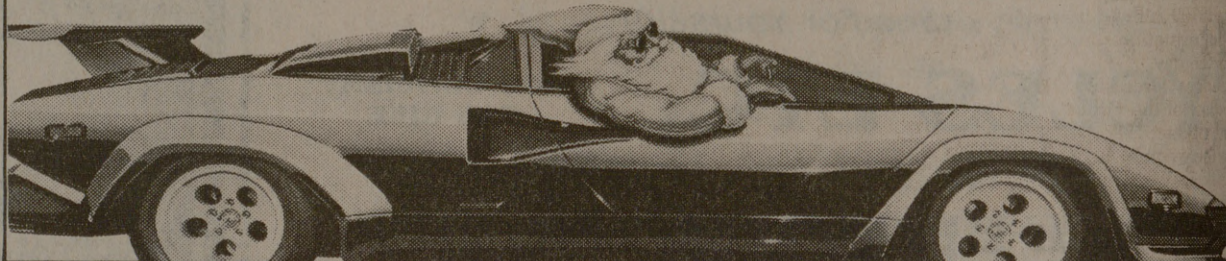
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