

# A Visit from St. Bick

'Twas moments before gametime, when all through Kyle Field Anticipation was growing, and Reveille heeled; The Aggies were ready, they'd been coached with care In hopes that victory soon would be there; The crowd was standing, all snug in their Keds, While visions of triumph danced in their heads; Sherrill in his suit and Kubiak in his pads, Had made their plans to beat Bostonian lads. When out on the turf there arose such a racket, Sherrill paced the sideline in his maroon jacket. Away to his coaches he flew in a hurry, To discuss ways to stop Boston's passing flurry. The Eagles' attack through the air and on ground Gave moments of despair to Aggies all around, And still, what to astonished eyes should dominate, But a short little quarterback, and 10 offensive mates, With a second-year coach, so filled with glee, Everyone knew in a moment Bicknell it must be. As rapid as Eagles his players they came, And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name; Now, Flutie! now, Brennan! now, Schoen and Kowalski! On, Joyner! on, Poles! on, Guyer and Radachowsky! To the end zone! through the uprights! Keep control of the ball! Now dash away! dash away! dash away all! As fleet receivers who toward the goalposts fly, When they met with a safety, quickly passed them by; So over to the end zone the Eagles they flew, With an armful of football, and Aggie defenders, too. And then, in an instant, the home team fought back, Causing Reveille to smile at the A&M attack. As Sherrill rejoiced, and was starting to clap, The Eagles woke up and set the Aggies a trap. Jackson was the first victim of the Boston plot, But George from Georgia filled the slot; Tight end Lewis was the next to go,



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They say he's out for the year, you know. Dressed in maroon and gold from head to cleat, The Eagles hoped for an '81 repeat; Five easy touchdowns they had under their belt, Safe, secure and smug they felt. Their eyes — how they shined! Their hopes how they soared! While on the home sideline, the Aggies were floored! The Boston Brigade made its charge to the end, But the Fightin' Texas Aggies tried not to bend. The disappointed crowd was shocked and amazed, Sherrill stood on the sideline, still in a daze; The Aggie comeback didn't last long enough, Flutie and Poles were just too tough. Time ran out with Kubiak's last throw, The season opener had been a stiff blow. Bicknell crossed the field to shake Sherrill's hand, Wishing only the best for Jackie and his band. Bicknell and his Eagles, mission complete, Made their way to the locker room with an Aggie defeat. They celebrated, they cheered, they relished the day, As Sherrill and the Aggies looked on toward UT-A. Bicknell exclaimed ere he faded into the night, "Look out, Clemson, we're ready to fight!"

# Flores, Raiders know challenge of 49er opener

**United Press International**  
The Raiders, who have had to adjust after their move from Oakland to Los Angeles, have a new worry — they open the 1982 regular season against the champion San Francisco 49ers.

The Raiders, beaten by the Cleveland Browns 27-10 Saturday night to close out their first pre-season campaign in Los Angeles at 2-2, admitted they were already thinking about visiting San Francisco this Sunday before the Browns' game.

"In the back of mind," Raiders wide receiver Cliff Branch said, "I was thinking about the 49ers."  
Los Angeles coach Tom Flores said: "We didn't play well. I don't know what it was. We were flat. We beat ourselves. Next week is the one that counts."

Brian Sipe completed his first eight passes and finished with three touchdowns while directing the razor-sharp Cleveland offense that outgained the Raiders 354 yards to 250 yards and led in first downs, 23-14.

Jim Plunkett, who gave way to Marc Wilson in the second half, completed 11-of-19 passes for 156 yards for the Raiders. Sipe completed 14-of-24 for 175

yards before he was replaced by Paul McDonald in the fourth quarter.

Only 38,840 of the 53,460 fans who bought tickets for the game showed up. The Raiders sold more than 54,000 tickets for their first game in Los Angeles last Sunday, but only slightly more than 40,000 fans attended the contest against the Green Bay Packers.

Meanwhile, the other Los Angeles club, the Rams, traded quarterback Jeff Rutledge Sunday to the New York Giants for an undisclosed draft choice.

Rutledge, 25, a four-year veteran who was a backup behind a succession of second-string quarterbacks, was acquired by the Giants to play behind Scott Brunner, a replacement for injured starter Phil Simms.

As the pre-season ended Saturday, only Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Denver finished with 4-0 records.

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# U.S. Open

Evert Lloyd, Nastase take third-round victories

**United Press International**  
**NEW YORK** — Chris Evert Lloyd has added a new twist to an old motto for travelers. It now reads: "Drink the Water, but Don't Eat the Cheesecake."  
South Africa's Johan Kriek, however, received a lesson in a tried-and-true maxim — "Respect Your Elders."

Evert, though suffering from food poisoning brought on by a spoiled dessert she ate Friday, said she felt "weak and drowsy" Sunday but still rolled to a straight-set, 6-3, 6-1 third-round victory over Kate Latham of Mountain View, Calif., at the U.S. Open.

The 24-year-old Kriek battled erratic play, an unruly fan, questionable line calls and his own temper before losing to 36-year-old Ilie Nastase of Romania, 4-6, 7-6 (7-2), 6-7 (8-10), 6-3, 6-2.

Ironically, Nastase was fined \$1,000 after his third-round defeat of 10th-seeded Kriek. The United States Tennis Association levied the fine on the unseeded Romanian, sighting abuse of official after the player made an obscene gesture and cursed a linesman after a disputed call.

"Unfortunately, I don't remember what I said," Nastase, obviously elated with the upset, said. "A plane was passing overhead and I couldn't hear."

Kriek, who declined to give interviews after he became the seventh men's seed to be eliminated, had a fan ejected during the match. After the spectator harassed the South African for

three sets, Kriek turned to a security guard and said, "Are you going to get him out of here or am I?" The guard did the honors.

Nastase, who said he enjoyed playing the better professionals "because I do well when I'm challenged," said his improved play was the result of a change from a wood to a graphite racket.

"I'm also hitting the ball well," Nastase said. "I'm in great shape."

Evert certainly was not after her match as she wiped her pale forehead with a handkerchief supplied by her husband, tennis pro John Lloyd of Britain.

"I'm sorry I didn't listen to John on Friday night," Evert said with a wry grin. "After I told him the cheesecake tasted fun-

ny, he told me not to eat it, but I took about five bites anyway."

Wimbledon champion Jimmy Connors received a scare from Jimmy Arias but defeated his 18-year-old opponent, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, 6-1. Connors, the No. 2 seed, will now face Nastase in the fourth round.

When Connors entered the interview room, he pounded his fist on a desk and demanded, "Where's Nastase? I can't wait to play him." Connors revealed he and Nastase had earlier joked about the two playing each other, "but now it's for real and it should be fun, win or lose."

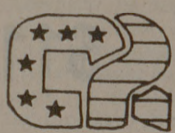
Arias, of Grand Island, N.Y., said he was "scared and nervous" during the match and lost any chance of an upset when he

developed cramps in his left leg during the third set.

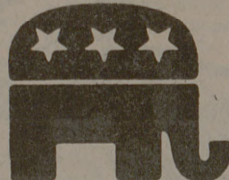
Bettina Bunge will have the rest of the tournament to rest. Bunge, the No. 9 seed from Coral Gables, Fla., was eliminated in identical sets by unseeded Elise Burgin of Baltimore, 7-6 (7-4), 7-6 (7-4).

Top seeded John McEnroe avenged a loss to Vince Van Paten in Tokyo last October when he defeated the full-time tennis pro and part-time actor in a third-round match, 6-3, 6-2, 6-3.

"This is the best I've played so far this week," said McEnroe, who is bidding for his fourth straight Open singles title. "I think I showed him that the U.S. Open is far, far different than Tokyo."



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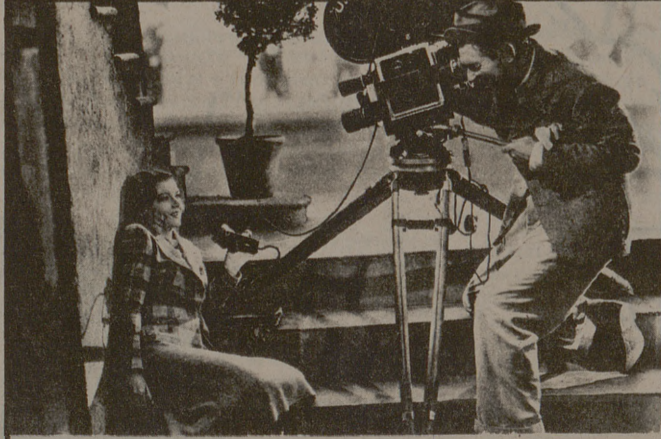
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