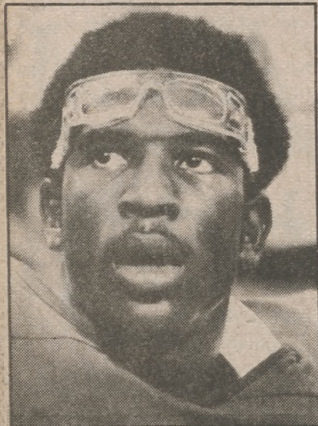
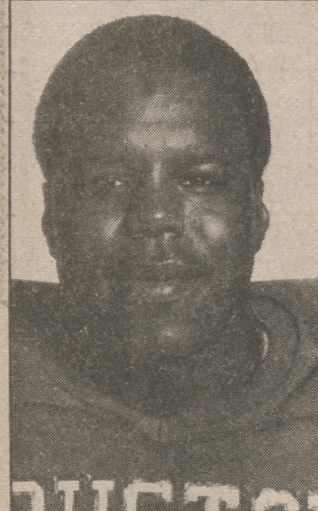


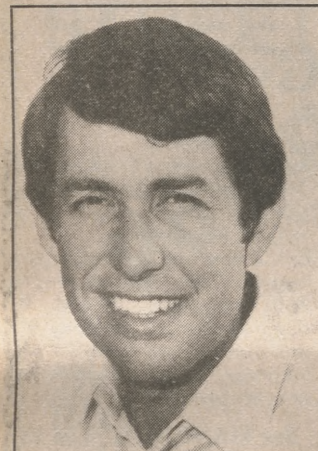
UH-SMU tops league slate



SMU's Eric Dickerson atop race for SWC rushing title



UH fullback Dwyane Love averaging 93 yards a game



Steve Sloan leads Ole Miss against strong TCU defense

Here's a quick preview of Saturday's Southwest Conference games:

HOUSTON (2-2-1, 1-0-1 in SWC) at SMU (5-0-0, 2-0-0 in SWC), 7 p.m. — Mustangs seek to protect No. 5 ranking and high offensive ranking against team that has had the most success in stopping Pony Express last three years. Eric Dickerson and Craig James have averaged 179 yards a game between them in three years at SMU, but only 68 yards between them against Houston. Dickerson leads SWC and vies for national rushing championship with 152 yards per game. James third in SWC with 87.4, but Dickerson has totaled only 137 in three games against the Cougars, James only 67. Cougars have also won two of three in Dickerson-James era, lead SMU by 4-3 all-time, 4-2 in SWC play, and 3-0 in Dallas. Teams are among nation's offensive leaders. Houston pacing SWC at 409.8 yards per game, SMU third at 393, SMU leading SWC in rushing at 297.2, Houston third at 246.4. Mustangs have passed for six TDs during the last two weeks as defenses have loaded up against their running game.

Cougars' Lionel Wilson roaring back from early-season injury, hitting 57.5 percent of his passes and No. 2 in SWC total offense at 193.2 yards per game. Game pits four of top five SWC rushers, Cougars' Dallas Wiggins (94.4 yards a game) ranked third and Dwyane Love (93.2) fourth. Both teams have cut them close in SWC play, SMU with a pair of three-point victories over TCU and Baylor and Houston with a tie at Baylor and a four-point victory over A&M.

BAYLOR (2-2-1, 1-1-1 in SWC) at TEXAS A&M (2-3, 0-2 in SWC), 2 p.m. — Both teams looking to rebound from narrow conference losses last week to avoid likely elimination from SWC race. Second straight big challenge for Baylor defense, which last week checked SMU's nationally-ranked ground game only to lose, 22-19, on three TD passes. SMU's Eric Dickerson and Craig James took 171.7- and 103.7-yard average rushing marks into game and netted 95 yards between them. This week it's the Aggie passing attack led by Gary Kubiak. Aggies lead SWC in passing at 237.6 yards per game as Kubiak has connected on 57.6 percent and also leads SWC in total offense. Game matches three of SWC's four leading receivers — No. 1 Johnny Hector of A&M with 6.3 catches per game, No. 2 Gerald McNeil of Baylor with 4.8, No. 4 Don Jones of A&M with 3.8. Aggies' Jimmy Teal and Mike Marshall also rank among top 10 SWC receivers. Bear QB Mike Brannan will miss his second straight game with a hamstring injury. He'll be replaced by David Mangrum, who led the Bears to 13-0 lead over SMU in first half last week and to 19-14 fourth-quarter advantage.

The teams rank eighth and ninth in SWC total defense, with Baylor yielding 356 yards per game and the Aggies giving up 415.8. However, Baylor pass defense ranks third in SWC, while Aggies have been strong against rush but blitzed for

253.8 yards passing per game. Bears' Alfred Anderson sixth among SWC rushers with 81 yards per game, while Aggie ground game has suffered due to injuries to Earnest Jackson, Hector and Thomas Sanders. The Oldest Baylor football series and third-oldest Aggie series dates back to 1899, has the Aggies leading by 44-27-7, by 31-24-5 in SWC play and by 15-9-1 in SWC play at College Station. The Bears have won four straight, including the last two at Kyle Field.

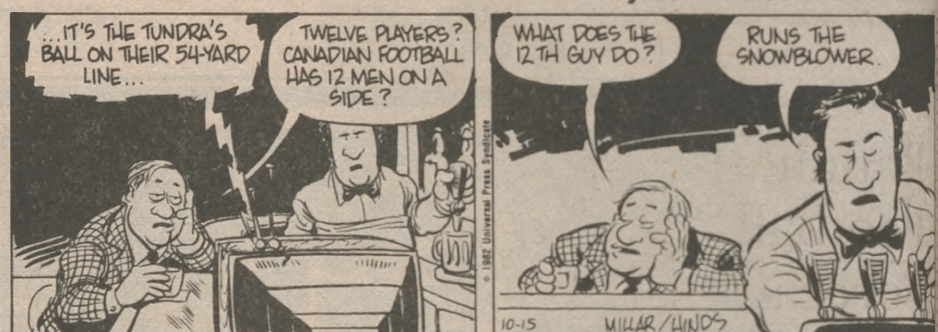
TCU (2-3) at MISSISSIPPI (2-3), 1:30 p.m. — The Rebels have shown flashes of top play under former Texas Tech coach Steve Sloan, coming back from 14-0 deficit to lose to Arkansas by 14-12, playing Alabama even through most of first half and scoring a 28-19 victory over highly-regarded Southern Mississippi. Last week's 33-10 loss to Georgia was marred by seven interceptions and one lost fumble as Mississippi gained almost 400 yards in first three quarters but continually self-destructed. Mississippi's offense will provide another strong test for TCU's defense, which has played well enough to win despite injuries to top linebackers Gary Spann and Joe Hines. Frog defense was strong against SMU and Arkansas, shut Rice down in the final quarter last week as the offense rallied for 10 points and 24-16 victory. Frogs got six turnovers against Rice on four interceptions and two fumbles. TCU averaging 4.5 yards per offensive play, even though ranking last in SWC with 279 yards a game. Although ground game is improved with Marcus Gilbert leading the way, Frogs average 6.6 yards per pass attempt with one of SWC's most balanced attacks (154 yards rushing, 125 passing).

TEXAS TECH (2-3, 1-2 in SWC) at RICE (0-5, 0-2 in SWC), 7:30 p.m. — The surprising Raiders have a chance to even their record at 3-3 and have won their last three visits to Rice Stadium, with the last loss there coming in 1974. Tech showed near-flawless last-half offense two weeks ago in 24-15 victory over Texas A&M and strong defense last week in 21-3 loss to Arkansas, holding Razorbacks scoreless in last half with four turnovers. Tech offense clicked on three third-quarter TD drives against the Aggies, then managed only three points vs. Arkansas on an 83-yard return of opening kickoff by Leonard Harris. Owls led TCU well into third quarter last week before yielding scoring drives of 72, 36 and 66 yards and dropping a 24-16 decision. Tech's Anthony Hutchison SWC's No. 9 rusher with 59.6 yards per game, Rice's Deron Miller No. 5 receiver with 18 for 188 yards and one TD.

In addition to Harris' 83-yard kickoff return vs. Arkansas, he has punt returns of 51 and 42 yards and averages 11.5 yards on 15 punt returns. Tech noseguard Gabe Rivera and Rice DT Clezlie Pierson among top defensive players in SWC. QB Michael Calhoun regained his starting job for Owls, running for one TD and passing for another to have a hand in 28 of the 29 TDs Rice offense has scored in last two seasons.

TANK McNAMARA

by Jeff Millar & Bill Hinds



Mangrum

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the team." Although Brannan has an advantage in experience as a quarterback, Mangrum said the Bear offense has been running just as well with him at the helm.

"It's really been encouraging having the offensive line and backs support me as much as they have," he said. "I think that's been a big factor in giving me confidence."

"The coaches were pleased with my performance last week against SMU, but I wasn't. I thought there were a lot of things I could have done better. There's always room for improvement. After I saw the film of the game I decided to really work hard and have a better overall performance against A&M."

Mangrum said Saturday's game against the Aggies is important for him because he once again wants to prove that he can be the starting quarterback. But he said it's more important for the Baylor team because the Bears need to get back on the winning track.

"It's a very important game for us," Mangrum said. "We've been going downhill since we beat Tech. We tied Houston and lost to SMU since then. So we really have to rebound from those two games, even though I

thought we should have won them both."

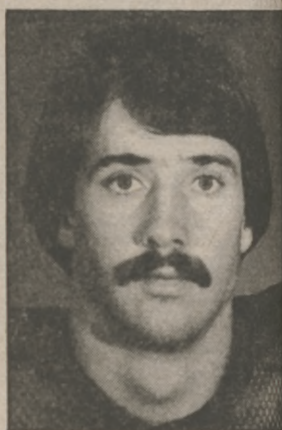
Mangrum said the tie and loss were disappointing, but he said the Bears have been having good practices this week and are anxious to face the Aggies.

"We've been working real hard and running sprints and we're going to be in full pads until Thursday, which is unusual for us, so we should be ready," Mangrum said.

Mangrum also said he didn't think the Aggie secondary, which has been the target of several bombs this season, would be thrown against any more than other secondaries the Bears will have faced.

"I don't think we'll do anything that we don't normally do," he said. "As far as people saying they have a weak secondary, that may be true, but you never know if they are going to come out and play the best game they have all year. I don't think there's a weak team in the conference. Especially A&M, because they need this win just as much as we do."

"A&M is really a good team. I don't think their record shows how good they are," he said. "They've had ball games where they've done a few things wrong or had a big play against them that made the difference. I think both offenses are going to do a good job and the game is going



David Mangrum will lead Baylor's offense Saturday

to boil down to who comes out with a big play. It'll probably be close game. We are not by any means going to take them lightly."

He said the key to whether Baylor will win or lose Saturday depends on how good the Bear offense plays.

"We can't let the defense do everything," he said. "The offense Gerald (McNeil) is a top receiver and probably our biggest threat and our offensive line is probably as good as any in the conference, but we do have any one player that is Herschel Walker-type. So we need to execute our plays right. We want to be successful."

Men's golfers tied for sixth; women's soccer triumphs 3-0

by Frank L. Christlieb

After a rough first 18 holes at the Harlingen Country Club, the fourth-ranked Aggie men's golf team is tied for sixth place in the Pan American Invitational.

And in Rochester, N.Y., the 13th-ranked Aggie women's soccer club raised its record to 5-0 by defeating the 19th-ranked University of Rochester 3-0 Thursday in the first match of a four-day trip to New York.

The top four members of Coach Bob Ellis' traveling squad for the tourney opened the

three-day Harlingen tourney Thursday by shooting a total of 299, putting Texas A&M in a sixth-place tie with Northeast Louisiana in the 12-team tournament.

While the Aggies finished the day tied for sixth in Harlingen, New Mexico State leads the 54-hole event with a score of 292, while Hardin-Simmons and Baylor are tied for second at 294. Tourney host Pan American shot 297 to finish the day in fourth place.

Other scores include Houston Baptist, 298; Lamar, 300;

Texas-El Paso, 301; Rice, 302; Texas Tech, 306, and the University of Dallas, 323.

For the Aggies, Ronny Brown led the way with a 73, while Scott Lee and Sandy Pierce shot 74 and Duane Standley shot a 76 and Gary Krueger finished the tourney with 77.

Texas A&M's lowest individual scores were taken to arrive at the 299 total.

Coach Bob Ellis said Aggie didn't open the tournament as well as he hoped they would.

"They really didn't play that well," he said. "We were over par going into the last hole and we finished six over. We still got two more days, so I hope we can improve."

The women's soccer club, competing against several varsity teams on their four-match tour, took a 2-0 halftime lead on goals by Carol Smith and Laurie Estes. The Aggies' final goal was scored in the second half by Tina Luft.

The Aggies will play St. John Fisher College, Le Moyne College and Ithaca College during the remainder of their stay in New York.

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