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1978 ... Aggie strongside linebacker **Rusty Nettles**, who started four of the first five games of the season, tore knee ligaments in a workout last week, and will be out for at least a month. Nettles has 18 tackles on the season ... **Bobby Stroger**, who started the season as the starting middle linebacker but was moved to second-string outside linebacker after the 38-16

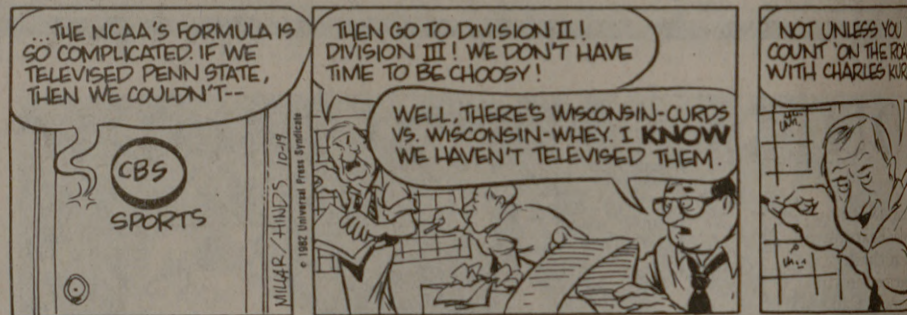
loss to Boston College, has regained his starting spot in the middle. **Jerry Bullitt** had taken Stroger's place in the middle, but he's moved to the strongside spot as a result of Nettles' injury ... With an average of 42.6 yards on 10 punts against the Bears, the Aggies' **Kyle Stuard** raised his punting average to 40.3 yards a kick ... Texas A&M's opposition has compiled 155 first downs in six games compared to the

Aggies' 118. That's an average of 26 first downs for the Aggies' six opponents and 20 for Texas A&M ... Rice tight end **Deron Miller**, who separated a rib in the Owls' 23-21 loss to Texas Tech Saturday, probably will not play against the Aggies ... Stroger leads the Aggies with three fumble recoveries ... The Aggies have averaged 29.6 points a game and their opponents are scoring 26.3

points each outing ... The Owls have allowed 184 points in six games this season, more than any team in the conference. And the No. 2 team in the SWC in number of points allowed? Texas A&M, which has given up 158 points, 72 points in conference play. The Aggies and league-leading SMU have both scored 178 points — more than any

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Aggie Ladies slip past Rice

by Bill Robinson
Battalion Staff
A strong serving Rice University women's volleyball team pressured a lackluster Texas A&M team to four games Monday night before the 18th-ranked Aggie Ladies could pull out their fourth victory of the season.
Texas A&M increased its lead of the Southwest Conference with its 15-7, 15-6, 11-15, 16-14 victory in G. Rollie White Coliseum.
But Coach Terry Condon was critical of the team's play following the match.
"Some of our starters were not mentally prepared," Condon

said. "They took Rice lightly. We can't afford to do that."
"I'm sure Rice feels they should have beat us," she said. "They had a good chance."
Condon was so disappointed in the team's play, especially during the final two games, that she held a practice for starters immediately following the contest to work on problem areas uncovered by the match.
"We did all of that hard work to beat Texas. To lose a Southwest Conference match after Texas would be devastating."
"After beating Texas they got the idea the rest would be easy. It's not. Anybody can be beaten on any given night, we have to remember that."
Condon said Rice played well in the match, with strong serving and good defense performances, while the Aggie Ladies had their defense down and lacked in serving, especially at crucial points of the game.
With the victory, the Aggies extend their winning streak to 12 matches and their overall record to 19-4. Rice drops to 2-2 in conference and 16-11 on the season.
Texas A&M will host Texas Tech in the coliseum Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. The Raiders are 1-2 in SWC action and 16-18 overall.

College AD wants pro sports major

United Press International
ROCHESTER, N.Y. — A college athletic director is proposing that the nation's big sports-oriented colleges go the whole route and establish a major in professional athletics.
John Reeves, the director of athletics and recreation at the University of Rochester, says athletes at the country's football and basketball powerhouses could be offered such courses as "How to Retain an Agent," "Psychology of Sport," "Issues in Professional Sport," and "Understanding of Free Agency."
The 42-year-old Reeves is proposing that perhaps 20 to 40 schools "totally in the business of raising money through athletics" devise a curriculum to prepare athletes for a career in professional athletics. The curriculum would include classroom subjects which would give the athlete practical preparation.
"Why can't the gifted athlete receive a valid degree from a reputable major in his or her field?" Reeves asked. "I think he should."
Reeves' idea appears unlikely to get much immediate support among the athletic management and coaching fraternity of the nation's colleges.
John Crouthamel, director of athletics at Syracuse (N.Y.) University, said he was "opposed to the idea of a whole curriculum designed for athletes."
"I don't see the need for it," Crouthamel said.
But Reeves, who came to Rochester from Drew University in Madison, N.J., sees things differently.
"I'm not criticizing big time athletics. They have a valid and significant place in higher education," insisted Reeves. "It's right for some places but it's not right for others like the U of R."
"Where we get into trouble is where we pretend that athletics at those schools is an avocation and that the education is serious business."

"If we call a spade a spade and say no, wrong with that and devise a curriculum those who want to be professional athletes, go to doctors and lawyers, it would quiet the nation to borderline illiterates getting college degrees or athletes investing four years and getting a college degree at all."
"It would be a valid and sound way to prepare those people for what they want to be."
Reeves said collegiate athletes possess "talents" and that society places a "very high premium" on their talents.
He said that if the nation's top 20 or so colleges got into the business of preparing for the professional sports world, the American public and those directly involved in higher education would be "much more comfortable with a tremendous emphasis placed on athletic performance."
He said the rules at those schools could be "more relaxed and more realistic."
"We wouldn't have to worry about a major if they're preparing for a unique profession," Reeves said. "Cheating begins when we make it look like they belong in college."
Reeves said there might be 40 schools in a separate conference "totally in the business of raising money through athletics." He said the school doesn't have a way of putting his concept into effect.
On the other hand, Syracuse's Crouthamel said, "Only a small percentage of college athletes go on to a professional sports career. It is better to make available some specific electives within the core of the athlete's major, say the question should be pursued along these lines."
Reeves said other college programs would be ignored. His concept, Reeves said, would be a "fail-safe method to avoid extreme pressure."

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Pitt moves to No. 2 after Alabama's loss

United Press International
NEW YORK — With Alabama knocked out of the unbeaten ranks, Pittsburgh replaced the Crimson Tide in the No. 2 rating today while undefeated Washington maintained its firm grip on the top ranking following balloting by UPI's Board of Coaches.
Alabama, which held the No. 2 spot for just one week, suffered its first loss in six games this year as Tennessee stunned the Crimson Tide, 35-28, in Knoxville, Tenn. The loss plummeted Alabama to No. 9 while

Notre Dame, rated ninth last week, also lost its first game of the season and dropped to No. 13. Arizona surprised the Fighting Irish, 16-13, at South Bend, Ind.
Washington, which took over the No. 1 rating from Pittsburgh two weeks ago, topped Oregon State, 34-17, to boost its record to 6-0. The Huskies collected 29 first-place votes and totaled 612 points. The Panthers, 5-0, walked Temple, 38-17, and received 11 first-place votes for 593 points.
Georgia, 6-0, inched up No. 3 rating with a triumph over Vanderbilt. Bulldogs totaled 538 points.
Southern Methodist advanced one position today after edging Houston, 42-13, while Nebraska, 5-1, rolled to a 42-13 victory over Kansas to move into the No. 5 spot. The Cornhuskers received first-place vote.
Arkansas, 5-0 and fifth week, is rated No. 6 following No. 7 North Carolina and Penn State, which received remaining first-place vote. Nittany Lions are followed by Alabama and UCLA, 5-0-1.
West Virginia, 5-1 and fourth week, is rated No. 11 following day against Penn State, improving one notch to No. 11, followed by No. 12 Louisiana State, No. 13 Notre Dame, No. 14 Florida State and No. 15 Texas.
Miami (Fla.) advanced to places to No. 16, followed by 17 Clemson, the defending national champion, No. 18 Oklahoma, No. 19 Michigan and No. 20 Florida, which dipped one place despite a 77-14 victory over Texas State.

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