

Playing for pride, Dry

Mental factors in command for Aggies, TCU

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Saturday's matchup between Texas Christian University and Texas A&M means little as far as the Southwest Conference standings are concerned.

But for the people who will knock heads on the field, the game's significance can't be overstated.

Statistics, team records, offensive and defensive strategy and other technical aspects of the game will be only superficial outcomes. Twenty Aggie seniors will be more concerned with how they help their team achieve those statistics. This weekend will provide their last chance to perform before a Kyle Field crowd.

"Playing my last game in Kyle field Saturday is a frightening thought," says Bobby Strogon, the Aggies' senior middle linebacker. "There's a lump in my throat about it."

Strogon said he hopes to exit

the field with a good performance — one that will be witnessed by the Aggie faithful as well as by his father, who will get his first opportunity to see Strogon play as an Aggie.

Defensive end Jon van Sant is another senior who will walk off Kyle Field for the last time. He and several of his senior teammates have been together through three coaches.

"It'll be a real emotional game for all of us," van Sant said after Thursday's workout. "We've all been through a lot since we've been here."

The mental aspects of the game likely will prevail on the opposite side of the field as well. Just how TCU players will perform knowing their coach will be gone the next day is anybody's guess.

The firing of Frog coach F.A. Dry could either motivate TCU players to send him off with a smile and a victory, or it could destroy their motivation entirely.

Some of the Aggie players have said they're ready for TCU to be highly motivated, but wide receiver Don Jones said the Frogs' motivation is their own problem.

"They can be up, they can be down or whatever," he said. "They're still going to have a fight on their hands."

Although mental factors may command the game, what fans will see after Saturday's 2 p.m. kickoff is two teams that have had plenty of physical problems. Injuries have hampered both teams' efforts to field units that have experience working together.

The Aggies practically started out the season unhealthily, with junior tight end Mark Lewis going down and out during the first game. Both starting running backs, Earnest Jackson and Johnny Hector, have experienced their shares of bumps and bruises that have kept them out of action. Running back

Thomas Sanders is gone for the season.

Texas A&M missed the services of quarterback Gary Kubiak last week against Arkansas, as the senior was recovering from hip and ankle injuries suffered during the SMU game. But he's listed as ready for action again this week.

Despite missing almost two complete games, Kubiak still leads the SWC in total offense, averaging 191.5 yards a game, and has thrown for more touchdowns than any other quarterback in the conference.

While the Aggie offense has suffered from injuries, TCU's defense has been the victim of the same kind of luck. Frog linebackers Ron Zell Brewer and Gary Spann have both fallen to injuries during the course of the season. Brewer is out for the season.

Both teams expected and were expected to fare well in conference play this year, and both have been disappointed,

with the TCU people disappointed enough to bid their head coach adieu.

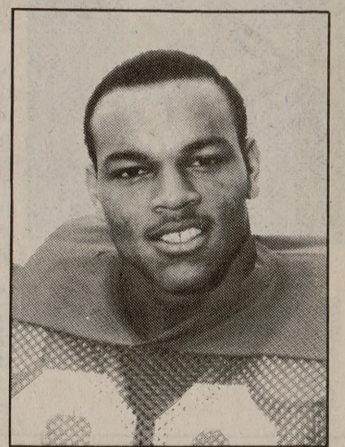
The Horned Frogs, with a conference record of 2-5 and a season record of 3-7, will use senior quarterback Eddie Clark, 6-foot-4-inch, 205 pounds, to run the veer offense.

But Dry said he will take advantage of the Aggies' weak secondary by putting the ball in the air more often.

The Frogs definitely have the material to launch an aerial assault against the Aggie secondary. Senior wide receiver Stanley Washington, all-SWC last season, weighs little more than the ball, but is an outstanding receiver who is known to make Lynn Swann-type catches.

The other wide-out is James Maness, a 170-pound sophomore, and the tight end is senior Bob Fields.

Defensively, the Frogs are led by 6-foot-4-inch, 245-pound senior tackle Greg Townsend and 6-foot-3-inch, 235-pound

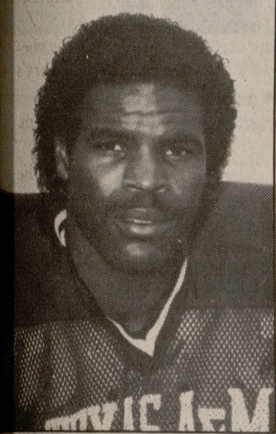


Greg Townsend a strong performer on TCU defense

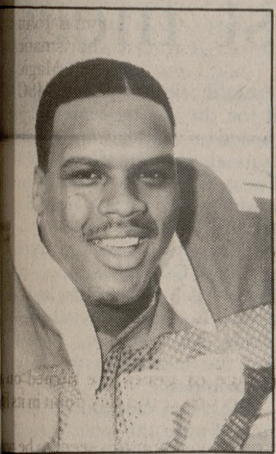
nose guard L.B. Washington, a junior. The secondary is bolstered by junior cornerback Reginald Cottingham, strong safety Marvin Foster and free safety Allanda Smith.



TCU's Stanley Washington has 31 receptions this year



Aggie end Don Jones says Frogs will have hands full



Linebacker Joe Hines has been leader for TCU squad

TCU's Hines sorry to see end of Dry era

by John P. Lopez
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Joe Hines is upset. When Hines was finishing his junior college playing days in California, the last place he wanted to continue his football career was at TCU. But TCU head coach F. A. Dry talked Hines into making the trip down south and Hines has become one of the premiere linebackers in the Southwest Conference.

But many things that the senior from Newark, N.J., wasn't counting on have happened since he first set foot on the TCU campus. To start with, in the two years Hines has played

for TCU, the Horned Frogs have won a total of only five games. But what upsets Hines even more is that the man that has played a major role in his life over the past two years has lost his job.

So when Hines takes the field Saturday to face the Aggies, he says he'll have a head of steam to blow off.

"The season has been pretty disappointing, especially with Coach Dry getting fired," Hines said Thursday in a long-distance interview. "So we'd all like to salvage it with a win on Saturday."

"It's going to be a very emotional game for everyone. He (Dry) told us not to play it for him but to play our regular game and play it for ourselves. Coach Dry has influenced us all

and has played a major role in all of our lives. Most of the players are very disappointed to see him leave."

Hines added that Dry's dismissal is especially annoying to him since the TCU head coach has helped Hines become a much better player.

"Coach Dry was the main reason I decided to come down here to play," he said. "And he and his staff have really helped me along as a player. I've become a much better player since I've been here. I've always been a linebacker, but until I got here I never had the attitude of a linebacker."

The "attitude" Hines is talking about is a certain mean streak that a linebacker should

possess. "I'm not a wild man, but I like to be aggressive and stop a running back in his tracks," he said. "No good linebacker isn't aggressive. I try to be as aggressive as possible while I'm on the field. Especially against the run. I like the contact. But it's not really being mean — just intense."

Whatever it's called, Hines said he expects to be doubly so Saturday when he lines up against the Aggies.

"I think we're going to play all-out football," Hines said. "It's our last game (TCU's seniors) and we have a lot of frustration we need to get rid of. I expect it to be an emotional game. Our practices have been very re-

laxed, but at the same time they've been emotional because of the coaching situation. Personally, my goal is to make it the best game I've ever played."

Hines added, however, that realizing his goal would take a great effort against a talented and hungry Texas A&M team.

"They (Aggies) are pretty upset with their season too," he said, "so it should stack up to be a

pretty good game. It all depends on whether (quarterback Gary) Kubiak is 100 percent or not. If he is, then I'm sure they'll throw the ball a lot. But we're not sure if he'll play or not, so right now we're thinking about keying on (Johnny) Hector. He's been running very well and since Kubiak might not be at full speed, I think A&M will probably give the ball to him a lot."

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