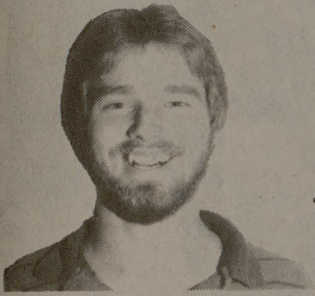


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## Miracle playmakers set to give A&M trouble

**THE SCOREBOARD CLOCK** at University of California's Memorial Stadium had four ticks showing when Stanford kicker Mark Harmon kicked off to the Golden Bears — a kickoff that should have ended the 1982 season as inconspicuously as it began.

Harmon had just booted a 35-yard field goal to give the Cardinal a 20-19 lead, and only a miracle play could keep him from being the hero of the day.

Enter one miracle. Harmon's squib kick bounced to the Cal 45-yard line, and "The Play" — a mish-mashy, five-lateral, once-in-a-century runback — began.

"The Play" went Moen to Rodgers to Garner to Rodgers to Moen, for those scoring at home. And when it was over, officials ruled that Moen (Kevin, that is) — the original fielder of the kick who also caught the fifth lateral — had scored. In doing so, Moen danced politely through the Stanford band (the band members had run onto the field thinking the game was over) and then impolitely knocked over a trombone player in the end zone.

It took John McKay, coach of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and former coach at Cal's Pac-10 rival USC, to find the real culprit in this escapade.

"I always said the Stanford band couldn't play defense," McKay joked.

**CALIFORNIA COACH JOE** Kapp gets another chance to be involved in kickoff shenanigans this Saturday, when he brings the Golden Bears into Kyle Field to meet the Texas Aggies.

This is a good one. In one corner, you have the Cal kickoff return team, captained by "The Play" veteran Richard Rodgers. In the other corner, you have the Aggies' Twelfth Man kickoff team, a non-scholarship bunch recruited from the student body to cover kickoffs at home games.

Stay tuned. This could be the wildest runback in college football history. No telling how many laterals the Golden Bears might try. You can imagine Captain Rodgers telling his teammates to let all 11 players touch the ball. You can also imagine them doing so, before some chemistry junior from North Zulch makes the tackle. A sort of major-college keep away, if you will.

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## 'All-time great' Condon hopes to continue volleyball success

by Scott Griffin

**Battalion Staff**  
It seems only natural that Terry Condon is from California.

With blond, curly hair, blue eyes and an easygoing personality, Condon reminds one of a typical West Coast beach girl.

And there's another feature of the Los Angeles native that reminds sports fans of California — her achievements in volleyball. Volleyball is one of California's most popular sports.

Condon played on two national champion volleyball teams at UCLA in the late 70's. For the past 15 years, Condon has competed in the United States Volleyball Association, where she's been a nine-time All-American and two-time MVP.

This year, Condon was designated an "All-Time Great" by the directors of the Association. The award means she'll be listed in the USVBA Hall of Fame as one

of the greatest players in the history of American volleyball.

Only about 30 people have been awarded this distinction to date.

Most volleyball fans know that the best competition is in California, and Condon herself said "eight of the best ten teams in the country are from California."

So how did Condon, coach of the Texas A&M women's volleyball team, make her way to the football-dominated Lone Star State?

"A friend of mine called and said A&M was looking for a coach," Condon said. "And I thought I'd take a look. So I came out here."

"At first," Condon said, "I didn't have the intention of taking the job, but I got to the school and it sold itself. When I left here, I wanted the job."

"I feel at home here," Condon said. "The people are friendly."

As coach here for the past



Coach Terry Condon

three years, Condon has compiled a 96-66 record, including a 32-13 performance last season.

Texas A&M's mark in last season's SWC play was 8-2, with losses only to tough Texas and Houston teams. That record earned her the distinction of SWC Coach of the Year, along

with University of Texas coach Mick Haley.

But Condon's road to success hasn't been easy, especially in a state like Texas.

She had a lot of rebuilding to do. And most of her recruiting had to be done out-of-state.

Condon said the reason for this was because volleyball is played year-round in several areas of the country, but not in Texas. The University Interscholastic League prohibits high schools from playing volleyball year-round, or conducting volleyball camps, and Condon said these rules hurt the players themselves and restrict the recruiting selection from this state.

"I have a girl from Illinois who's an All-American candidate in her freshman year," Condon said. "And then I have a girl from Texas who may be a candidate her senior year, but she's about four years away due to lack of playing experience."

Despite the lack of local ta-

lent, Condon slowly built a team — even with the added burden of cross-country recruiting.

As a coach, Condon said one of her first goals was to travel to more tournaments to get some recognition.

And while Texas A&M was once a doormat in volleyball, they're now a respected group, qualifying for last season's NCAA playoffs and finishing 15th.

This year's group consists solely of her own recruits. The problem now, Condon said, is the team's lack of experience.

Condon is planning to start three freshmen — Angi Smith, Chris Zogata and Margaret Spence.

"We could be good," Condon said. "I really can't tell because I haven't seen them (the freshmen) play under pressure."

As far as SWC play is concerned, Condon said, "It's going to be between us, Houston and Rice for second place."

## Playoffs...

Biles says post-season play is well within Oilers' reach

**United Press International**  
**HOUSTON** — Houston Oilers coach Ed Biles said he would not predict how many games, or even when, the team should win this season, but that the team's goal is to make the playoffs.

The Oilers have not won a game since last September, but Biles said at a news conference Monday they are rebuilding and may need a few more years to accomplish through the collegiate draft what their first regular season rivals, the Green Bay Packers, did.

"The wins will take care of themselves. It's just a matter of time. This team is improving," he said.

He said the team's goal was to make the playoffs, something it has not done in two previous seasons with Biles as head coach.

"One of the most important things I've got to do in the near future," Biles said, "is keep the team playing with the same intensity and the same drive."

team reminds him of the Packers several years ago.

The Packers made the playoffs last season after many dry seasons following the end of the Vince Lombardi era.

"It's taken them five, six or seven years to capture talent to get where they are," he said.

But the Oilers in May did not draft the same quality for its defense. That factor plus attrition due to the legal problems of the secondary has caused great concern among Oilers officials worried about how the team will

slow down an offense of the quality of the Packers.

During an 0-4 preseason, the Oilers defense made only five quarterback sacks. As a unit, the team was riddled for 362 yards a game — 245 passing. Lineman and linebackers in particular have been disappointing to coaches.

Biles said the improved conditioning of early-season contract holdouts Jesse Baker and Malcolm Taylor will improve the sack figure.

Previous Oilers coach Bum

Phillips traded for talent and pushed the team to within one step of the Super Bowl two consecutive years, but the philosophy of the Oilers now is to hoard draft choices and do no trading.

"We are doing the right thing. All you have to do is look at the offensive line to see that what we are doing is right. With one draft we've taken a weak point and developed it into a strong point," he said.

This preseason, the Oilers offensive line manned by rookies Harvey Salem and

Bruce Matthews, and second-year pro Mike Munchak, has established itself as the pride of the ballclub. That line has opened the way for Earl Campbell to run as he did three years ago.

Biles said a few names on the cut list would "shock" the team.

The Oilers submitted the names of 10 players waived or placed on their injured-reserve list just before 4 p.m. CDT Monday, but withheld announcing those names until Tuesday afternoon.

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