

The key to Baylor — control quarterbacks

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The key to this Saturday's game against Baylor University will be controlling the quarterbacks and the running backs, Texas A&M head coach Jackie Sherrill said in his weekly press conference Monday.

In previous games, coach Teaff has attacked opposing defensive lines with a continuous shuttle of three impressive quarterbacks.

Each of the quarterbacks has their own special talent. When Rice converts well on short yardage situations, Tom Muecke confuses defenses with his assortment of option plays. Cody Carlson throws the ball at any given opportunity.

To add to our troubles, the Aggie defensive line won't be able to get any help from its

secondary, who will be fighting their own battle against one of the best backfields in the southwest conference. Baylor has two great backs with Alfred Anderson and Allen Rice, who both run wide and fast.

The Aggies have enough problems of their own to worry about. But, even with injuries, lack of depth and experience, and the loss of players due to personal conflicts with Sherrill, the Aggies could still prevail in the final score.

Baylor's playing squad has been plagued severely by injuries.

Teaff admitted that their kicking and special teams, which have been some of the best seen in past years, sorely lack talent and continuity this year.

Though Baylor's shortcomings could be useful in the game,

A&M won't depend upon their mistakes to win.

Kevin Murray debuted last week with 217 yards passing and 39 yards rushing. Sherrill said Murray would be starting at quarterback again this week and that John Mazur would give the Aggies depth in that position.

The two halfbacks, Rod Bernstein and Keith Woodside, will be shuffled in and out throughout the game. Sherrill said Woodside has worked himself into a starting position, but is suffering from a minor injury.

Running back, George Smith, who rushed for 56 yards up the middle last week should add to the A&M ground play.

Billy Cannon will be returning to game play in the game this week according to Sherrill. Cannon, who sustained an ankle injury in the game against Texas

Tech, is an explosive player for A&M.

Also, the Aggies have two strong safeties that are fighting for a starting position this week. Domingo Bryant and Ken Ford both follow the ball well and make the big plays.

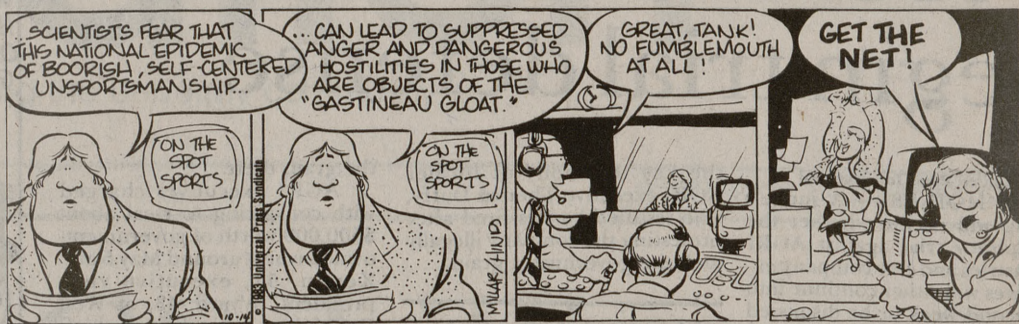
Sherrill feels the biggest improvement on the team overall is in the linebackers. The defense is starting to chase the ball and make the turnovers "happen."

Sherrill, who has played 30 young players in the past few games, feels the team is learning what it takes to work together as a unit to win. The team is more balanced with the offense finally reaching that crucial part of the turf: the end zone.

Sherrill said the team has a long way to go, but hopes that the Houston game was the turning point in the season for the Aggies.

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by Jeff Millar & Bill Hinds



Red Raiders victimized by Ag volleyball team

The Texas A&M volleyball team hasn't been overpowering, but it's been getting the job done when it comes to posting wins.

And Monday in Lubbock when the Aggies challenged Texas Tech, the team again didn't play picture-book volleyball, but the end result was another Texas A&M win.

The Aggies defeated the Red Raiders 15-11, 15-9, 15-8 to improve their record to 2-1 in conference and 13-14 for the year. But more important, the Aggies moved into second place in conference behind the Texas Longhorns after taking the match.

Aggies' head coach Terry Condon said that even though she's pleased that Texas A&M is in the thick of the conference race, the Aggies have a long way to go before they'll be able to compete with the 'Horns.

"It wasn't a very good volleyball match," Condon said, "but it was a win and I'll take it. We didn't play very well, but luckily they didn't play any better."

"We just still don't have that put away punch."

Condon added, however, that the Aggies' recent long practice sessions are helping Texas A&M overcome its inconsistent play.

"I they've (tough practices) been helping a lot," she said. "I think it makes the players realize that they can do things when they're tired. That's where our problem has been — we haven't been disciplined when we get fatigued. We've been making mistakes."

Regardless of the fatigue factor, the Aggies' only conference

loss has been to the overpowering Longhorns. And Condon said even that could change the next time Texas A&M plays UT.

"If we start playing the way we'd like to, I think we could be 8-1 when we meet Texas," Condon said. "And it (SWC championship) will come down to that match and we'll be playing them at home so you never know."

Cornhuskers still on top

Texas is ranked Number 2

United Press International

NEW YORK — Nebraska is the overwhelming — but no longer unanimous — choice as top college football team in nation.

Nebraska received 38 of 41 first-place votes and 613 total points, with No. 2 Texas receiving the other three first-place votes and 518 points in the latest balloting of the UPI Board of Coaches.

North Carolina (518 points) moved into third with No. 4 Florida (436) and No. 5 Michigan (402) rounding out the top five.

Nebraska has been ranked No. 1 since pre-season and was unanimous choice the last

two weeks. The Cornhuskers lost some ground after their closest win of the season — a 14-10 decision over Oklahoma State — improved their record to 6-0. Texas scored an impressive 28-16 victory over Oklahoma to gain some first-place support.

Longhorns Coach Fred Akers thinks it's too early to worry about catching Nebraska.

Rounding out the Top 20 are No. 6 Georgia, No. 7 Ohio State, No. 8 Auburn, No. 9 Southern Methodist, No. 10 Alabama, No. 11 Michigan, No. 12 Miami, No. 13 Iowa, No. 14 Illinois, No. 15 Maryland, No. 16 Arizona State, No. 17 Oklahoma, No. 18 Washington, No. 19 Brigham

Young and No. 20 Oklahoma State.

Three ranked teams lost last week, but the same 20 schools remained rated. Alabama fell from third after bowing to unranked Penn State and Oklahoma tumbled from seventh after losing to Texas. Oklahoma State held onto its 20th spot after falling to Nebraska.

Southern Methodist vaulted three places with a 42-26 victory over Baylor and Illinois jumped three spots after a 27-15 win over Wisconsin. Georgia (36-11 over Mississippi), Ohio State (33-22 over Purdue), Auburn (49-21 over previously unbeaten Kentucky) and Michigan (42-0

over Michigan State) each moved up two notches.

North Carolina (30-10 over Wake Forest), West Virginia (idle), Florida (29-10 over Vanderbilt) and Iowa (61-21 over Northwestern) all gained a spot, while Miami (42-14 over Louisville) and Maryland (34-13 over Syracuse) dropped a notch.

Nebraska, Texas, North Carolina, West Virginia and SMU are the only undefeated and untied Division I-A schools in the country.

In games between ranked teams Saturday, Illinois hosts Ohio State and Oklahoma State hosts Oklahoma.

Anderson injured in Cincinnati loss

United Press International

CINCINNATI — Ron Johnson and rookie Harvey Clayton made interceptions for touchdowns in the fourth quarter Monday night to lift the Pittsburgh Steelers to a 24-14 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals.

Johnson scored his game-winning interception by cutting in front of Turk Schonert's pass intended for Dan Ross at the 34-yard line. Johnson raced toward the sideline with the ball and the 27-year veteran had his first NFL touchdown.

With 1:20 left and the Bengals driving, Clayton intercepted Schonert at the Pittsburgh 30 and dashed 70 yards down the sideline to seal the victory. Cincinnati had started at its own 15:44 left and was getting ready for a possible game-winning field goal when Clayton made the interception.

Cincinnati's Jim Breech tried a 45-yard field goal with 3:45 left but would have tied the game, but the ball hit the left upright and bounced back.

Cincinnati, 1-5, scored all 14 points in the second quarter on a 41-yard interception by rookie James Griffin and a 1-yard run by Pete Johnson.

It was Johnson's first game since being suspended for one game use. The sellout crowd of 66,086 at Riverfront Stadium cheered Johnson with a standing ovation when he scored. He

rushed for 27 yards on nine carries.

Cincinnati played more than three fourths of the game without quarterback Ken Anderson, who suffered a bruised and strained neck when taken down by the face mask by Keith Gary

late in the first period.

Bengal officials said preliminary X-rays taken at the stadium showed no break in the neck. Anderson was taken to Christ Hospital for more extensive X-rays.

Pittsburgh set a club record

with nine sacks for 77 yards. The Bengals shut down Pittsburgh's NFL-leading ground game and Franco Harris was the Steelers' top rusher with only 23 yards in seven carries.

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