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## What a shame — Texas will never play Huskers

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Texas may still be ranked No. 2 in the nation, but the Longhorns took some wind out of the sails of unanimous No. 1 pick Nebraska after Texas whalloped Oklahoma 28-16 Saturday.

### Opinion

What a shame. Texas and Nebraska, the two most powerful and dominating teams in America will never see each other in '83. A real shame. Southwest Conference fans will be the most cheated in college football.

Again. Remember 1982 when unbeaten SMU earned a trip to the Cotton Bowl and promptly beat Pitt 7-3. While Penn State, with one loss, being an independent, was allowed to attend the bowl of its choice. The Nittany Lions went on to defeat Georgia, 27-23 in the Sugar Bowl.

So why was Penn State voted in as No. 1? If you talk to writers who make up the Associated Press poll, they will tell you that the inequality in schedules was the difference — Penn State's was a lot tougher, they would say.

And if you listen to SWC fans, the reason is a lack of media coverage for the Mustangs and the rest of the conference.

But, let's get back to the present. So far, the 'Horns are way ahead of last year's Mustangs in both departments. Their schedule is tougher and having a winning reputation, the Longhorns are guaranteed of having more than adequate broadcast coverage.

But the problem is that Texas has to be compared with the 'Huskies.

If the AP writers start checking the schedules of the two, then Nebraska could be in trouble. The Longhorns have not only beaten Auburn and Oklahoma but have thoroughly dominated both teams. Nebraska has rolled up some hefty numbers too, to be sure, but the Huskers have played teams like

the Gophers from Minnesota and the Syracuse Orangemen — not exactly Auburn and Oklahoma.

Nebraska's latest victory, however, was over a very tough Oklahoma State team — just ask Aggie fans how tough the Cowboys are. And the Cornhuskers could only beat OSU by a measly four points.

What happened to the NFL-like offense and almost 60 points-per-game average?

The only way to settle the issue is for Nebraska and Texas to face off against each other, head-to-head. And, with a little luck, rather, bad luck, the two powerhouses could conceivably meet.

Here's the scenario.

Suppose Texas and SMU play their conference game Oct. 22 and the 'Horns, hobbled with injuries, blow the game with turnovers and mistakes. The Mustangs pull off a 1-point upset, say 14-13.

Nebraska is a great team, no disputing that, but so is Texas. Who's greater? We'll probably never know.

## Chuck Studley takes reins as Oiler coach

HOUSTON — Career assistant coach Chuck Studley, shocked by his sudden promotion but certain of his immediate task, Tuesday was named interim head coach of the Houston Oilers.

As the 11th head coach in the franchise's 23 years, Studley replaces Ed Biles, who resigned Monday.

"I'm still a little shocked by the way this happened," he said.

His job is to end a 13-game losing streak, and he gets his first opportunity against the Minnesota Vikings Sunday.

"I've thought about how I will feel on the sideline Sunday. I think I will still feel like calling the defensive plays during the game. At times, I may even forget I'm the head coach," he said.

The opportunity excited him, he said. Studley, 54, is a Maywood, Ill., native who played for Illinois and coached at Alton, Ill., High School and at the universities of Massachusetts and Cincinnati before joining Paul Brown's Cincinnati Bengals' staff.

In his first news conference Tuesday as head coach, Studley promised Oilers fans nothing, saying actions, not words, were what they wanted.

He said he was working the final 10 games of the season on a verbal contract with Ladd Her-

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zeg, Oilers general manager and vice president.

He won the job over offensive coordinator Kay Dalton.

Studley said he anticipated no major player changes, but that he was not afraid to try new players. He bemoaned the United States Football League's depletion of the stockpile of players formerly available to NFL teams.

He served notice he would not strive to make football practice fun for the players.

"That's not the objective. I've never known football to be fun in practice — as a player or as a coach. You strive to win. Just as in the business world, you do what is necessary to achieve the goal," he said.

He said he disagreed with Biles' assessment on Monday that the Oilers are three or four players away from being a con-

tending team.

"I think we're about three or four people away on defense. The team needs more than that, frankly," he said.

Studley took the his first NFL head coaching job after working 10 years as an assistant for the Bengals and five for the San Francisco 49ers. He was touted for molding a defense that helped the 49ers win the 1981 Super Bowl.

He denied he came to the Oilers last January from the 49ers expressly to take the job of the embattled Biles.

"That's ridiculous. Ed hired me. At no time did I have any conversations with Ladd Herzog or (owner) Bud Adams," he said.

Herzog made the decision to promote Studley. "It was an extremely difficult decision for me and one that I wrestled with most of last night," Herzog said.

He added Studley's experience in making the 49ers a Super Bowl champion in 1981 "was a big factor."

Studley has been preceded by 10 head coaches, most of whom worked for oilman owner K.S. "Bud" Adams Jr. for less than two years. If Adams' track record firing coaches worried Studley, he did not show it.

"I'm not as scared as I thought I would be at this time," he said. "When Ladd told Kay and I yesterday the next coach would be one of us, I thought I would be pretty nervous."

## Game 1

Philadelphia posts 2-1 win for early series lead

BALTIMORE — Joe Morgan and Garry Maddox provided the strength with solo homers and John Denny showed some heart by outdueling Scott McGregor Tuesday night to lead the Philadelphia Phillies to a rain-soaked 2-1 victory over the Baltimore Orioles in the first game of the World Series.

A steady, misty rain fell throughout Game 1 but both Denny and McGregor pitched superbly before a raincoat-covered crowd of 52,204 that included President Reagan. Reagan arrived after the game started but stayed to applaud the fine pitching of both starters.

The Phillies managed only five hits off McGregor and two

relievers. But Morgan connected for a solo homer in the sixth to tie the score 1-1 and Maddox broke the deadlock with another solo homer in the eighth.

Denny, whom many said lacked the fortitude necessary to win in the postseason, gave up a solo homer to Jim Dwyer in the first inning. He then allowed just three harmless singles until the eighth when Al Bumby knocked him out of the game with a two-out double. Al Holland, arguably the best reliever in the NL this season, took over and got the last four outs to pick up the save. The two combined on a five-hitter.

Denny's control was masterful. He stayed ahead of batters

all game and did not issue a walk while striking out five over 7 2/3 innings. Denny, the National League's top winner this season with a 19-6 mark, set down the Orioles in order in four innings.

It seemed fitting Maddox should finally emerge as a hero since he had been branded as a goat for his atypically poor defensive play in previous postseason games. Most recently, Maddox dropped a fly ball by Fernando Valenzuela in Game 2 of the NL playoffs, allowing the Dodgers to score two runs and post a 4-1 triumph.

When Maddox stepped to the plate as the leadoff batter in the eighth Tuesday night, McGregor had faced only two batters over the minimum through

seven innings. Maddox, however, slammed McGregor's first pitch of the inning over the left-field fence for his first World Series homer. Bo Diaz, the next batter, nearly duplicated Maddox's feat but left fielder John Lowenstein reached over the fence to take a home run away from the Phillies' catcher.

The Phillies looked as if they might get something going in the first inning when third baseman Todd Cruz dropped Morgan's popup for an error to open the game. But catcher Rick Dempsey quickly made up for Cruz's blunder by throwing out Morgan attempting to steal second and McGregor then allowed only two more singles before Morgan homered in the sixth to tie the score.

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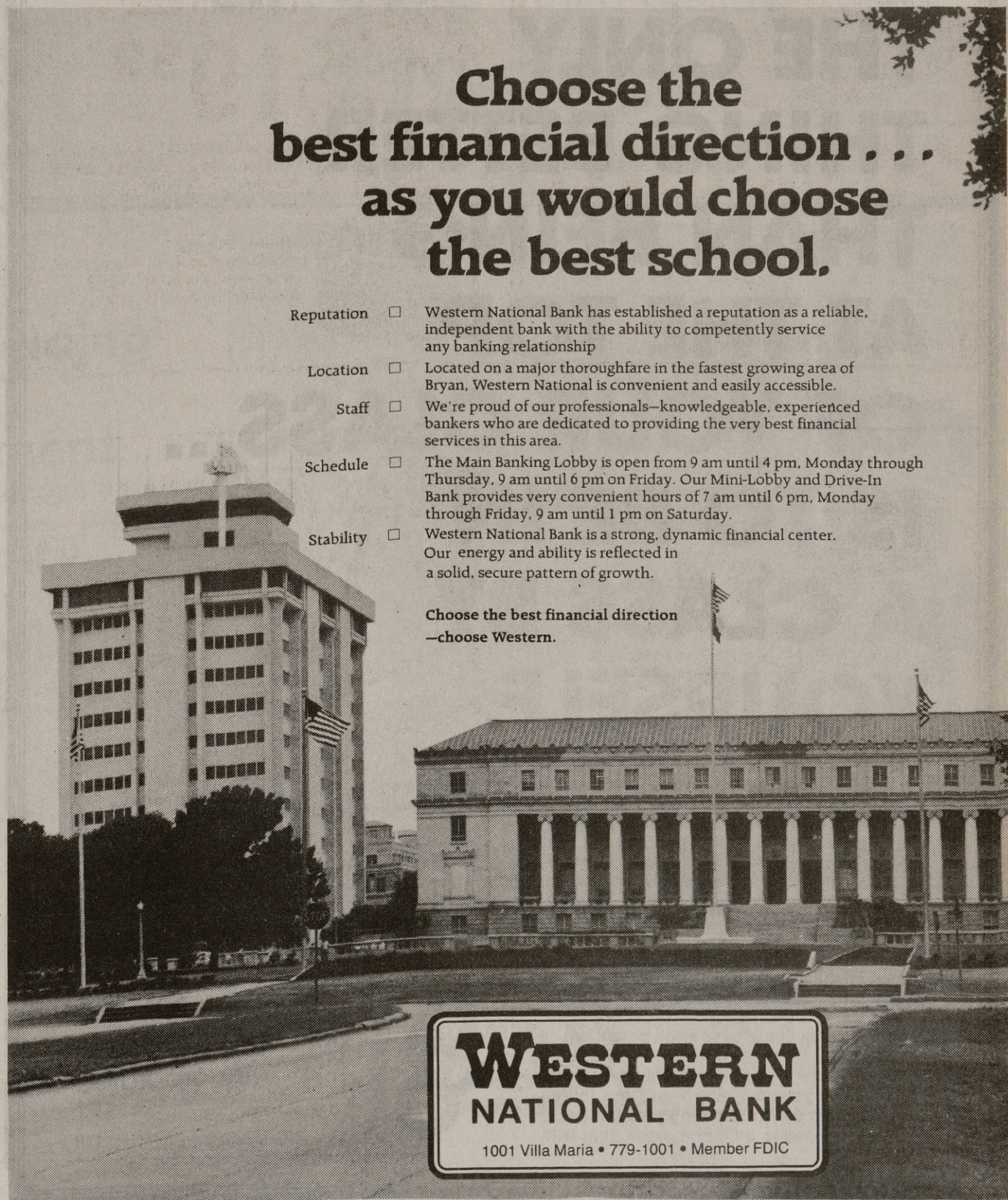
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