

Texas A&M

# The Battalion Sports

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## SMU's Carter proving his worth

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What does a college football coach do with a second-team All-America cornerback when he becomes a senior? If he is SMU coach Bobby Collins and the player in question is Russell Carter, one of the hardest hitting defensive backs in the country, the answer is simple.

Move him to free safety. Why move an outstanding cornerback to a new position in his senior year? According to Collins, it's simply a matter of supply and demand.

"We felt he was one of the top cornerbacks in the country," Collins said. "But we graduated two starting safeties off of last year's team and Russell is experience coming back (Collins had to replace eight defensive starters this year). He has had to take over the role of making adjustments in the secondary — he's the leader back there and he's given the entire defense confidence."

Despite the Mustang's loss to Texas Saturday, Carter had one of his better games of the season, Collins said. Carter had fifteen tackles, two interceptions and a fumble recovery. Not bad for a day's work.

Carter said he feels good about making the move to free safety. It's giving him the opportunity to be in on more plays and get into more of the action than when he was at his old position. Despite the praise he has received this year, Carter said he's playing at the same level that he played last year.

Collins sees things differently. "Russell has exceeded our expectations," Collins said. "He's very much a team player and he has gotten more and more involved in every ballgame."

Sounds as though Carter is everything a coach could ask for in a football player. At least, that's what Collins thinks.

"He's the type of young man who is all things we as coaches look for in a player," Collins said. "He plays for keeps. Most defensive backs are interested in intercepting the pass but Russell gets a thrill out of just playing off of a block and making a tackle — he's most concerned about what is best for the team."

Going up against the Aggies, however, Carter may get a good shot at an interception or two. A&M quarterback Kevin Murray hit his receivers 25 out of 48 attempts for 280 yards against Rice last week. Heads up, Russell Carter.

He (Murray) has a very strong arm and can read defenses real well," Carter said. "They also have smart receivers — they can beat you deep." Carter said he didn't think last week's loss to the 'Horns will affect the Mustangs as they prepare for the Aggies. This week has been business as usual for Carter and Co.

"We're just doing what we do every week," Carter said. "We have to know the (opposing) team real well and and prepare the best we can prepare. We have to continue playing hard up for A&M. They're a good team, capable of scoring a lot of points and we don't want them to get the big play."

Just ask Carter how many big plays they have given up during his tenure at SMU — not many.

### Moerschell named as Horn starter

United Press International AUSTIN — University of Texas coach Fred Akers confirmed Wednesday Rob Moerschell would be the Longhorns' starting quarterback in Saturday's Southwest Conference game against Texas Tech. Akers said Moerschell, a junior from Highland Park who started the first six Texas games, would remain at the helm despite his sub-par performance in the second half of last week's 15-12 Texas win over SMU. Texas, ranked second in the nation, carries a 6-0 season record and a 3-0 conference record into the game against Texas Tech, 3-3 and 3-0.

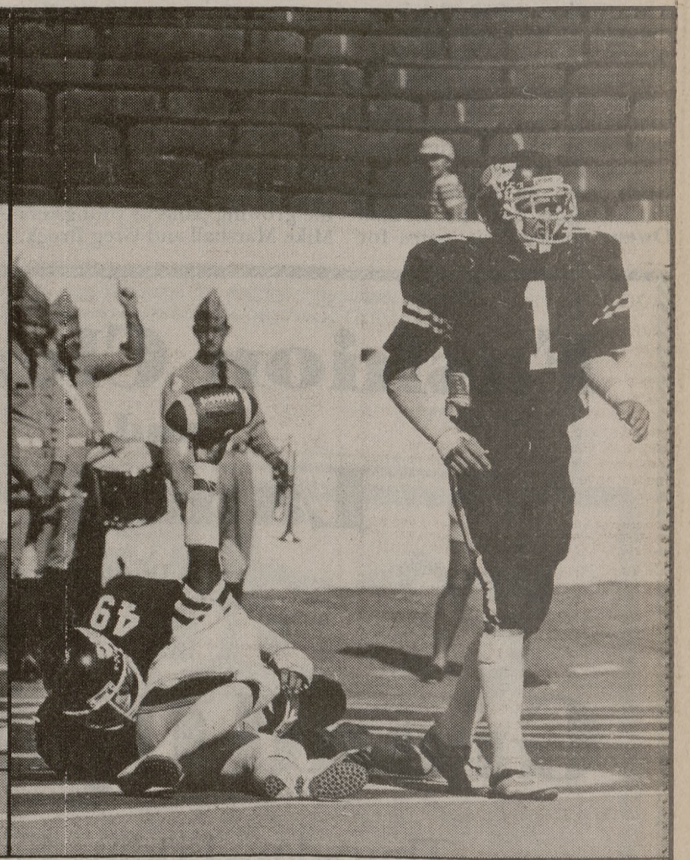
Dodge, who was tabbed as the starter in preseason before injuring a shoulder, relieved Moerschell against SMU and directed the Longhorns' winning touchdown drive.



In this sequence, A&M's Jeff Nelson hauls in a Kevin Murray pass, at left, heads to the goal line and holds



the ball up in jubilation after scoring against Rice. SMU's All-America safety Russell Carter said the ability



to run deep pass routes by Aggie receivers concerns the Mustangs greatly going into Saturday's game.

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## A&M's Stoll named softball's athlete of the year

by Kay D. Mallett  
Battalion Reporter

"I thought somebody was playing a joke on me at first," Lori Stoll said when she found out that the Broderick Sports Awards Program had named her the Outstanding Woman Collegiate Athlete in softball for 1982-83.

Well, it's no joke. The Broderick Sports Award is given to the most outstanding woman athlete in each of 17 women's sports.

Stoll received the Broderick Softball Award for her record-breaking four-year career as pitcher for the Texas A&M women's softball team.

Stoll's career winning ratio was 87 percent with an earned run average of 0.35. In four years, she struck out 1,359 batters and walked only 181.

Though nominated two of

the last three years for the Broderick Award, this is the first year Stoll has won it.

And the award automatically nominates the four-time All-America pitcher for the prestigious Broderick Cup.

Stoll, along with the 16 other Broderick Award winners will compete for the cup, which is awarded to the woman athlete most deserving of the recognition as the Woman Collegiate Athlete of the Year.

Texas A&M Women's Athletic Director Kay Don said that women athletic directors from colleges all over the nation take part in the voting for the cup.

Stoll was very excited about her award, but didn't feel her chances were very good to win the Broderick Cup.

"I'm kind of excited," Stoll said. "But there are too many other sports that carry on to the Olympics and get more pub-

licity." She said the participants in the more popular sports such as basketball and swimming would be most likely to win the award. She may be right.

The Broderick Awards Sports Program was started in 1976 and since then there has been three basketball players, two swimmers and one track athlete to receive the Broderick

Cup. Don, on the other hand, feels Stoll has gotten enough "visibility" and recognition should have a good shot at the cup.

Stoll has been on a winning team that has won "back-to-back" national championships.

"Because of that visibility and her competing in the Pan American games this year, I think she has a real good chance of win-

ning," Don said.

But Don added that the ballots wouldn't be out until mid-November and Stoll won't know until then who else will be competing for the cup.

The cup will be awarded by the Broderick Co. at the NCAA convention this January in Dallas.

Stoll is the first woman athlete from Texas A&M to get

close to being nominated for the Broderick Cup.

She said she never really thought about her goals in terms of winning awards.

"My biggest continual goal was just to win the game (she was playing)," Stoll said.

And win she did. After four years with the Aggies, Stoll's win-loss record was a phenomenal 167-24.

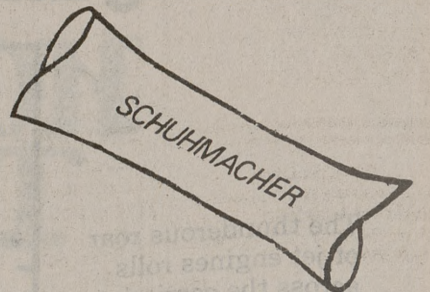
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