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Akers: Coogs 'talented'

United Press International
I rated Nebraska and ranked Texas are the top 10 teams with perfect this season and both are helping favorites Saturday remain unblemished.

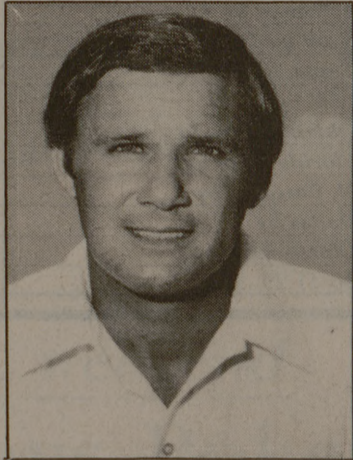
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braska's Big Eight game at Iowa State isn't even on the agenda, while Texas is rated as better than Houston in the Southwest Conference.

Cornhuskers, on a 19-game winning streak, appear unbeatable. Oklahoma, tied with Nebraska for the lead, may be the only capable of shredding the Huskers when they clash in their conference game of the week on Nov. 26.

Meanwhile, it's expected that Texas' Heisman Trophy candidate Mike Rozier will continue to rip all ground defenses.



Texas' Fred Akers says Coog offense is strong.

He is the nation's leading rusher with 1,446 yards along with averages of 7.8 a carry and 160.7 yards a game.

Add quarterback Turner Gill and wingback Irving Fryar to Nebraska's backfield and the total output is enough to make the Huskers the No. 2 team be-

hind Brigham Young in total offense. Nebraska is the nation's top rushing team and BYU the premier passing school in the U.S.

"It's very unusual to have three guys in the same backfield with the unique capabilities that Rozier, Gill and Fryar have," says UCLA coach Terry Donohue, whose team lost to Nebraska 42-10 earlier this season. "The quarterback is a very good player, the slotback has unusual speed and the tailback is obviously very good. Those three weapons just keep coming at you and eventually wear you down."

You won't find Texas among the offensive leaders; the Longhorns' forte is defense where they lead the nation in shutting down the pass and in total defense.

Closing in on the SWC title and a berth in the Cotton Bowl, Texas is gunning for its eighth straight win of the season against a Houston team that was blown out by the Longhorns 50-0 last year.

"We need to get charged up for the remainder of this sea-

son," comments Texas coach Fred Akers. "Houston is a very dangerous football team. I doubt if anyone in the country is more physically talented. They have led the league (SWC) in offense the entire season. We seem to bring out the best in our opponents, and I'm expecting them to be at their best."

The closest call Texas encountered this season was a 15-12 victory over Southern Methodist.

Elsewhere in the top flight, No. 2 Auburn plays No. 7 Maryland, No. 4 Georgia engages No. 10 Florida, No. 5 Miami of Florida meets East Carolina, sixth-ranked Illinois plays Minnesota, No. 8 SMU tackles Rice and No. 9 North Carolina faces Clemson. Other key games pit No. 11 Oklahoma vs. Missouri, No. 12 BYU vs. Texas-El Paso, No. 13 Boston College vs. Army, No. 14 Iowa vs. Wisconsin, No. 15 Ohio State vs. Indiana, No. 16 Michigan vs. Purdue, No. 17 Alabama vs. Louisiana State, No. 18 Notre Dame vs. No. 19 Pittsburgh and No. 20 West Virginia vs. Temple.

A&M hosts SWC swim meet beginning today

by Kay Mallett
The Texas A&M men's and women's swim teams will host the Southwest Conference Relays today beginning at 4 p.m. in the Wofford Cain Natatorium.

This is the second year for A&M to host the event and the first year for the women to compete in it.

There will be six teams competing in 14 events. The teams are: Texas A&M, the University of Houston, Southern Methodist Universi-

ty, the University of Texas, Texas Tech, and Texas Christian University.

Swimming coach Mel Nash said the meet should be filled with tough competition for the Aggies. The UT and SMU men's teams are currently ranked No. 2 and No. 3 in the nation.

Nash said he doesn't expect to win the relays, but said the Aggies, whose men's team was ranked 26th last year, could place anywhere from 2nd to 6th.

"We're a little bit stronger than we have been," Nash said. "And we swim pretty tough against the big boys. We're hoping to surprise them (the top teams)."

Nash said the surprise element should come from new depth the team has gained since his arrival at A&M five years ago.

"We've just improved rapidly with no big names," he said. "Lately we've been known as the giant killers!"

Potent Dallas attack scares Eagle defense

United Press International
PHILADELPHIA — If the Philadelphia Eagles seem a little nervous on defense Sunday against the Dallas Cowboys, it's not without reason.

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The potent Cowboys offense had success running and passing in the last meeting of the two teams three weeks ago, and the result was a lopsided 37-7 victory in which Dallas gained 522 total yards.

For the season, Dallas quarterback Danny White has thrown for 2,231 yards and 19 touchdowns. Running back Tony Dorsett, off to the second-best start of his career, ranks third in the NFC with 819 yards.

"You really can't key on one

guy, especially in their passing attack," Eagles linebacker Reggie Wilkes said. "They throw to the wide receivers, tight ends and running backs. You know when they come in and run, Dorsett will come in and run the ball 80 percent of the time."

White, who has been under fire in Dallas this season, has been more of a gambling quarterback. He has thrown 15 interceptions, a figure that has dropped his rating among NFC quarterbacks to seventh.

But his other figures, such as five touchdown passes in last week's 38-20 win over at you and sometimes there's nothing you can do about it," he said. "He does not let interceptions affect him. He's got confidence to go after it. But you can be aggressive when you've got those receivers."

"The last three games, he's hardly been touched. People are just not getting to him. Either you go for the rush or try to defend."

In the last Eagles-Cowboys meeting, Dallas tight end Doug Cosbie caught six passes for 84 yards and one touchdown. Campbell said a special effort will be made to stop Cosbie and running back Ron Springs (40 catches) on third-down passing plays.

Drew Pearson, the Cowboys' second-leading receiver with 35 catches, is listed as questionable for the game because of back spasms.

The Eagles also have to be concerned with Dorsett. In its last three games, the defense has yielded 629 yards on the ground, 233 last week in a 22-21 loss to Baltimore.

Well not sad that Herschel won't be playing Saturday

United Press International
The Georgia Bulldogs have deflected the defection of Herschel Walker to the U.S. Football League pretty well up to now.

The No. 4 ranked Bulldogs are unbeaten through their first five games with only a tie against Clemson marring their record.

Walker may be sorely disappointed these next two Saturdays as Georgia plays 10th-ranked Florida and 3rd-ranked Tennessee.

Walker has not been called to play two teams as good as Georgia's next two opponents," said Georgia coach Vince Dooley.

Georgia will have to play better than it has at anytime for the last 60 minutes if we hope to win against Florida."

Without Walker, who would lead the team this fall, the 1982 Georgia coach Vince Dooley has five tailbacks. None have more than a shadow of the former All-American.

Walker, who has dominated the SEC since he was a freshman, like Walker did in the SEC, the three Georgia-Florida games, the Georgia-Florida game, the national championship, came behind on a 93-yard pass when he announced the next summer that stopping Walker would be the Gators' primary goal when they played Georgia last fall.

They failed. That time, Walker rushed for 219 yards on 35 carries and scored three touchdowns — once on a 30-yard run, twice on 1-yard runs — as Georgia crushed Florida 44-0 in the series' most lopsided game in 14 years.

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"We're determined not to let Walker do that to us again."

Although the Gators keyed on Walker in 1981, he rushed for 192 yards on a Southeastern Conference record 47 carries and scored all four Georgia touchdowns in another 26-21 Bulldogs victory.

"I wanted to call (Georgia coach) Vince Dooley the next morning," recalled Florida coach Charley Pell. "I wanted him to tell me that, at the very least, that Herschel was sore from that pounding we gave him."

"Twice is enough," said Florida linebacker Wilber Marshall when he announced the next summer that stopping Walker would be the Gators' primary goal when they played Georgia last fall.

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Florida, Walker, the 1982 Heisman Trophy winner, rushed for a total of 649 yards and scored eight touchdowns.

"I know a lot of people were unhappy that Herschel didn't return for his senior season, that he didn't give himself a shot at the all-time rushing and scoring records," said Pell. "But you'll get no complaint from us. I think we saw Herschel at his Sunday best, not once, but three times."

Pell wasn't convinced Walker's absence would be the deciding factor in this year's Georgia-Florida game. He pointed out that the Bulldogs offense, which has been slightly more productive than to the same point last year, is more versatile without

Walker.

"This is a different Georgia team than the past few years when they had the greatest running back of all time and you concentrated on how to stop him," said Pell. "Now every player on their offensive team is involved. They all contribute."

But Georgia coach Vince Dooley said Walker's absence would be felt because no one has stepped forward to take his role of "gamebreaker."

"The Georgia-Florida game usually comes down to an individual player who rises to the occasion and makes the play at the crucial time," said Dooley. "Herschel did that. Without him, we don't seem to have that sort of player this year."

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