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## Swine' flu

### Razorbacks still ailing, Holtz says; third-string quarterback may start

United Press International  
LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — As if the Arkansas Razorbacks didn't have enough to contend with this weekend while facing Texas A&M, Razorback coach Lou Holtz said Wednesday his football team had another opponent to battle — swine flu.

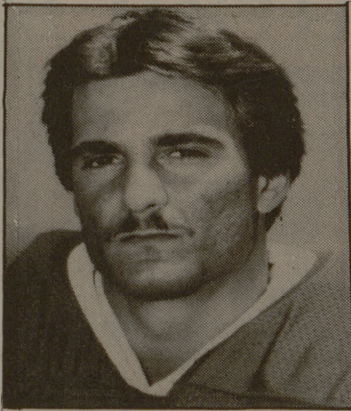
Arkansas' top two quarterbacks, Brad Taylor and Scott Edrington, both were felled by the virus early this week. Holtz told Arkansas media Wednesday morning from Fayetteville that third-stringer Mark Calcagni was likely to start against the Aggies. "If Brad and Scott can't practice today," Holtz said, "Mark Calcagni will start."

Calcagni is the younger brother of Arkansas' former all-southwest Conference quarterback, Ron Calcagni.

Holtz said he and his staff had discussed temporarily discarding their rule requiring a player practice Wednesday or not start, but said, "It wouldn't be in our best interest for us to do that."

Despite the virus problems and lingering injuries to offensive regulars Orson Weems, Keith Kidd and Bobby Joe Tompkins, Holtz said not all were back in Fayetteville this week.

"Our practices have been as good as we've had under the circumstances," Holtz said. "The players are playing well — the best that are out there. There's a lot of things going right."



**Hogs' Mark Calcagni may start against Ags Saturday**

Holtz said even if the ailing players can return for Saturday afternoon's game at Kyle Field, the lack of practice time would change the Hogs' game plan.

"We'll have to be simple in what we do," Holtz said.

Aggie coach Jackie Sherrill, who is faced with trying to break Arkansas' six-game winning streak in the series, said his defense has played well despite a lack of individual standouts.

"We don't have any dominating players on our defensive team," Sherrill said. "They've chased the ball very well and they've hit people."

Sherrill said part of the defensive success is due to better

offensive play. "The secret to keeping people out of the end zone is not turning the ball over on your end of the field and not giving up the big play," Sherrill said. "We did that last year. We're not as reckless offensively as we were last year."

Holtz noted that the Aggie defenders held Baylor to 247 total yards in a 13-13 tie earlier in the year. The Bears rolled up 543 yards a week ago in a 24-21 win against the Razorbacks, the most ever given up by a Holtz-coached Arkansas team.

"They've allowed 36 points in five conference games," Holtz said. "They're a really outstanding defensive team. They're talented, they're well-coached, they fly to the ball."

Sherrill faced Holtz' situation a year ago, when John Elkins had to fill in for the injured Gary Kubiak at quarterback against the Razorbacks. A 35-0 Arkansas rout ensued.

"You've got to line up and play with what you've got," Sherrill said. "Obviously our quarterback did not have a good night last year, but Arkansas had something to do with that."

Sherrill attributed Baylor's offensive success last week to passing proficiency against the eight-man line used by the Razorbacks, and the talent of individual performers like receivers Gerald McNeil and Bruce Davis and tailback Alfred Anderson.

## Ag spikers sweep UH; UT next

by Bob Caster  
Battalion Staff

Lately the Texas A&M volleyball team has been confronting Southwest Conference foes in a fashion much akin to lighting a cigarette with a flamethrower — the word is "overpowering."

The Aggies were no exception Wednesday night as they carved another notch in the win column beating the Houston Cougars on their own court in three games — 15-10, 15-5 and 15-13.

"Our players were pretty awesome," Aggie coach Terry Condon said after the match. "We played one of the best games we've played all season. Houston really couldn't do much of anything out there tonight."

The Cougars enjoyed limited success in the first

game, briefly edging out in front only to lose their grip on the lead by the end of the game.

In game two the Cougs never had a chance against an impenetrable defensive wall and Aggie senior Cathy Frederick, who served nine straight points.

The last game was what Condon described as "neck and neck" before the Aggies finally took the lead for good.

Top hitters for the game were Chemine Doty, who hit .692, and Sherri Brinkman, who averaged .667.

"Sherri had some good hits in the middle tonight," Condon said. "It really psychs out the other team when you have a hitter who can do that."

"We played our own style of game tonight and that's what we needed to do," Condon

said about the last game. "They had to do what we did — play our game."

"They seem to do better on the road. They concentrate better and pull together as a team. They just do a better job."

The Aggies only have one team left to psych out. They face the Texas Longhorns in the last conference match of the season — a match that could decide who goes to the playoffs and who stays home.

As it stands right now, the Aggies are in second place behind the Longhorns. If they beat the 'Horns, the two teams will split the conference championship, and a playoff match will determine who goes to the NCAA Tournament. If the Aggies lose to Texas, the best

they can hope for is an "at-large" spot.

By beating the Longhorns, Texas A&M has everything to gain and nothing to lose. Condon is confident about her team.

"If we play like we played tonight, the match against Texas will be a great one," Condon said. "We're playing so much better now than we were earlier in the season. They know they can win and that's what it takes."

The Longhorns gave the Aggies their only defeat this season but Condon and her players think the tables have turned. The outcome can be witnessed at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

## Blues for the Jazz; Spurs win 105-99

United Press International  
SAN ANTONIO — Forward Gene Banks scored 11 of his 25 points in the final period Wednesday night to help the San Antonio Spurs who blew two big leads, escape with a 105-99 victory over the Utah Jazz.

Banks dropped in a three pointer as the 24-second shot clock expired midway through the fourth quarter to put the Spurs up 95-89 and Utah never got closer than three.

Banks, who leads the NBA in field goal percentage, hit 9 of 12 from the floor and pulled down 9 rebounds.

The Spurs blew a 14-point lead in the first quarter and a 15-point third period margin.

Mitchell hit 10 points to lead the Spurs to an 18-4 lead early in the first quarter before John Drew caught fire. Drew scored 12 points during a 24-5 Jazz run that put Utah ahead 28-23.

Drew led the Jazz with 19 in the first half and led all scorers

with 28. Mitchell scored 18 in the first half to put the Spurs up 55-50.

Banks scored six points during a 10-0 San Antonio run to start the second half, which gave the Spurs a 65-60 lead. San Antonio held on for 80-70 third quarter margin.

Rickey Green, who added 16 points for the Jazz, scored 8 points during a 10-2 Utah run that brought the jazz to within 82-80.

## Campbell won't be traded, Oiler management claims

United Press International  
HOUSTON — Houston Oilers officials said Wednesday they have no intention of trading running back Earl Campbell, despite his public request to be traded elsewhere.

Earl remains under contract to the Oilers for the 1984 and 1985 seasons and the organization's hope is that he will be a member of the Oilers even beyond that period," Ladd Herzog, Oiler's general manager, said in a statement.

Herzog said he was perplexed by Campbell's request, which was reported Tuesday afternoon on ABC-TV for his Saturday night Earl Campbell Show.

In that interview, the six-year veteran Campbell said that he wanted to "get a new address" and be traded to another team at the end of the season.

He claimed he was treated badly Sunday when he was removed from the game against the Cincinnati Bengals. The Oilers continued their losing streak and were defeated 55-14.

Campbell said he would not eat his dog the way he was treated. Campbell's contract earns him an annual \$300,000 in cash and \$100,000 in deferred payment.

Herzog said he had wanted to meet "face-to-face with Earl" Wednesday, but Campbell postponed the meeting.

In his statement, Herzog said when he spoke last month with Campbell about the team's rebuilding program, Campbell indicated "we had the team headed in the right direction" and anticipated a "relatively short turn around period."

"He expressed his personal hope that the organization would keep the present group of players together as a solid foundation for the future. His attitude at that time was extremely good and he was in very high spirits," Herzog said.

"If Earl's comments of the past couple of days stem from the frustrating 1983 season and the humiliating defeat of Sunday, I can certainly appreciate it. Everyone involved in the Oiler's organization — down to the secretaries — is embarrassed and frustrated with the situation," Herzog said.

But he said in the past two weeks, the Oiler's have utilized its first round choices in 1982 and 1983 in selecting offensive linemen and used its second pick in 1983 to select another offensive lineman, bypassing such notable running backs such as Marcus Allen, Eric Dickerson and Curt Warner.

"Actions speak louder than

words and the organization's actions should have demonstrated to everyone of the Oiler's desire to retain Earl," he said.

Coach Chuck Studley said he has no idea why Campbell wants

to be traded.

"I have no idea what motivated his feelings," Studley said.

Herzog said he would not discuss the matter further until he spoke personally with Campbell.

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