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Six A&M players make list; Childress, Siler on 1st team

From staff and wire reports

DALLAS — Texas A&M freshman quarterback Kevin Murray was named United Press International's Southwest Conference Newcomer of the Year to lead a group of six Aggies named to the wire service's all-SWC team Wednesday.

Junior defensive end Ray Childress and sophomore tight end Rich Siler were the only Texas A&M players named to the first-team, but Murray, defensive lineman Keith Guthrie, punter Kyle Stuard and place kicker Alan Smith were named to the second all-SWC team.

Childress, who was named to the Turner Broadcasting System all-America team earlier this year, totaled 117 tackles — 15 for sacks — from his defensive end position for the Aggies. And since the Richardson Pearce product is only a junior, he is already being touted as a strong all-America candidate for the 1984 season.

But Childress isn't the only Texas A&M underclassman that has a promising future. In fact, Guthrie and Stuard were the only Texas A&M seniors named to UPI's list.

Murray led the conference in total offensive production with a 164.3-yard average per game, while Siler, a sophomore, caught 40 passes for four touchdowns this year. Smith, a junior, was the Aggies' leading scorer with 72 points for the year. He hit 18 of 26 field goals and added 18 points after touchdown.

SMU's Lance McIlhenny, the winningest quarterback in Southwest Conference history, and a crowd of players from the Texas Longhorns' overpowering defensive unit, highlighted the rest of UPI's all-SWC team.

McIlhenny became the first quarterback in the 36-year history of the UPI balloting to win all-conference honors three years in a row.

In addition, SMU defensive back Russell Carter and Baylor wide receiver Gerald McNeil were named to the all-league team for the third consecutive year. No other member of this year's team was a member of the 1982 all-conference squad.

The team was chosen by a select panel of writers and broadcasters who covered SWC football this year.

McIlhenny, who guided SMU to a 10-1 season, a No. 6 national ranking and a spot in the Sun Bowl, has quarterbacked 34 vic-

tories since taking over the starting role in the middle of his freshman year.

But he lost out in the offensive player of the year balloting to McNeil, the Baylor receiver who caught 62 passes this season for 1,034 yards.

Defensive player of the year honors were shared by Carter and Texas defensive back Jerry Gray, a member of a unit that led the country by allowing just 212 yards per game this season.

Murray, whose entry into the Aggies' starting lineup this year signaled a turnaround in Texas A&M's fortunes, was named newcomer of the year and coach of the year honors went to Texas' Fred Akers.

Akers edged Baylor's Grant Teaff in coach of the year balloting after Teaff's team became the surprise success story of the season.

Joining McIlhenny in the first team backfield were SMU sophomore Reggie Dupard and Baylor senior Alfred Anderson, the league's top two rushers.

In addition to McNeil, the receiving corps was made up of TCU's James Maness — one of the bright lights in the Horned Frogs disappointing season — and Siler.

At offensive line were tackles Mark Adickes of Baylor and Brian O'Meara of SMU, guards Doug Dawson of Texas and Marcus Elliott of Arkansas and center Mike Ruether of Texas — who was named to the team despite missing part of the season with an injury.

The 1983 United Press International all-Southwest Conference football team, listing position, name, school, hometown in parentheses, height, weight and class:

First Team Offense
Wide Receiver — Gerald McNeil, Baylor (Killeen, Texas), 5-7, 142, senior; James Maness, TCU (Decatur, Texas), 6-1, 170, junior.

Tight End — Rich Siler, Texas A&M (Miami, Fla.), 6-2, 240, sophomore.

Tackles — Mark Adickes, Baylor (Killeen, Texas), 6-5, 278, senior; Brian O'Meara, SMU (Cleveland, Ohio), 6-7, 265, senior.

Guards — Doug Dawson, Texas (Houston), 6-3, 263, senior; Marcus Elliott, Arkansas (Little Rock), 6-2, 265, junior.

Center — Mike Ruether, Texas (Shawnee Mission, Kan.), 6-4, 270, senior.

Quarterback — Lance

McIlhenny (Highland Park, Texas), 6-0, 190, senior.

Running Back — Reggie Dupard, SMU (New Orleans), 6-0, 200, sophomore; Alfred Anderson, Baylor (Waco), 6-1, 215, senior.

Kicker — Jeff Ward, Texas (Austin), 5-10, 180, freshman.

First Team Defense.

End — Eric Holle, Texas (Austin), 6-5, 240, senior; Ron Farot, Arkansas (Hurst, Texas), 6-8, 254, senior.

Tackle — Ray Childress, Texas A&M (Dallas), 6-6, 271, junior; Tony Degrate, Texas (Snyder, Texas), 6-4, 280, junior.

Middle guard — Michael Carter, SMU (Dallas), 6-2, 274, senior.

Linebacker — Jeff Leiding, Texas (Tulsa), 6-4, 240, senior; Bert Zinamon, Arkansas (Little Rock), 5-11, 220, senior.

Back — Jerry Gray, Texas (Lubbock), 6-1, 183, junior; Russell Carter, SMU (Ardmore, Pa.), 6-3, 193, senior; Mossy Cade, Texas (Eloy, Ariz.), 6-0, 185, senior; Allanda Smith, TCU (Houston), 6-2, 190, senior.

Punt — John Teltschick, Texas (Kerrville, Texas), 6-1, 209, sophomore.

Second Team Offense
Wide Receiver — Ron Morris, SMU (Cooper, Texas), 6-1, 200, freshman; Bruce Davis, Baylor (Dallas), 5-8, 160, senior.

Tight End — Rickey Bolden, SMU (Dallas), 6-6, 258, senior.

Tackles — Gene Chilton, Texas (Spring Branch, Texas), 6-3, 280, sophomore; Grady Burnette, SMU (Georgetown, Texas), 6-2, 260, senior.

Guards — Kirk McJunkin, Texas (Dallas), 6-3, 246, senior; Andrew Campbell, SMU (Dallas), 6-5, 260, junior.

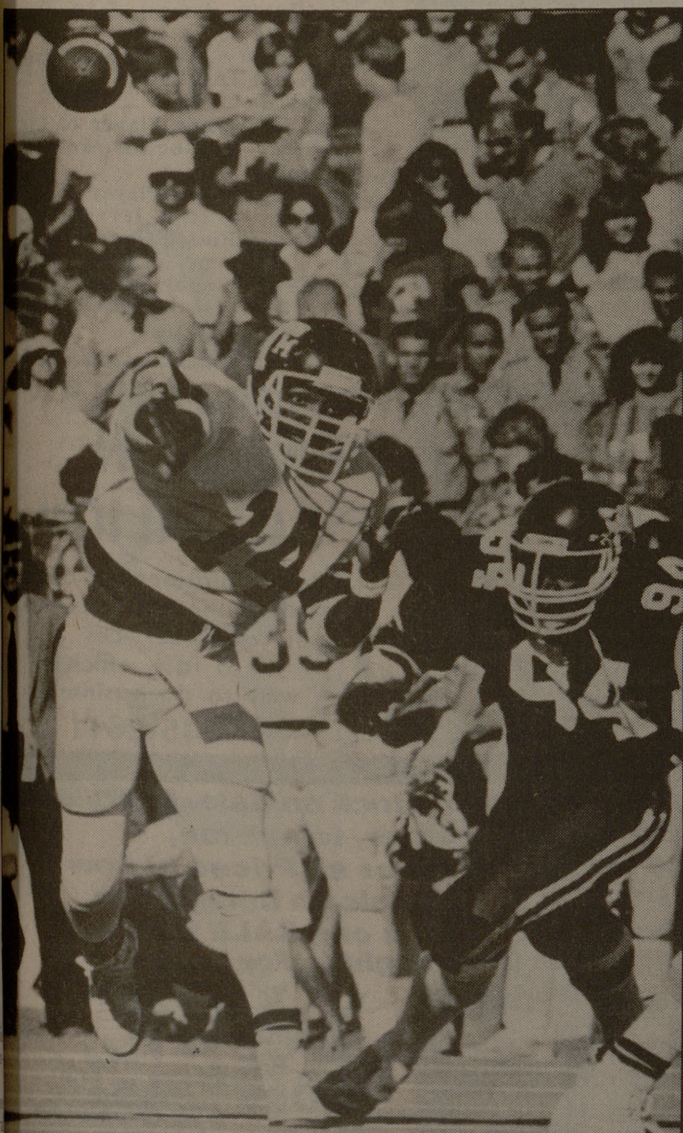
Center — Chris Jackson, SMU (Stratford, Texas), 6-4, 245, senior.

Quarterback — Kevin Murray, Texas A&M (Dallas), 6-2, 187, freshman.

Running Back — Donald Jordan, Houston (Houston), 6-0, 204, senior; Jeff Atkins, SMU (Fort Worth), 5-11, 205, freshman.

Kicker — Alan Smith, Texas A&M (Texas City), 6-2, 222, junior.

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John Makely, Battalion staff

Texas A&M's Kevin Murray was named as the Southwest Conference's Newcomer of the Year for 1983. The freshman from Dallas also made second-team all SWC.

Dye named SEC Coach of Year

United Press International

ATLANTA — To the winner goes the spoils.

Auburn beat Georgia and Kentucky this season and Wednesday Auburn's Pat Dye edged out Georgia's Vince Dooley and Kentucky's Jerry Claiborne to be named UPI's Southeastern Conference football coach of the year.

With No. 3 Auburn, 9-1 prior to Saturday's game against Alabama in Birmingham and headed for the Sugar Bowl, Dye, in only his third year at the Tigers' helm, was the choice of sportswriters and sportscasters in the seven-state region.

Dye's top running back, 222-pound sophomore Bo Jackson, was picked as the SEC offensive player of the year and Reggie White, 265-pound senior Tennessee lineman, was named the SEC defensive player of the year.

Dye, 44, an outstanding lineman at Georgia in 1958-60, was head coach for six years at East Carolina and one at Wyoming before taking over at Auburn in 1981. His first Auburn team went 5-6, but the second was 9-3, including the Tigers' first victory in 10 years over Alabama and a Tangerine Bowl victory over Boston College.

Auburn entered this season as the SEC favorite and a possible national contender and lived up to that billing with its lone loss to 2nd-ranked Texas in mid-September.

When the Tigers beat defending champion Georgia on Nov. 12, they assured themselves of at least a tie for their first SEC championship since 1957 and if they beat Alabama Saturday they'll win that title outright.

"This is a culmination of three years of work, not just one year," Dye said of Auburn's success this season. "It started three years ago. Our team has fought through what has to be considered one of the toughest schedules ever played."

As Dye points out, when Auburn faces 8th-ranked Michigan in the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 2, that will be the ninth bowl game the Tigers will have played in three and a half months. The other eight were Texas (Cotton), Tennessee (Citrus), Florida State (Peach), Kentucky (Hall of Fame), Florida (Gator), Maryland (Citrus), Georgia (Cotton) and Alabama (Sun).

To make matters more difficult, each of Auburn's first five opponents had open dates the week before playing the Tigers.



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Ray Childress' 117 tackles — 82 unassisted — and his dominating play on the defensive line yielded him first-team all conference honors.



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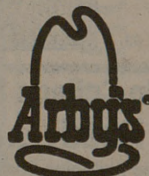
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