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UTEP Miners buried — enter the Cyclones

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It's a fact that Texas A&M Football Coach Jackie Sherrill is not as distressed about the way the Aggies played against UTEP as many Aggie-watchers would think. It's all part of the plan.

The three idle weeks that the Aggies have had since their 20-17 win over the Miners have been the medium for a culture of "goal post" cartoons, newspaper articles and re-

marks by disgruntled fans who wanted to see a crushing Aggie win in that first game. In their season opener, the Aggies were fortunate enough to have the left upright deflect the Miners' game-tying field goal attempt.

But none of this seems to have worn on Sherrill, who maintains that ten years down the road, it's the win in the column and not the score in the box that will tell the story.

So, once and for all, why didn't the Aggies splatter the Miners like

everybody wanted and expected them to?

"I didn't feel like that was best for our football team early in the season," said Sherrill. "If you're playing a game like that (UTEP), you ought to win it the hard way because the games coming down the road are games you better be able to play. Games that you're going to play down the road aren't games that you're going to go out there and go 80 yards in three plays in."

Aggie quarterback Kevin Murray

executed just such a drive against the Miners.

It helps to understand the attitude that the Coach Sherrill and the Aggies have been working with.

"I think the approach to the first game was the same that they (the players) had," said Sherrill. "We were going to open up (the season) — we were going to play — and we were really going to open our season this week. I think that they approached it the same way mentally."

The UTEP game is now history.

So as far as the Aggies are concerned, the Iowa State game is the season opener.

This Saturday, when Kevin Murray trots out on the field to lead the offense, he'll be under different orders from Sherrill. He'll be turned loose.

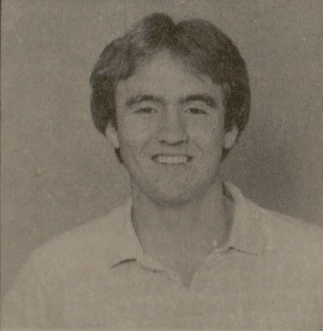
"We're going to be a lot more reckless," said Sherrill. "Like (Penn State Head Coach Joe) Paterno put it, 'We're going to put in some of those fancy plays.'"

But, against the Cyclones, the Aggies are still going to stay with their plan to play many players.

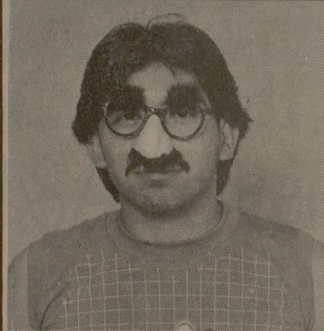
Still, if the Ags do win, and turning Murray loose is really the key, don't look for a bloodthirsty maroon and white. There will not be any intent to run up the score against the Cyclones.

As Sherrill put it, "We're not going to be going out to see if we can smash them."

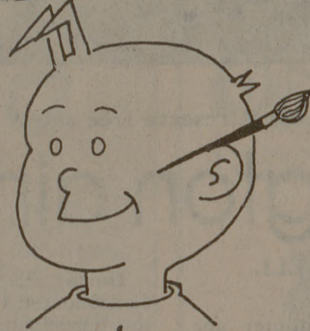
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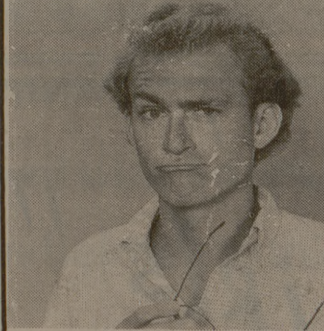
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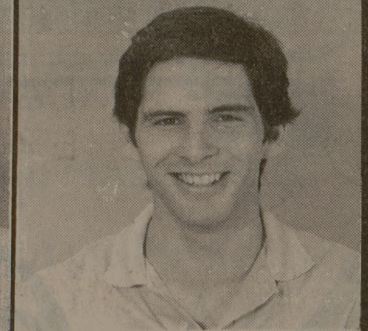
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Kansas State at TCU	TCU by 17	TCU by 13	TCU by 7	Froggies by 14	TCU by 3	TCU by 7
Tulsa at Arkansas	Arkansas by 6	Arkansas by 3	Arkansas by 1	Porkers by 2	Arkansas by 14	Arkansas by 4
North Texas State at SMU	SMU by 10	SMU by 24	SMU by 14	Ponies by 16	SMU by 17	SMU by 14
Texas Tech at New Mexico	New Mexico by 7	Texas Tech by 10	Texas Tech by 7	Raiders by a Tom Wilson	Texas Tech by 7	Texas Tech by 10
Lamar at Rice	Lamar by 1	Rice by 3	Rice by 1	Cards by 8	Rice by 7	Rice by 12
Houston at Washington	Washington by 12	Washington by 10	Washington by 13	Huskies by 6	Washington by 14	Washington by 18
Baylor at Oklahoma	Oklahoma by 28	Oklahoma by 14	Oklahoma by 14	Boomer Sooners by 18	Oklahoma by 10	Oklahoma by 3
Nebraska at UCLA	UCLA by 3	Nebraska by 7	Nebraska by 14	Huskers by 61	UCLA by 3	UCLA by 6
Florida State at Miami (Fla.)	Florida State by 1	Miami (Fla.) by 17	Miami (Fla.) by 1	'Noles by 8	Miami (Fla.) by 20	Florida State by 1
Green Bay at Dallas	Cowboys by 9	Cowboys by 10	Cowboys by 3	Pokes by 11	Cowboys by 9	Packers by 6
Houston at Atlanta	Falcons by 21	Falcons by 3	Falcons by 3	Falcons by 6	Oilers by 7	Falcons by 14
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