

Arkansas State defense plots Ag ambush

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No sooner do the Texas Aggies learn to stop the great passing attack of Iowa State when somebody has to throw on the brakes and get the team set up for the running attack of Arkansas State.

The Indians are doing better than anybody expected them to, posting a 3-1 record heading into Saturday's clash on Kyle Field.

"They're a lot better this year than they were last year," A&M Coach Jackie Sherrill said. "They're not going to have a lot of points scored against them this year."

Indeed, the Indians are getting stellar performances from their defense.

"So far, I'd say that our No. 1 strength has been our defense," Arkansas State Coach Larry Lacewell said. "Anytime you play 12 quarters of football without giving up a touchdown, you've got to consider that a strength. Of course, we haven't been playing Texas A&M either."

Lacewell added jokingly, "Probably our No. 1 weakness is coaching."

Last season, Arkansas State came into the A&M game with a 2-0 record. The Ags, having had two

weeks to prepare, soundly trounced them 38-0. The Indians went on to lose their next three games.

"I think it bothered us," said Lacewell.

This season the Indians have been a surprise to everyone, including Lacewell.

"Offensively, we're better than I thought we'd be," he said. "We weren't supposed to win the games we've won. I think we've been a surprise to everybody in our part of the country because we were picked next to last in the Southland Conference and people didn't think we'd

win but one game coming into the A&M game."

Sure, the Indians are primarily a running team. But that doesn't mean they can't do anything else.

"We throw the ball, too," Lacewell said. "You might be surprised this year. We're going to throw somewhere in the neighborhood of 15-20 times a ballgame."

Among the more potent weapons in the Indians' teepee are defensive end Stacy Price, quarterback Dwane Brown and fullbacks Rickey Jemison and Lewis Brown.

D. Brown, Jemison and L. Brown usually averages 15-17 carries each

in a game. Price was the leading tackler for the Indians last season.

Offensively, ASU runs a variation of the wishbone which Lacewell has dubbed the "Y-bone."

Sherrill explained the problems ASU's offense will create for the Ags:

"Their guard-tackle split will be huge," Sherrill said. "We need to be able to read their blocks, be able to be in a position to take the dive—the quarterback or the pitchman. All it takes is one play where you don't

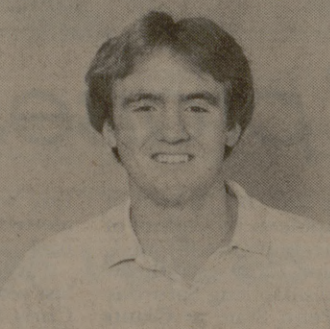
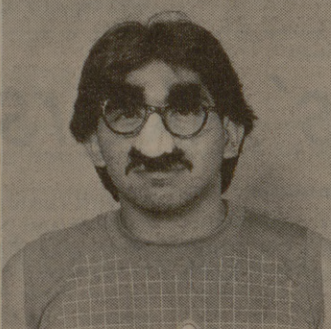


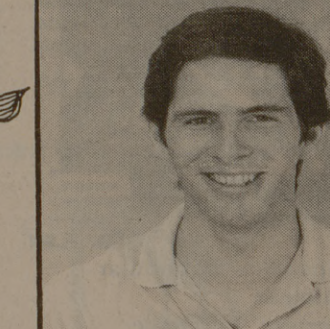

cover one of the three and they get a big play on you."

"If you look at all of the national stats of the people that are leading the country in rushing, it will always be the teams that are running some type of option."

Sherrill assessed the Ags' situation:

"The kicking game is pretty sound," he said. "We're going back to are regular offense. I hope we can be a little more consistent and not make the mental mistakes offensively."

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| Texas at Penn State | Texas by 9 | Penn State by 6 | Nittany Lions by 8 | Penn State by 3 | Texas by 7 | Penn State by 7 |
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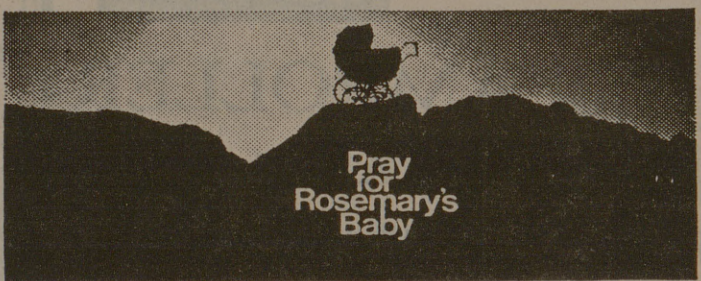
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