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Turkeys may be only feast for Aggs

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Ask the Aggies to choose between turkey and horned frog for Thanksgiving dinner and they'll probably choose frog — the TCU variety — chicken-fried with a little garlic bread and a little Wacker dressing on the side.

After having the Arkansas Razorbacks ram the apple into their mouths last weekend, 28-0, the 4-5 Aggs will share the gridiron Saturday with the 8-2 Frogs.

It'll be the meeting of the team that was expected to do well and isn't and the team that wasn't expected to do well and is.

During the weekly press conference Tuesday, a relaxed Aggie Coach Jackie Sherrill talked about the upcoming game with TCU.

"It goes without saying that offensively they have some excellent football players," Sherrill said. "They have a lot of players who have been together for awhile. They certainly have a great receiver in James Maness and their running back Kenneth Davis has made a lot of things happen. Both of their senior quarterbacks, Anthony Gulley and Anthony Sciaraffa, have been very successful operating their offense."

The Aggie defense will be challenged to plug the holes created by a

wide-open TCU offense.

"They'll stretch (your defense) from sideline to sideline," Sherrill said.

Sherrill went on to explain that stretching the defense out to cover the offense can create some problems for the offense because it requires excellent quarterbacking.

"They do a great job of pitching the ball at the last second," Sherrill said. "On the films we've seen (TCU running back Kenneth) Davis just hit the sidelines (after taking the pitch) and without having any room to run just kind of dance down the sideline and make something happen."

The TCU defense has not been

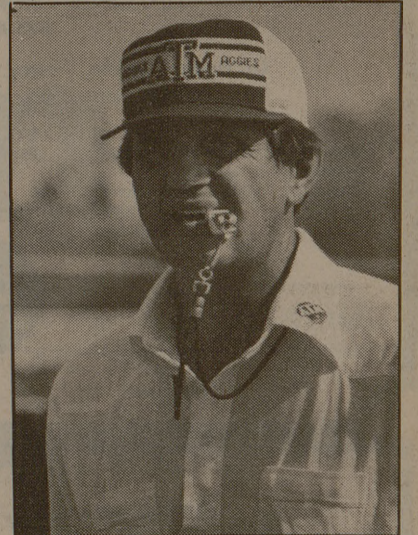
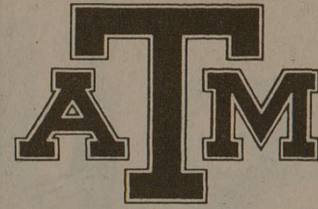
garnering the same rave reviews that the offense has.

"Defensively, their team is not as old," Sherrill said. "They've played well and they have some players who I feel are very, very good. (Defensive back) Byron Linwood has had a great year as have (defensive back) Sean Thomas and (defensive end) Kevin Dean."

Another strong point of the Frog team is their kicking game.

"I think that their punter has done a good job," Sherrill said. "Kickoff return has been very, very good."

"Basically, when you get down to it, their offense has been what's made a lot of things happen. They've been able to score a lot of points. They've been able to come back against almost everybody they've played this year. They've been down quite a bit in some games. "They were down at Arkansas, Baylor and Texas Tech. That's the



Aggie Head Coach Jackie Sherrill is still optimistic.

sign of a good, mature team when you're down as much as they have been and not lose any of the foresight or zest to come back — knowing that they've been there before and it's just a matter of them getting it back."

Sherrill sees the Aggie defense as being able to stop TCU by filling the alleys, not taking the fakes and being able to control the inside.

The Aggies have few injuries going into Saturday's game. Tight end Duncan Webb is nursing a twisted ankle suffered in Arkansas.

Gators keep champion's crown, but no Bowl bid

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The Southeastern Conference executive committee Tuesday ruled 7th-ranked Florida ineligible to represent the league in the Sugar Bowl, but deferred judgment on whether the Gators could retain their title as SEC football champions.

The SEC champion automatically receives an invitation to play in the Jan. 1 Sugar Bowl at New Orleans, but Florida was ruled ineligible because it has been found guilty of NCAA rules violations.

Florida faces three years of probation for recruitment and other violations, but has appealed the punishment and must wait until a January hearing by the NCAA council to find out if lesser sanctions will be im-

posed.

The decision to lock the Gators out of the Sugar Bowl means SEC runner-up Auburn will go if it can win its final conference game Dec. 1 against Alabama. If 11th-ranked Auburn loses, 18th-ranked Louisiana State would go to the bowl.

Dr. James McComas, President of Mississippi State University and chairman of the SEC executive committee, said the conference would not rule on whether Florida could keep the title until after the NCAA takes final action of the school's appeal.

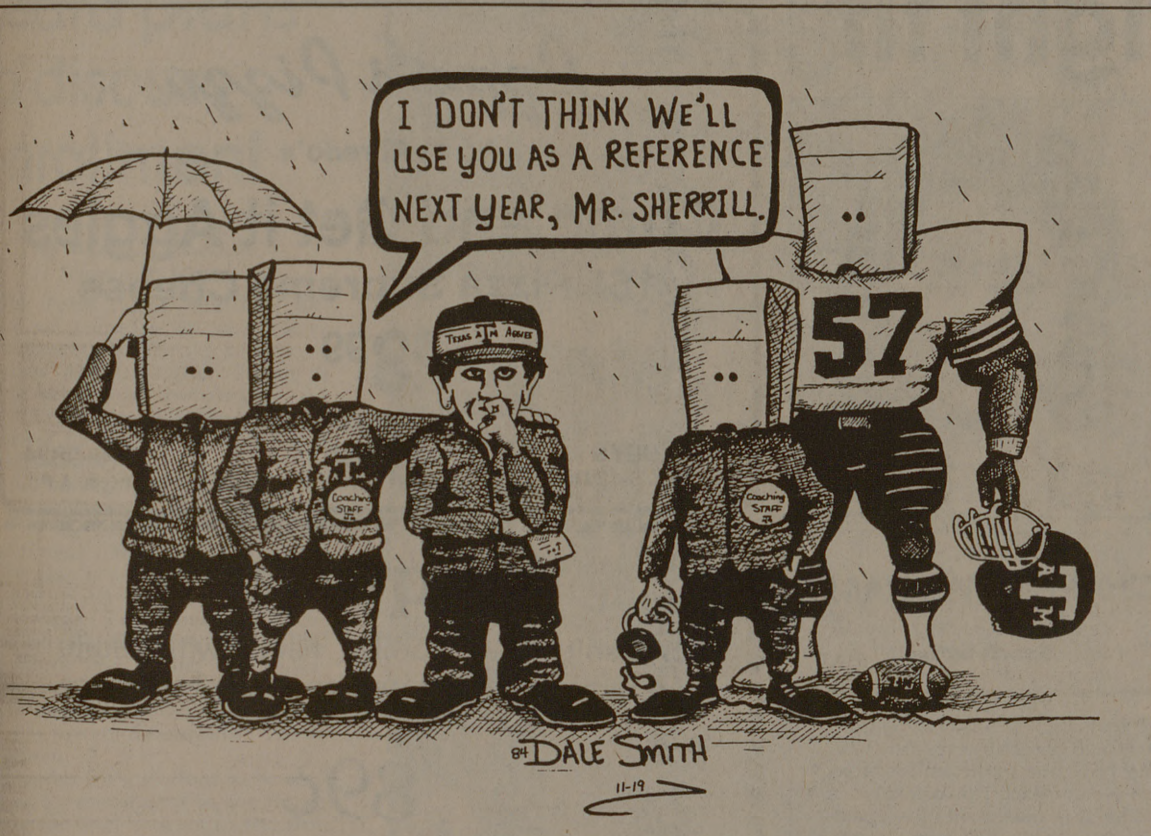

However, McComas said the fact that Florida players and the school had already admitted to certain NCAA rules violations prompted

the committee to vote unanimously to prohibit Florida from "participating in post-season athletic events."

The Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel said an arrangement allowing Florida to remain the SEC champion while another team represented the league in the Jan. 1 New Orleans bowl game would keep the Gators from suing the SEC.

The Birmingham News said the SEC was reserving the right to further punish Florida once final NCAA action is made in the case, but that won't be until after the bowl games.

Florida was found guilty of 59 NCAA rules violations in September.

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