

SPORTS



Ags To Play Real Texas

Photo by DEAN SAITO

Texas A&M's guard Beth Young, who leads the Aggies in assists with 67, looks to pass the ball to a teammate as UTSA's Karen Kroen defends. Lynn Hickey's Aggies (8-6, 1-3) beat the "other" Texas team on their

schedule earlier this season and will battle No. 2 UT in Austin at 1:30 p.m. Saturday. Shelby Metcalf's Aggie (10-5, 2-2) will tangle with the Longhorn at 12:08 p.m. Sunday in the Frank Erwin Special Events Center.

Aggies escape TCU; Tech zaps Arkansas

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — Junior guard Kenny Brown hit 22 points and key baskets down the stretch to power Texas A&M to a 65-60 overtime victory over TCU Wednesday night in a Southwest Conference game.

A&M held a 51-49 lead and the ball with 45 seconds left in regulation when TCU's Tracy Mitchell stripped Todd Holloway of the ball to start a fast break. Carven Holcombe's tip-in on that break knotted the score at 51 and Brown missed a 25-foot jump shot as time expired.

But in the overtime, A&M jumped to a quick four-point lead on a field goal and a pair of free throws by Brown. Winston Crite's follow shot with 1:05 left in the overtime upped the Aggie lead to 57-52. The score was tied 28-28 at the half.

Brown hit 10 of 18 from the field, mostly from 18 feet or more along the baseline to lead A&M, 10-5 overall and 2-2 in the SWC, to a 61 per-

cent showing from the field. TCU slipped to 9-7 and 1-4.

Texas Tech 64, Arkansas 48

LUBBOCK — Senior guard Bubba Jennings canned 20 points and Texas Tech hit a school record 67.5 percent from the floor en route to a 64-48 thumping of Arkansas in Southwest Conference basketball play Wednesday night.

The drubbing, which dropped Arkansas' conference record to 3-2 and 12-5 overall, was the worst ever conference loss for an Eddie Sutton-coached Southwest Conference team.

Tech improved its record to 10-4 overall, 3-1 in the SWC.

Texas 68, Baylor 65

WACO — Texas center John Brownlee scored 21 points and the Longhorns held off a furious Baylor rally to defeat the Bears, 68-65, Wednesday night in a Southwest

Conference basketball matchup. Baylor erased a 12-point Texas lead down the stretch. The Longhorns largest lead was 59-47 on a slam by Carlton Cooper midway through the second half.

Six points, four on free throws in the final 44 seconds by Texas guard Karl Willock, lifted the Longhorns to their third SWC victory against two losses. Texas is 10-5 overall while Baylor is 7-8 and 0-4 in the conference.

Houston 77, Rice 73

HOUSTON — Houston guard Eric Dickens scored six straight points and Braxton Clark hit a layup in the final 1:36 to rally the Cougars to a 77-73 Southwest Conference basketball victory over Rice Wednesday night.

Houston, 11-4 for the season, upped its SWC record to 3-1. Rice dropped to 8-7 and 1-3 and now trails the series 28-1 against their cross-town rivals.

Football to jam to high-tech

By DICK WEST

UPI Columnist

WASHINGTON — "They're jamming us again, Coach," the tight end complains as he returns to the bench after being penalized for eavesdropping. "I couldn't hear the snap count."

Jamming, I predict, will be only one of the electronic capabilities football teams will develop if the rules are changed to authorize helmets wired for sound.

Each squad also eventually will hire a high-tech coordinator. There will be repairmen, as well as trainers and doctors, along the sidelines and game officials will be empowered to impose a couple of new penalties for interference.

There would be two types of infractions, as I see it — one major, the other minor. Accidentally grabbing a face mike would carry only a 5-yard penalty. But if a player, in the opinion of an official, deliberately tuned into the other side's huddle,

his team could be set back 15 yards for unnecessary radioactivity.

"Intent" would be the cliché word in the broadcast booth. The referee must decide whether a blitzing linebacker intended to steal the other team's signals or whether he picked up the cadence accidentally while trying to bring in a "Top 40" station.

The idea behind the proposed rules change, as I understand it, would be to enable offensive players, particularly wide receivers, to hear the quarterback's voice over crowd noises.

I cannot help but believe, however, that electronic technology could be used to improve communications all over the stadium.

Coaches, for example, now must send in plays by substitutes or by wig-wagging from the sidelines. Why not use telegraph keys?

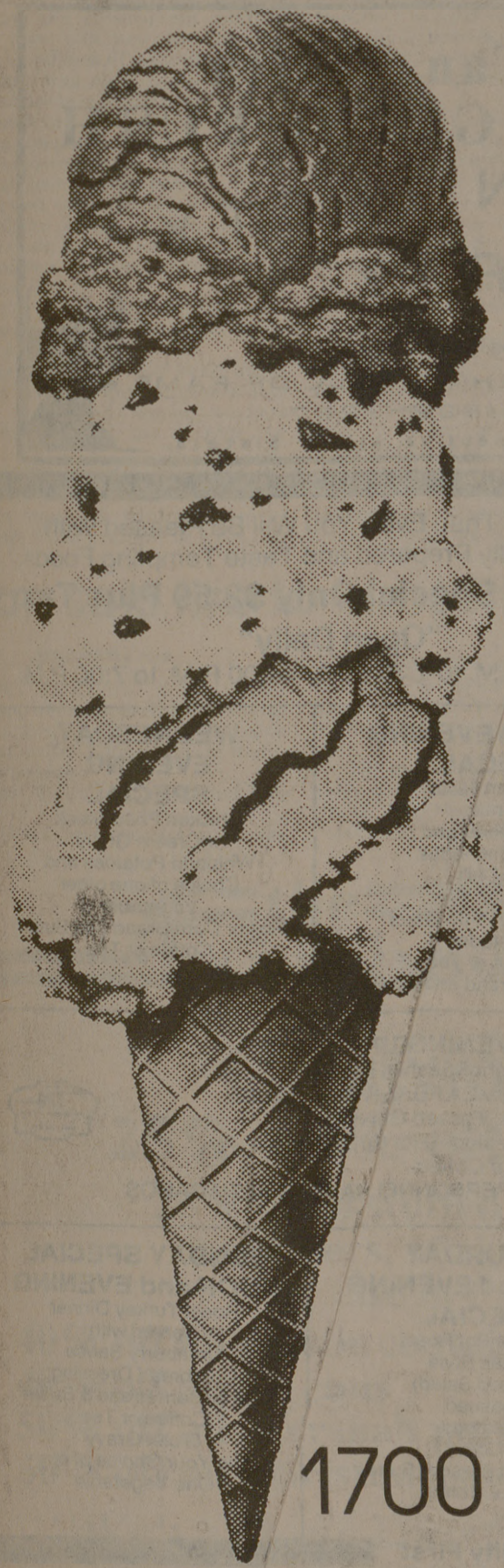
I mean, the offensive braintrust employs the Morse Code to indicate whether they want a pass or a run. Meanwhile, across the field, defensive coaches could be tapping out

similar instructions — sending word to the secondary to line up in a "zone" or "man-to-man" coverage and designating the players they want to "red-dog."

The only additional staff member I can foresee an immediate need for would be a wireless operator. But as soon as some team added a decoder, all sorts of cryptographers and decipherment specialists would be hired.

Will each side be given additional time-outs for equipment checks? And what happens if a player's ear-phones go dead after all the time-outs have been used? And what about the first time the coaching staff hooks up a line to a computer sequestered in the dressing room or high in the grandstand where some of the assistant coaches normally sit?

These are questions the rule-makers must address as time goes by, along with the one arising the first time a cornerback asks his bench to play "As Time Goes By."



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