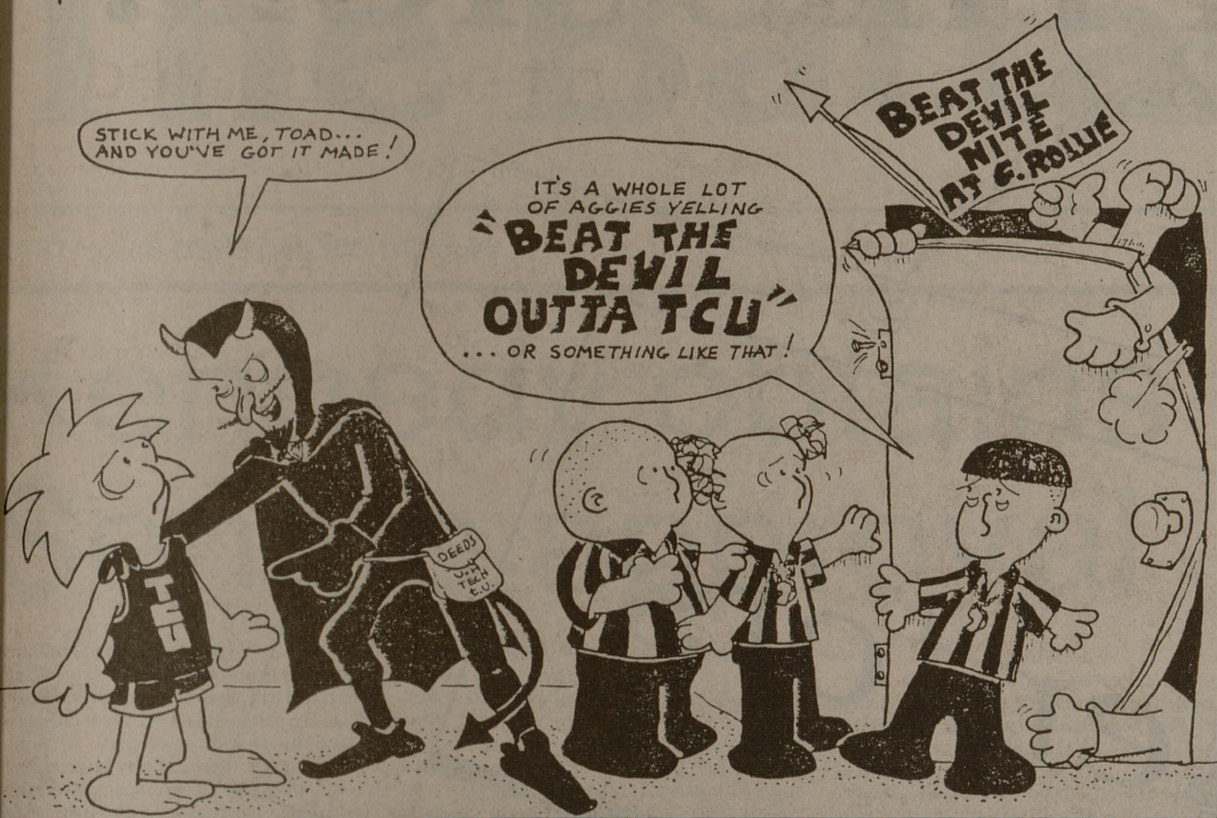


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### Coaching change beginning of end for star high school running back

CHILLICOTHE (AP) — The only person not asking what happened to Michael McKnight is Michael McKnight.

That's because he's got the answer. "Nothing happened to me," said McKnight, a Class A running back who set national rushing and scoring records in 1986. "But a lot happened to our football team."

In one year, Michael McKnight went from first-team, all-state to second-team, all-district. He went from a running back who rushed 234 times for 2,588 yards — an average of 11.6 yards per carry — to one who rushed for 1,069 yards.

He went from a running back who had 40 touchdowns, 36 by rushing — a feat that put him in fifth in national record books, to one who scored 15 touchdowns.

He went from a running back who compiled 4,012 all-purpose yards — including 861 in kickoff returns, 378 in punt returns and 14 pass receptions for 185 yards — to one who said, "I didn't have enough (all-purpose) yards this year to bother keeping up with."

The Chillicothe Eagles struggled

to finish 4-6. Fans grumbled, crowds dwindled and Chillicothe was the Chillicothe it didn't want to be: a typical, rural North Texas town with a Dairy Queen and memories of a running back who'd put them under the spotlight for a year.

"At the end of last football season, we all thought everything would be great this year. It'd been so long since we'd made the playoffs, we were really excited. But then the coaching change came and everything just seemed to go downhill after that," McKnight said.

"It left us with a lot of controversy. There was a time where it looked like we might not even have a football team."

McKnight's coach in his junior year was Charles Norton. He resigned last summer, as Chillicothe principal Jerry Baird said, "for reasons I can't go into."

Norton's replacement, Mac Lowe, found himself nursing a football team that had gone to pieces. He tried to mend it with a Wishbone attack, and according to McKnight and some coffee shoppers, the new offense made a bad situation worse.

"There were so many changes

going on. A lot of people were playing different positions, both on offense and defense," McKnight said. "Everybody just kept moving around. It was the third or fourth game before we knew what we were doing, and by that time a lot of our players had lost a lot of desire."

McKnight went from the tailback in a Power-I to one of two halfbacks in a Wishbone.

"When I was in the I-formation I could see what was happening before it developed. . . . I would get the ball deep enough to where I could read and pick my holes. Being in a three-point stance changed that," McKnight said.

Lowe said he went to the Wishbone to take pressure off McKnight.

"I felt like we had three caliber backs, not just Michael. But Michael McKnight was still the main carrier in our offense. And he did a great job. You've got to realize that he still gained over 1,000 yards in just eight games."

His best performance his senior year was against Crowell, when he rushed for 176 yards on 26 carries — no touchdowns.

### Ag bowlers will advance to sectionals

The Texas A&M men's bowling team swept the Texas Longhorns in the final match of the Texas Intercollegiate Bowling Conference tournament Sunday qualifying the Aggies for sectional competition in March.

The men finished in second place overall in the tourney and the women also will advance to sectionals, matching the men's showing by grabbing second place honors.

A&M's Mike Schumaker burned up the alleys with a perfect 300 game.

His 804-point series is the best three consecutive games rolled in post-season play in collegiate competition this year.

Schumaker was the season's champion and all-conference Most Valuable Player runner-up.

### Spurs rip New Jersey on Berry's 28 points

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Walter Berry scored 28 points to lead the San Antonio Spurs to a 118-106 NBA victory over the New Jersey Nets Tuesday night.

Spurs guard Alvin Robertson and forward Greg Anderson had 20 points each.

San Antonio was able to set the tempo of the game throughout, switching from a quick-moving transition attack to a deliberate offense which ate up much of the clock whenever the Nets threatened.

New Jersey, coming off an upset of the Dallas Mavericks at Reunion Arena in Dallas, closed to 107-101 in the final two minutes of the game, but the Midwest Division Spurs changed the tempo, applying a tighter defense and pulling ahead for good.

The third quarter was much like the fourth, with the Nets getting close only to fall behind again.

Net guard John Bagley, on a trio of 3-pointers, cut the Spurs lead to

76-71, but they could get no closer.

Clutch passing by Robertson and Spur guard Johnny Dawkins opened the lead again as the Spurs took an 89-77 advantage at the end of the third quarter.

San Antonio started the game with an 11-2 spurt and led by as many as 17 and as few as eight in the first half.

By halftime, the Spurs were on top with a 58-47 lead.

The Nets were led by Buck Williams' 24 points.

Bagley and center Roy Hinson added 22 each.

"The 3-point shooters came out tonight," said Spurs coach Bob Weiss. "That really kept them in the game."

Bagley was 5 of 11 from long range, including three straight in the third period.

As a team the Nets were 7 of 20, while the Spurs were a perfect 4 of 4 with Robertson and guard Leon Wood hitting two each.

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