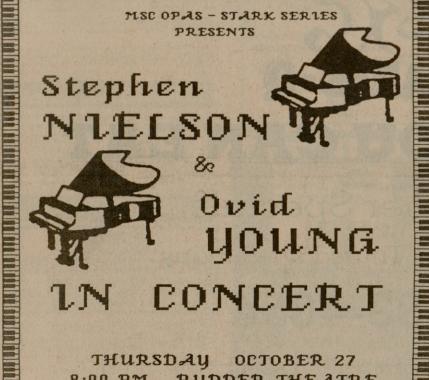


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THURSDAY OCTOBER 27 8:00 PM RUDDER THEATRE

## Football-less weekend isn't sport-less

A weekend without Aggie football is nothing new for this fall. There have been a few

The A&M football team will be idle once again this weekend, but it won't be because a hurricane is some 200 hundred miles away and the Crimson Tide chickened out.

This rest is a legitimate weekend off. Think of it as a kind of Halloween treat for the Aggie team. Louisiana Tech has a week to put on its costume in hopes of hiding from the "Wrecking Crew

So what is the sports-minded individual to do to satisfy that sports craving?

A couple of weekends ago, the Summer Olympics filled a gap in the Aggie football schedule. But those games are long over — no one is even talking about Carl Lewis anymore. It's as if the Olympics never even dominated NBC for two weeks.

If you blinked you even missed the World Series. Yes, you may say that the weekend is not without its football, and you would be quite right. The television will be saturated with college games and the pros come

But be adventurous. Look beyond the realm of football

Look somewhere besides the confines of your television set. There are other sports events in College Station.

Other sports in College Station?

I can almost see people cringing. Then, when one gives it a second thought, there are other sports in Aggieland. Yeah, there are other sports.

There's basketball, baseball, swimming and numerous others --- not to mention practice for forthcoming intramurals

Cray Pixley Assistant Sports Editor

The problem with these suggestions is that basketball season is not quite here, baseball is not until spring, and the swim team is in Dallas.

Even the Lady Aggie volleyball team has skipped town for the sunny skies of Gainsville, Fla. So the sports scene does seem a bit dry for College

Station this weekend. Wrong

Right here, under our very noses, is a fairly big sports event. Where, where, where? What sport? The sport in question is tennis.

Tennis?Yes, I suppose some people may snicker, but tennis is here to save the weekend.

Tennis gets a bad rap because it doesn't seem as if it is too much of a serious sporting event. The reason for taking it lightly?

Well, tennis isn't the most violent sport or even a

contact sport. Tennis is something all of us weekend netters can do with some success

Sometimes it is even easy to fantasize that yo be Steffi Graf's doubles partner. No one lkno believes he could be one half of the "Blitz Brit It seems like this identity factor enables us tennis off into to the sub-sport status.

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After all, tennis is not considered a tour defo a campus that is so dominated by football m doesn't have that spectator potential like football which is unfortunate.

While the Aggie football team has been stim four consecutive wins, the A&M men's and w tennis team has been dashing around the statea country playing preseason tournament

For three days this weekend, the men's tea host a four-way tourney at Omar Smith Ten on campus that may well have some good ad The tourney teams will be Texas Christian Northeast Louisiana University and A&M.

The point of interest is the standings of the teams

TCU is ranked 13th in the preseason by the Intercollegiate Tennis Coaches Association, A&M and Northeast Louisiana are listed aste watch

A team-to-watch mention puts both teams in in the high 20s or 30s in the nation Not too shaby

Play begins Friday and the Aggies will be previewing some new faces on the team. It's the pick of the weekend. Take advant great October weather to sun in the stands and some tennis action. Check it out.

## **Oilers at goal despite loss**

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Oilers are still where they want to be at mid-season despite another road failure against the Cincinnati Bengals, Oilers Coach Jerry Glanville said Monday

The Oilers beat Pittsburgh 34-14 two weeks ago in Pittsburgh, but they fell apart in the first quarter Sunday and the Bengals maintained control of the AFC Central Division with a 44-21 victory

'It comes with being employed in the NFL; one week you can't be any higher than you're going to get," Glanville said.

"Today, (Monday) you reach the other extreme. But neither one lasts very long. You don't get to savor or suffer too long

The Oilers fell behind 28-0 in the first quarter Sunday and never caught up although they narrowed the gap to 35-21 early in the fourth quarter

The Oilers had a chance to narrow the margin to 35-28 but Drew Hill dropped a touchdown pass in the end zone and Toni Zendejas compounded the error by missing a 45-yard field goal

'That was a crucial time in the game where we needed that lift," Glanville said. "We had them worried. But we dropped the TD pass, and then you go and miss the field goal.

Zendejas, who gets to face his former Washington teammate Sunday night, has hit six of 15 field goals this season.

Oiler quarterback Warren Moon, in his second game since missing six games with a shoulder injury, suffered two interceptions and completed three first half passes against Cincinnati.

He finished wih 13 of 32 completions for 158 yards and

complained after the game of a lack of velocity on his passes Moon reported to the Oilers' training room Monday and declined to talk with the media.

Oilers quarterback Coach June Jones said he wasn't aware

of any problem with Moon's velocity. "I thought he threw the ball as well as he could," Jones "I think he's right there where he was before the insaid.

Following Sunday's game, Moon said "I didn't have the velocity I wanted. Even some of their players came over after the game and said 'It didn't look like you had the velocity you used to have

Glanville expects the Oilers to have put the Cincinnati game aside by Wednesday to start preparing for Sunday night's game against Washington in the Astrodome.

Glanville feels the Oilers are right on course for a return to the playoffs.

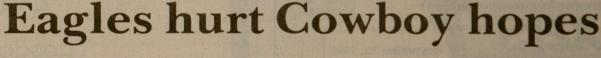
This loss would be devastating if we have only two games left," Glanville said. "But we've become a very good stretch team

We've got eight games left and five wins will get us in the playoffs. We just have to be in good shape coming down the

'That's when we play our best football.'

The Oilers came out of the game with three ankle injuries to linebacker Walter Johnson, tackle Bruce Davis and defensive end Richard Byrd.

The Oilers now have two early lapses on the road this season and both ended in losses.



IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys may have seen their NFL playoff hopes go down the drain for the third straight year on Sunday when they blew a 20-point lead in Philadelphia.

The Eagles drove 93 yards for the game-winning touch-down with three seconds to play to beat the Cowboys 24-23. The loss dropped Dallas to a 2-6 record and the NFC East

cellar at the NFL's mid-season. Four of the losses have been by a total of nine points.

It's the Cowboys' worst start in 25 years. Their worst sea-

and they left the field leading 20-7. Dallas had used up all three of its timeouts in the first period.

The Cowboys suffered 10 penalties in the fourth quarter, five of them for holding, as the offense had trouble getting untracked.

"The penalties just ate us up alive," Landry said. "We couldn't do much of anything because of them. The penalties were the killers.

Then Landry got the yardage marker mixed up late in the game with the Cowboys leading 23-17. Landry thought the On third and 2, he called a pass play.

Controvers call stands after review DALLAS (AP) - Southwest

ference commissioner Fred said Monday a slow motion is by-frame film showed officials the correct call on a con side kick at the end of Arkanse Spli 21 victory over Houston. "The film backs 'em up.

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of 1960 when they went 0-10-1 tying only the New York Giants.

'It will be very tough for us to make the playoffs now, said Dallas coach Tom Landry. "It will be difficult for us to make up three games against the schedule we're playing."

So far Dallas is 0 for October, losing to New Orleans, Washington, Chicago and Philadelphia this month.

The Cowboys lost to the Eagles although quarterback Steve Pelluer had his best day as a professional, hitting 32 of 46 passes for 342 yards

"I thought we had the game under control," Pelluer said. 'We just let it slip away. Everyone on this team knows we can win. Maybe everybody is just waiting around for somebody else to make the plays to do it.'

Pelluer's failure to get the clock stopped at the end of the first half cost the Cowboys a chance for a short field goal try

Pelluer rolled out, couldn't find a receiver, and was flagged for grounding the ball. The 12-yard penalty put Dallas out of field goal position.

Dallas punted then the Eagles made the game-winning drive

'We wanted a safe little play and we just wanted to get the first down," Landry said. "We really didn't think there was anything risky about it. I thought we were on the 30-yard line." The Cowboys host the Phoenix Cardinals on Sunday, a team they beat 17-14 earlier in the year.

The rest of the second half schedule includes at the New York Giants, Minnesota, Cincinnati and Houston at home, then away at Cleveland and Washington then home to Philadelphia in the regular season finale on Dec. 18.

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### Wyoming rides streak to AP Top 10 berth

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) - Wyoming's meteoric rise in the Associated 7-0-0. Press college football poll is a tribute to the turnaround that has the Cowboys riding the nation's longest regular-season

winning streak. A .500 team two years ago, Wyoming cracked the Top 10 on Monday for the first time in 21 years following Satur-day's 61-18 rout of Utah. UCLA, Notre Dame and Southern California held onto the top three spots.

Wyoming is 8-0 overall, 5-0 in conference play and has won its last 17 regularseason games

The No. 10 ranking marked Wyoming's fifth consecutive week in the poll and was the highest since the Cowboys were No. 6 in the final 1967 listings with a 10-0 record.

"We don't use it as incentive," Roach said of the rankings. "I'm sure that pleases our players to receive that recognition. But we're not defending a ranking. We're defending a championship. and therein lies the difference.

after Miami lost to Notre Dame. defeated eighth with 706 points. Arizona 24-3 Saturday and received 35 of 60 first-place votes and 1.171 of a with 653 points. possible 1.200 points from a nationwide panel of sports writers and sportscasters.

Force, was second for the second week Carolina, Georgia. Alabama and Orein a row with 19 first-place votes and gon

1,144 points. UCLA and Notre Dame are

Southern Cal, 6-0-0, was idle over the weekend. The Trojans received five first-place votes and 1,086 points. UCLA plays Southern Cal Nov. 19 and Southern Cal meets Notre Dame Nov.

Miami remained fourth with 1,024 points, following a 57-3 rout of Cincinnati, and Nebraska held onto fifth place with 893 points by trouncing Kansas State 48-3

Florida State crushed Division I-AA Louisiana Tech 66-3 and moved up from seventh place to sixth with 889 points.

The other first-place vote went to 7-0-0 West Virginia, which dropped from sixth place to seventh despite a 59-19 rout of Boston College. The Mountaineers received 885 points

Oklahoma edged Colorado 17-14 and remained No. 8 with 762 points. Clem-son lost to North Carolina State 10-3 and fell from ninth to 15th, while Auburn's nd therein lies the difference." 33-0 victory over Mississippi State en-UCLA, which became No. 1 last week abled the Tigers to jump from ninth to

Wyoming rounded out the Top Ten

The Second Ten consisted of Arkansas, Oklahoma State, Louisiana State, Notre Dame, a 41-13 winner over Air Michigan, Clemson, Syracuse, South

### **Blockers**

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glimpse of what was to come for the rest of the quarter

On A&M's next possession, the Aggies roared down the field for another score as only four plays were needed to cover 79 yards to move ahead by a 24-3 score. After losing three yards on first down. Lewis ripped through a huge hole created by Moon and Arthur and then cut back to the right side for a 38 yard gain

to the Rice 45. Fontenot said after the game that Lewis doesn't need much help to get a big gain

"All we have to do is open up a tiny seam and he's going to get something." Fontenot said. "That gives us inspiration

On the next play reserve running back Keith McAfee, in to replace Lewis, followed a block by right guard Bill Cavanaugh and ran 43 yards to the Rice 2 and set up a scoring run by Richardson on the next play

Richardson said the Aggies knew what had to be done in the second half.

We knew we needed to come out in the second half and score." Richardson said. "We needed to put the drives together when we got the ball, because we didn't have the ball that often.

The Owls forced A&M to make the most of their possessions by using a ballcontrol attack on offense that yielded a margin of nine minutes and four seconds in possession time for Rice. The Owls said. held the ball for almost 35 minutes of, game.

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