

Battalion Football Picks

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|------------------------------|---|--------------------|-----------------------------|---|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| Alabama at Texas A&M | Aggies by 4 | Aggies by 24 | Aggies by 10 | Aggies by 3 | Aggies by 4 | Aggies by a breeze | Aggies by 1 |
| Oklahoma State at Texas Tech | Cowboys by 13 | Cowboys by 20 | Cowboys by 24 | Cowboys by 17 | Cowboys by 13 | Cowboys by 24 | Cowboys by 14 |
| Brigham Young at Miami | 'Canes by 17 | 'Canes by 20 | 'Canes by 16 | 'Canes by 10 | 'Canes by 24 | Miami by a 'Cane | 'Canes by 10 |
| Army at Navy | Cadets by 3 | Cadets by 7 | Cadets by 10 | Middies by 1 | Cadets by 11 | Cadets by 20 | Cadets by 3 |
| Cowboys at Browns | Browns by 17 | Browns by 7 | Browns by 10 | Browns by 14 | Browns by 14 | Boys by 10 | Browns by 6 |
| Steelers at Oilers | Oilers by 10 | Oilers by 7 | Oilers by 7 | Oilers by 6 | Oilers by 23 | Oilers by 24 | Oilers by 10 |
| Cardinals at Giants | Giants by 7 | Giants by 7 | Giants by 4 | Giants by 6 | Giants by 7 | Cards by 7 | Cards by 1 |
| Broncos at Raiders | Broncos by 7 | Raiders by 1 | Broncos by 7 | Broncos by 14 | Raiders by 4 | Broncos by 24 | Raiders by 3 |
| Redskins at Eagles | Eagles by 3 | Eagles by 1 | Eagles by 10 | Eagles by 6 | Eagles by 1 | Eagles by 7 | Eagles by 1 |
| Saints at Vikings | Saints by 6 | Vikings by 1 | Vikings by 6 | Saints by 4 | Vikings by 6 | Saints by 3 | Saints by 3 |
| Seahawks at Patriots | Patriots by 7 | Patriots by 1 | Patriots by 4 | Patriots by 10 | Patriots by 3 | Seahawks by 4 | Seahawks by 6 |
| Bears at Rams | Bears by 3 | Rams by 1 | Bears by 10 | Rams by 7 | Bears by 9 | Bears by 3.9754 | Bears by 7 |
| Record | 12-0 (1,000) | 10-2 (.833) | 10-2 (.833) | 10-2 (.833) | 9-3 (.750) | 5-7 (.417) | 10-2 (.833) |
| Overall | 122-32-1 (.792) | 107-35-1 (.753) | 112-42-1 (.727) | 106-48-1 (.688) | 99-55-1 (.643) | 83-71-1 (.539) | 20-4 (.833) |

Stanfield

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because Kansas beat A&M 28-10 in Lawrence, Kan., after I had driven more than 1,000 miles just to see them play.

Bellard's bunch was special to me, and I had turned down an opportunity to teach high school in Australia because they wouldn't fly me to College Station each weekend. (Hey, I was young and crazy.)

In fact, the very next game, a 28-7 win over Texas Tech here, had in it my favorite defensive play involving A&M defensive back Pat Thomas. I have been fortunate enough to have done a magazine article on that game — and a story in this paper on the Washington game.

Nothing has prevented me from seeing the Aggies play football for the past 14-plus years. There have been times when I was ill or couldn't really afford it or whatever else; still I saw the guys play.

As I write these words, I still find it almost unbelievable that I am a Texas A&M student and have talked to so many of my guys.

Dennis Goehring is a businessman here in College Station, but when I needed to talk to him about the 1955 TCU game, he graciously arranged for me to get a personal interview (still don't know about having your shirttail out in that game, Dennis).

I won't go into great detail about all the others; just some names like Jack Pardee, Garth TenNapel, David Hardy, Jimmy Hawkins, Tony Franklin, Darrell Smith, Don Jones, Hugh McElroy, Jerry Honore, Bubba Bean and Mike Mosley.

My Mosley story concerned A&M's 23-20 win over Mississippi at Jackson, Miss., in 1980, when he was the last Aggie quarterback to rush for 100 yards. The story ran the week A&M returned to Jackson for the first time since 1980 and the opponent was Southern Mississippi.

Already special to me (it was my 150th consecutive game to see in person), it became very special when unknown freshman QB Bucky Richardson ran 82 yards for a touchdown and a total of 102 yards, the first A&M QB since Mosley to do so.

Hardy and I have been pretty good friends for years, but the reason I wrote two stories about him

was because he has never gotten the acclaim due him for his outstanding career as a place kicker.

He set a bowl record with 15 kicking points in A&M's 33-16 win over Oklahoma State in the 1981 Independence Bowl (which is still a record, though it has been tied once).

Hardy also kicked two field goals in A&M's unlikely 13-7 win over Texas at Kyle Field in 1979, among other notable achievements.

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I certainly did have a player in mind. I will miss that story as my way of protesting the humiliation brought upon Texas A&M and its football program by the current head coach, Jackie Sherrill.

Ironically the man I wanted to replace former Aggie Coach Tom Wilson, Sherrill has brought great victories and much dirt to the football team I have loved all of my life.

It was bad enough that A&M President William Mobley had to bail us out of harsh NCAA sanctions back this past September by promising that he would oversee a clean program from here on out.

The NCAA went ahead and put Sherrill on a personal probation, something that I can't recall as having been done too often.

But, two weeks ago, former player George Smith came out in a newspaper article in *The Dallas Morning News* accusing Sherrill of paying him hush money to keep him quiet about recruiting violations that occurred between 1982-83.

Initially I had my suspicions as to the authenticity of the charges, even though a reporter supposedly had eight hours of taped conversations with Smith concerning the issue.

But after the A&M publicity de-

partment held the charade of a press conference that Saturday night, in which Mobley read a statement that didn't apply to the situation and Smith dodged questions for the five minutes he "graciously" allowed the gathered media, I reluctantly came to the conclusion that the charges were true.

Any A&M student who has taken a public relations course would have seen right through the tactics used then. Anyone of us trying to duplicate Smith's effort in a class would have received an F — and deserved it.

How can the A&M administration think we are so stupid as to believe such a person as Smith, who did nothing other than paint him — and Sherrill — guilty as charged with his idiotic answers and rude treatment of the media?

That made me sick, and I decided not to do my Alabama story because I didn't want to write anything concerning Sherrill or one of his players.

Then, when such A&M luminaries as the chairman of the Board of

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Regents, David Eller, blatantly accepts Smith's change of heart because he wants to do so and wants the matter dropped, well, I knew that I had to do something to show my total contempt for such actions.

I don't want to be associated with a football program that continually and brazenly disregards rules and regulations, then lies about them with methods that some third-world countries would be embarrassed to try.

Many of the youngsters (I'm 39 years old) who work for *The Battalion* have had to take verbal and written abuse for the way they have handled this matter. Often, those attacking them say that they don't like Texas A&M or that they aren't using proper investigative methods before writing their stories.

From what I see and read, I say just the opposite. If anyone in this matter has tried to get the facts before jumping to a conclusion, the staff writers have done so.

Eller complains that Sherrill isn't being given the benefit of the doubt before an investigation can be completed — then exonerates him after that press conference.

Mobley, the man who was going to be the captain of a clean ship, seems to be caught in the middle, but then again, he said that he would be in charge. And he isn't.

A&M graduates, their families and other Aggie fans berate the media as being unfair to Sherrill, even though few saw the Smith press conference or have any other direct way of delving into the matter.

I am proud to be associated with these journalism students and look forward to the day when they are working on newspaper staffs around the United States.

As for the stench that well-water scum like Smith and Sherrill have brought to the football team I have loved, I just won't take it any more. Sherrill is the coach, and as long as he is, I am through with this football program.

Not because I am angry with Texas A&M or the players themselves, but because I would like to see some integrity here along the way, and Sherrill would need a dictionary to even recognize the word.

And, to anyone who would write or say to me that I don't love Texas A&M, don't you tell me that! I have spent a third of a century following this football team and University, and nobody else has sacrificed as much personally to be able to see them play.

I did it because I loved to see them play and was proud whenever I got to help out in any way.

But guys, I'm gone as long as ol' Jackie is here. So be it.

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