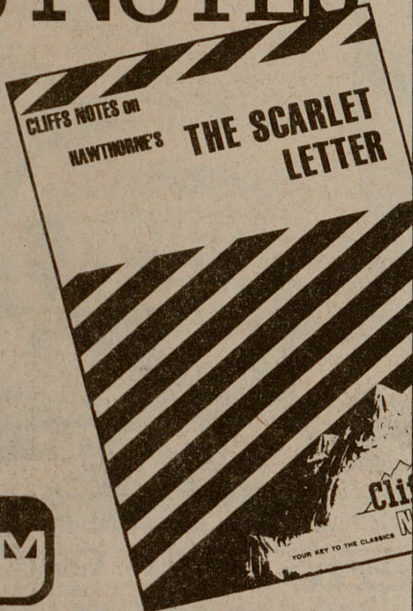


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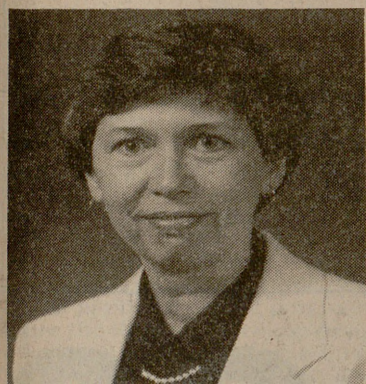
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She has distinguished herself in the Bryan/College Station area as Director of Planned Parenthood of Brazos County from 1977 to 1988 and was named employee of the year in 1987. She was also named "Nurse of the Year" by the Texas Nurses Association, District 30, in 1987. She has lectured widely in the community on the subject of venereal disease, family planning, and teen pregnancy. In addition she has conducted scientific research and has written articles for several journals in conjunction with Texas A&M University College of Medicine.

Ms. Miller is a member of the Texas Nurses Association, the National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Family Planning, the Texas Nurse Practitioners and the American Cancer Society.

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Houston's 'Dream': Lakers' nightmare

HOUSTON (AP) — When the game is on the line, Houston Rockets coach Don Chaney's plan is a simple one — rely on Akeem Olajuwon.

"The guy always comes through. That's why he's the star of this team. He gets us the wins," Chaney said after Olajuwon scored five key points late in the fourth period and made a crucial block to spark the Rockets to a 110-104 victory Tuesday night that snapped the Los Angeles Lakers' nine-game winning streak.

"We had a great run, but you can never be satisfied in this league," Los Angeles Coach Pat Riley said. "As soon as you get satisfied you get your tails kicked. And we were satisfied tonight."

"The only thing I'm upset about is our state of mind. We were not ready for this game."

After the Lakers cut the lead to 93-90 with 4:30 left, Olajuwon contributed five points during the next three minutes to boost Houston to a 100-96 with 1:13 left.

On the Lakers' next possession, Olajuwon, who finished with 17 points and 12 rebounds, made a spectacular block of a layup by James Worthy.

"He always seems to get the big rebound, the big free throw or the big block," Chaney said of Olajuwon. "He gets us the win."

The Lakers' Magic Johnson agreed.

"Akeem is an all-star and proved it again. Akeem made the biggest play of the game on that block. That could have changed the outcome of the game."

Riley was critical of his team's play.

"We were sloppy. They were in a position to dominate. We were lucky we didn't get blown out at the half. We had 17 turnovers and we're just 15 down," he said.

Four free throws by John Lucas also helped Houston Rockets stave off the Lakers' late bid.

The Lakers, who trailed by as many as 18 points in the third quarter, pulled within three with 31 seconds left before Lucas, who scored 12 points, made it 106-99.

Otis Thorpe lead Houston with 21 points followed by Buck Johnson with 20 and Mitchell Wiggins with 19.

Magic Johnson lead Los Angeles with 24 points, 14 in the fourth quarter, and James Worthy and A.C. Green had 16 apiece. Johnson also had 13 rebounds and nine assists.

Neither team lead by more than two points until Houston scored 10 straight to take a 24-14 advantage. The Rockets lead 38-26 after one quarter.

Leading 43-34, the Rockets went on a 10-2 spurt to move ahead 53-36 with 4:19 left in the second quarter. Houston lead 63-48 at the half.

Falcons' Campbell retires

SUWANEE, Ga. (AP) — Marion Campbell ended a 28-year NFL coaching career Tuesday by retiring as head coach of the Atlanta Falcons, mired in last place in the NFC West. Assistant Jim Hanifan was named coach for the remaining four games.

"I have chosen this avenue to clear the picture for the ownership to get on with the future of their franchise," Campbell said in a statement

released about an hour before Hanifan was named interim coach.

"Jim was kind of the obvious one," Vice President Taylor Smith said of the selection of Hanifan, who won't be considered for the permanent job.

"We'll be going outside the organization for a coach," Smith said at a news conference.

Blackmon, Ware named SWC Players of Week

AUSTIN (AP) — Seeing Baylor safety Robert Blackmon in the Texas game and later on film was more than enough for Texas football coach David McWilliams, whose squad lost to Baylor 50-7.

"I hate to go back over it. I can see them right now," McWilliams said when asked to comment on the performances of Blackmon and Baylor linebacker James Francis.

Blackmon was selected over Francis by The Associated Press as the outstanding defensive player of the week in the Southwest Conference after he intercepted three Texas passes, including two for touchdowns of 20 and 35 yards.

"I wanted the third, but I'll take what I can get," said Blackmon, a Van Vleck senior. He carried his third interception 26 yards to the Texas 5-yard line, setting up a touchdown as Baylor won Saturday at Austin for the first time since 1951.

"On film, we just weren't impressed with their offense," said Blackmon, who finished his football career at Baylor with 14 interceptions, eight this season. "Their backs didn't look like they wanted to block anybody; their receivers weren't blocking anybody down field. A good, aggressive defense is not going to play that way."

"We're just very aggressive, and we have a fast defense. That's what wins games," Blackmon said.

McWilliams said of Blackmon, "He's a great defensive back."

On the 35-yard interception run, McWilliams said, Blackmon made an outstanding play. "He went up real high, caught the ball and kept his balance."

Also, McWilliams said, the 195-pounder "really comes up and tackles well."

For the third time this season, Houston quarterback Andre Ware was chosen as the outstanding offensive player of the week after completing 37 of 63 passes for 475 yards and four touchdowns and running 11 yards for a fifth score in Houston's 40-24 victory over Texas Tech on Saturday.

"The pass was working," said Ware, a top contender for the Heisman Trophy, an award symbolic of the best player in college football.

"Andre's clearly the top performer, maybe of all time in the history of college football, not just this year," Houston offensive coordinator John Jenkins said of the Dickinson junior.

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derdogs when they took on rival Oklahoma. Behind freshman quarterback Peter Gardere, the Longhorns marched down the field with time ticking off the clock and pulled off a last-minute upset over the Sooners.

Texas hasn't been alone in surprising people.

SMU wasn't picked to win any of its games all year. Still, the Mustangs surprised critics when they beat Connecticut with a dramatic last-second touchdown pass.

SMU didn't stop there. A few weeks later, the Mustangs dominated NCAA Division I-AA opponent North Texas, beating the Eagles 35-9.

Houston, although on probation, has been running and shooting all over the NCAA record book. The Cougars have averaged 633 yards of total offense per game, scoring a total of 525 points this year.

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The SWC has some top rated defenses as well.

Baylor's James Francis, a Butkus Award finalist, spearheads the Bear's defense. Francis could be the country's best linebacker when all is said and done.

Texas A&M Coach R.C. Slocum and his famed "Wrecking Crews" have shut down some of the nation's highest scoring offenses (namely Houston's Run-and-Shoot). Fans came to expect goal-line stands and hard hits.

So, with all this talent, why can't the SWC yield a national champion?

Unlike weak conferences like the Big Eight in which either Nebraska or Oklahoma beat up on every other wimpy team in their conference, the SWC champion must survive inter-conference battles.

This year, AP has ranked five SWC teams in its top 25 polls. And what ends up knocking SWC teams out of their coveted poll positions have been other SWC teams.

So, until every team in the SWC but one ends up as desimated as SMU coming off their death penalty, SWC teams will continue to beat up on each other and spoil any chance for a national champion.

And with the way things look in the conference this year, with Tech, Arkansas and Texas A&M all going to bowls, that could be a loooong time.

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