

# Pavlas, Wallace tabbed SWC's best

## Longhorn killers shine in Ag win

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Lance Pavlas put away the Texas Longhorns and put to rest any questions about the starting quarterback job at Texas A&M University next year.

Pavlas, a junior who was a big question mark for the Aggies coming into the 1989 season, earned The Associated Press Southwest Conference Offensive Player of the Week award for his part in gunning down the Longhorns 21-10 on Saturday night.

Pavlas hit a 45-yard touchdown pass on the final play of the third quarter that killed off the spunky Longhorns and gave coach R.C. Slocum an 8-3 regular season record.

It was A&M's first full season under Slocum who took over last December after Jackie Sherrill resigned.

Teammate Aaron Wallace, who was the defensive player of the week in the first game of the season, also earned the honor in the final week.

The Aggie linebacker made 15 tackles, including three sacks for 29 yards in losses. Wallace missed three games this year with injuries. Wallace is a senior who finished with a school-record 42 sacks.

With Bucky Richardson, the hero of the Cotton Bowl two years ago, expected to contend for the job next year, Pavlas needed a strong finish



Photo by Jay Janner

A&M quarterback Lance Pavlas checks the sideline for the Aggies' next play against Texas. Pavlas, ESPN's Player of the Game, was named a SWC Player of the Week.

to impress the A&M coaches.

He'll get another chance on Dec. 30 against Pittsburgh in the John Hancock (Sun) Bowl at El Paso.

But Slocum is pleased with what he's seen this season.

"Lance did a tremendous job under pressure against Texas and he's done that all year long," Slocum said. "He's made the plays to win

games for us. On several occasions, he has had men in his face and he hangs in there and completed the pass. Every time he's been knocked down, he bounces right back up."

Slocum said Pavlas has developed into a tough competitor.

"People had him pegged as a timid little kid who wasn't very

tough," Slocum said. "He's played very tough for us. He never ducks the blame, and he even takes some that he doesn't deserve."

Pavlas has completed almost 60 per cent of his passes this year and has 10 touchdown passes. He's averaged about 150 yards passing per game. The only negative is his 11 interceptions.

## Sooners denying report of NCAA death penalty

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Oklahoma officials denied on Tuesday that the university faces the "death penalty" from allegations by a convicted burglar that the school was still breaking NCAA rules after going on probation last year.

In a copyright story Tuesday, the Dallas Morning News reported that NCAA investigators are looking into several serious allegations made by Otha Armstrong III. The NCAA declined comment on the report.

Armstrong, 24, claims he served as a middleman to pick up cash payments which a Tulsa booster sent by Western Union for former Sooner quarterbacks Charles Thompson and Jamelle Holieway.

He also said freshman running

back Dewell Brewer received illegal benefits and at least one unofficial paid visit to Norman before he signed a letter of intent with the university in February.

However, Armstrong told the Daily Oklahoman for a story in Wednesday's editions that he was misquoted by the Dallas newspaper.

The News said that according to Armstrong, he picked up the last money transfer in early 1989, after the football program had been placed on probation.

"I picked up none in 1989," he told the Oklahoman.

Armstrong said he relayed money from June 1988 to late in the football season.

## All-Americans

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ensive team that includes Outland Trophy finalist Michael Tanks of Florida State and a trio of record-setting receivers — Clarkston Hines of Duke, Terance Mathis of New Mexico and Houston's Hazzard.

The defense features Butkus Award winner Percy Snow of Michigan State, Outland finalist Moe Gardner of Illinois and Lombardi Award finalists Chris Zorich of Notre Dame and Tim Ryan of Southern California. The Butkus honors the top linebacker in the country; the Outland and Lombardi awards are for linemen.

Fourth-ranked Notre Dame is the only school with three players on the team — Zorich, defensive back Todd Light and return specialist Raghib "Rocket" Ismail. Top-ranked Colorado, No. 5 Florida State, No. 12 Southern Cal, No. 13 Houston and No. 22 Michigan State each placed two players on the team.

Joining Ware and Thompson in the backfield is Florida running back

Emmitt Smith. In addition to Tanks at center, the offensive line consists of guards Eric Still of Tennessee and Joe Garten of Colorado along with tackles Bob Kula of Michigan State and Arkansas' Mabry. The place-kicker is Washington State's Jason Hanson.

Rounding out the defense are lineman Greg Mark of Miami, linebackers Keith McCants of Alabama and Baylor's Francis and defensive backs Mark Carrier of Southern Cal, Tripp Welborne of Michigan and LeRoy Butler of Florida State. The punter is Colorado's Tom Rouen.

The All-America team has 12 seniors, 11 juniors and two sophomores, Ismail and Hanson. The juniors are Ware, Smith, Hazard, Garten, Zorich, Gardner, McCants, Lyght, Welborne, Carrier and Rouen. There are no repeaters from last year's first team, although Thompson and Snow were on the second team in 1988.

The players were selected by AP sports editor Darrell Christian, college football writer Rick Warner and regional AP sports writers.

## Austin gets Cowboys' summer training camp

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys will move their training camp to Austin next summer, breaking a 27-year relationship with California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks, Calif., news reports said late Tuesday.

Cowboys' owner Jerry Jones has decided to relocate the team's training camp to St. Edwards University in Austin and will publicly announce the move Wednesday, according to news reports in Austin, Dallas and Tyler.

"Mr. Jones told me that the Cowboys would not be returning to the Cal Lutheran campus in the summer of 1990," California Lutheran President Jim Miller told The Daily Texan. "He said that the Cowboys were moving their training site to somewhere in Texas."

The city of Tyler was also considered for the camp. Jones recently said he was pleased by Tyler's willingness to host the team.

But Austin pledged \$191,000 tax dollars to improve two football fields at St. Edwards to meet NFL standards, WFAA-TV in Dallas reported. Corporate underwriting secured in "a secret

bid" will minimize the nearly \$500,000 expense the team incurred by training in Thousand Oaks, the station said, quoting unnamed sources.

The Cowboys have two years remaining on a contract with the California college and Jones earlier said he would have the team's training camp in Thousand Oaks next year.

Miller said he was surprised to hear the Cowboys would move the training camp, but added, "It seems many times the Cowboys don't know how to do things right."

"Mr. Jones said that he wanted the team back in Texas for the people of Texas and that is a decision that we respect," Miller said. "The Cowboys have been a good thing for us and we wish them and the people of Austin the best."

Cooke said demographics in Austin make the city attractive for the Cowboys.

Dallas and Vail, Colo., were also reportedly considered for the training camp.

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