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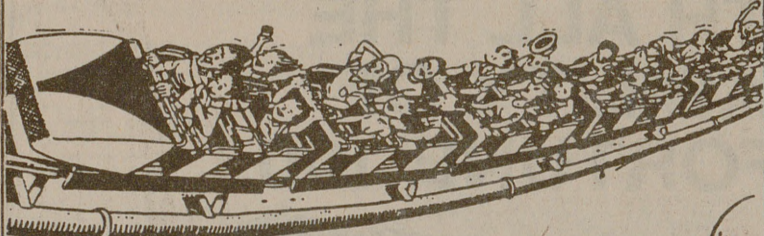
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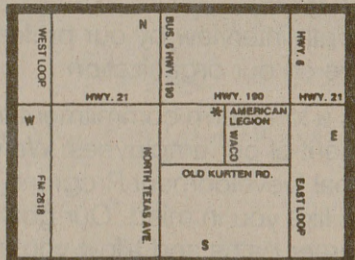
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# Horned Frogs' pummeling of Razorbacks an incredible feat

FORT WORTH (AP) — It's not deja vu all over again for Frog football. It's worse.

"Incredible," says Jim Wacker, Texas Christian's delightfully neurotic coach. In fact, he said it 17 times Tuesday while describing last weekend's 54-26 upset of 21st-ranked Arkansas.

Maybe the only two things that weren't "incredible" were the Horned Frog offense and defense.

They were "fantastic" and "unbelievable."

And the largest Frog Club crowd of the year loved it. They roared over phony congratulatory notes from Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan and George Bush and cheered the discovery of a new species of Horned Frog.

It is something called "Kickus Buttus."

Wacker never met a superlative he didn't embrace, but what's really

incredible is that he may be right. The Wonder Frogs just might be back.

For the first time since the 8-3 Bluebonnet Bowl season of 1984, TCU is off to a 4-1 start, winning four in a row after a season-opening loss to Washington State.

It was also in 1984 that TCU last beat Arkansas, a 32-31 thriller.

The Frogs are 2-0 in Southwest Conference play, which hasn't happened since 1958 when they wound up in the Cotton Bowl.

And as Wacker says, the ambush in the Ozarks Saturday night was no fluke.

"It was one of those games where it all came together," he said. "But never in my wildest dreams did I think it would come together like that. We got the ball 10 times. We scored five touchdowns and four field goals and had to punt only once."

"That's incredible." Equally remarkable, he said, was a defense that blocked a punt for a

touchdown, recovered a fumble, intercepted two passes and staged a goal line stand just before halftime.

"That was the biggest play of the game," Wacker said. "First and goal on the 2, and to be able to hold them four plays and not let them in, that's incredible."

Wacker's eyes almost glazed over when he spoke of the post-midnight reception after the flight home.

"I can not tell you how much it meant to the players when they saw that crowd at the airport, 2,000 strong," Wacker said. "That was really special."

And he could not camouflage his enthusiasm when he spoke of quarterback Leon Clay, who has passed for 11 touchdowns and run for four while directing three late come-from-behind victories.

"He's been on an unbelievable roll, and it's the triggerman who has to make things happen, whether it's the Cowboys or junior high or whatever. If the quarterback has an off day, you're in trouble. And everyone

has off days, even Joe Montana.

"When Clay has an off day, we're going to have to claw, sweat and fight."

Tempering his euphoria just a bit, Wacker pointed out that with all his early success, "Now is when the pressure builds. If we don't get a great effort every week, anybody can beat us."

"We've got to keep our heads out of the clouds and our feet on the ground."

The Frogs entertain SWC opponent Rice in a regionally televised game Saturday, and Wacker said the Owls, "with one of the best quarterbacks in the country," are tough.

"This is by far the best team they've had in 25 years," he insisted.

Pointing out that TCU's performance at Little Rock "was one of those rare moments...when we had about 60 guys that exploded a once," Wacker said the Frogs are primed for an upset by the Owls.

"It's scary coming off one like this because you can have a letdown

## SWC coaches' views of proposal

### From Staff and Wire Reports

Most Southwest Conference coaches say the new proposal that may keep some high school students from playing sports in the league is a step toward keeping academics ahead of athletics.

However, some found standardized tests, used in determining eligibility, unfair and prescribed broader academic performance standards.

At Texas A&M, head football coach R.C. Slocum said the rule will have no bearing on how the University's athletics are run.

"The presidents' decision will not affect us here at A&M, because we were actually operating under those guidelines already," Slocum said. "I don't see it having a big affect on us other than the other people we play in this league will all have to fulfill the same rules."

SWC presidents finalized a proposal this week that would eliminate partial qualifiers from ever competing in athletics at an SWC school.

The new rule requires recruits and walk-ons to score at

least 700 on the SAT or 18 on the ACT entrance exams and to have at least a 2.0 high school grade point average in core classes.

Junior college players who were partial qualifiers from high school may not be able to transfer to a SWC school depending on the outcome of a junior college option being studied.

The proposal must first stand up to the scrutiny of league lawyers, but SWC Commissioner Fred Jacoby said he



Spike Dykes

is certain the policy will be in place by August 1991.

Current policy requires student-athletes who do not meet both standards to sit out of competition during their first year, but allows students three years of athletic eligibility if their grades improve.

Baylor coach Grant Teaff said he thought the ruling wouldn't make a big difference in the league

because most of the borderline students have been eliminated by Proposition 42's impending restrictions next year. That rule bars scholarships to partial qualifiers.

Slocum said he supports the

presidents' ruling and that it should eliminate some athletes who may not be ready to step into a big university like A&M.

"I really think it's a step in a positive direction," Slocum said. "I think for too long ath-

letes and universities have been abused by bringing in a guy who is not qualified to be at a particular school."

"You abuse the university by bringing a guy in and with implied pressure on the faculty and coaches to do whatever to keep that person in school and keep him eligible when that person should not have been at that school to start

with without some type of junior college or preparatory courses."

But Jack Pardee, coach at University of Houston for three years before moving to the Houston Oilers this year, saw problems with the SWC's proposal.

"When you're recruiting a lot of kids, you don't know they're Prop 48 (partial qualifiers) because they haven't taken their tests yet," he said.

"In many cases, being a Prop 48 athlete is because of

background, not intelligence."

Texas Christian coach Jim Wacker said admissions are racially biased. He and other coaches recommend using an alternate grading system that balances a student's GPA with

his performance on entrance tests.

Despite coaches' support for ensuring a player can make the grades, most said partial qualifiers should be given another chance to prove themselves academically.

"To say you can never play in this conference? That's pretty severe isn't it?" Texas Tech coach Spike Dykes said. "I thought this



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whole deal was for kids and it looks like to me like that's the last thing ever considered."

Dykes said he has had several players on his teams that were admitted into Tech as partial qualifiers and went on to graduate and become successful professionals.

"I'm concerned that in the conference give youngsters who are Proposition 48, who don't qualify, an opportunity to go to a conference school with the junior college (option)," Teaff said.

## McWilliams uses speakers to motivate football team to drop negative thoughts

AUSTIN (AP) — On Wednesday night before Texas played Penn State, motivational speaker Lewis Timberlake told the Longhorns to first believe they could win.

Though Timberlake takes no credit for Texas' 17-13 victory, Longhorn football coach David McWilliams wouldn't bet against it. He has used a procession of speakers such as Timberlake to lift a football team whose spirits might have sunk along with its record the last two seasons.

Timberlake, 58, is one of several McWilliams has entrusted with helping the team believe in itself.

Others include Tena Bradley, a 32-year-old Oklaho-

man who formed Tena Bradley Inner Prizes a year ago, and Clebe McCleary, a Vietnam war veteran who survived 32 operations and lost an arm and an eye when he jumped on a grenade in a foxhole to save his friends.

"He came in his Marine-dress uniform and gave as good a talk as I've heard," McWilliams said.

Another is professional basketball star A.C. Green, who speaks on behalf of Athletes In Action.

Bradley meets individually with Longhorn players and coaches to reinforce positive self-images.

McWilliams said: "I'm always looking for speakers. Nebraska's been doing this for years."

## SMU women's coach retires

DALLAS (AP) — Southern Methodist women's basketball coach Welton Brown announced his retirement effective after the season.

Brown, 45, said he is needed more at home since his father's death earlier this year.

He has a 153-214 record in 14 years.

SMU Athletic Director Forrest Gregg said a replacement search will begin immediately.



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