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I want my Gig'Em Vision

Texas A&M plays 11 football games this season, not counting a bowl. Of those 11 games, only TCU and Texas have been picked up by television. Assuming Raycom picks up a game — which they almost didn't do last year — that still leaves eight Aggie games which won't cross the airwaves this fall.

LSU, on the other hand, is prepared to show Tiger games not picked up by the networks to any fan in Louisiana willing to pay for them. This "TigerVision," in existence in one form or another since 1982, has become a major moneymaker for LSU.

Last year, when LSU declined to reschedule their game with A&M for television, LSU lost very little revenue from the deal because of TigerVision. A&M, on the other hand, was left scrambling to market the game on a pay-per-view basis on Raycom. Needless to say, Aggieland did not reap the financial success Tigerland did.

Treva Tidwell, Coordinator of Electronic Media at LSU, said the university netted over half a million dollars last year — a losing season with only 6,000 subscriptions sold. She said this year subscriptions were up — closer to the 1988 level when over 11,000 subscriptions were sold, and LSU bank accounts swelled.

"Not many places could do what we do here," Tidwell said. "The athletic department contracts the games directly to cable distributors, with no intermediaries."

"In Louisiana, LSU football is king," she said. "Of course, with their tremendous fan base in Houston and Dallas, A&M and Texas could do the same thing."

It's no secret that money is an important thing to the athletic department here at A&M. The advertisements that grace the message boards at Olsen and Kyle Fields give testimony to that.

By creating Gig'Em Vision, the University would not only be filling their coffers, but offering a service to the thousands of former students across the state unable to attend the games.

Aggies want their Gig'Em Vision.

Quarterback job Stoudt's to lose

AUSTIN (AP) — Cliff Stoudt, a former Pittsburgh Steeler who now has the inside track as the Dallas Cowboys' backup quarterback, sees the irony of his new address.

During the 1970s, the Steelers and the Cowboys battled for NFL supremacy. Now Stoudt is with the once-hated enemy, and he doesn't mind a bit.

"What makes it easier is that the whole team is different," said the 36-year-old football veteran. "I'm the only Steeler left. The rivalry isn't what it was. (Tom) Landry, (Tex) Schramm, (Roger) Staubach, they're all gone. Of course it's been a lot of years since I've been with the Steelers."

Stoudt recalled the methods coach Chuck Noll would use to fire up the Steelers in their rivalry with the Cowboys.

"It was more than Cowboys vs. Steelers," Stoudt said. "It was white hats against black hats. The computer against the chalkboard. Staubach vs. Terry Bradshaw. Doomsday against the Steel Curtain. I don't know if it'll ever happen again."

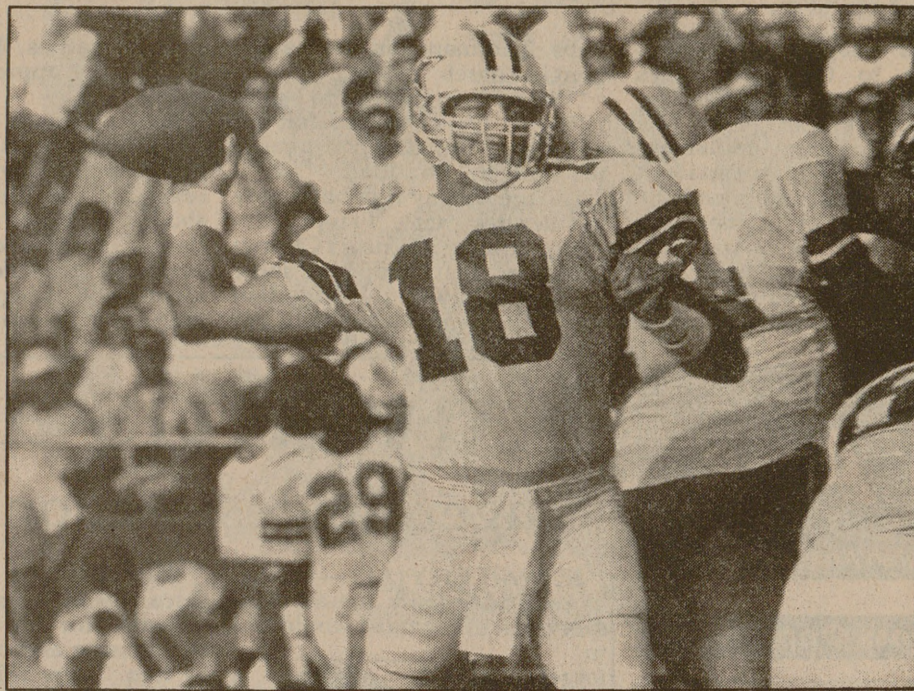
With Tuesday's release of quarterback Babe Laufenberg, Stoudt becomes the front-runner over rookie Bill Musgrave in the competition for the role as Troy Aikman's backup.

Stoudt cemented his position when the 16-year veteran completed 11 of 16 passes for 134 yards and two touchdowns in last Thursday's 30-30 scrimmage tie with the Houston Oilers.

There's not much wear and tear on his arm after years of carrying a clipboard on the sidelines. He also brings experience to the table. He's as old as some assistant coaches.

Coach Jimmy Johnson has indicated the backup job is Stoudt's to lose.

Still, Stoudt says he can't afford to be complacent. He was on the bubble last year at training camp with the Miami Dolphins before he was cut and has been in the same position for most of the summers of his career.



Dallas Cowboys quarterback Cliff Stoudt has the inside track to be Troy Aikman's backup after good performances in the Cowboys' scrimmages against the Houston Oilers.

He was signed by Dallas at the close of last season as an emergency quarterback after Aikman went down with a separated shoulder. After being released by the Dolphins at the close of 1990 training camp, he bided his time at home in Phoenix, paring his golf handicap from a 10 to a four before the Cowboys called. Dallas' offense at the time was similar to Miami's and Stoudt would require no lengthy break-in period.

"I wasn't doing anything else," Stoudt said. "I had a chance to go to the playoffs. I said, 'What the heck. Let's go.'"

He dressed as Laufenberg's backup in Dallas' season finale against Atlanta as Laufenberg struggled through a 10-of-24 afternoon. The 26-7 defeat dealt a crip-

pling blow to Dallas' hopes for a wild card playoff spot.

Stoudt re-signed with the Cowboys in the spring as a long-shot to make the team. But he was impressive from the start as Johnson compared Stoudt to a used car with low mileage.

"I always felt I could play," Stoudt said. "I didn't know if I'd get the opportunity. Sometimes you get a label and the label on me was that I hadn't played much in a few years."

He feels he has plenty of mileage left.

"Physically I'm not over the hill," he said. "I still have the same quickness I did; the arm strength is still there. Honestly, I'm in better shape than I was as a rookie. Then I was 245 pounds, fat and sloppy and slow. I feel great right now."

Clements says goodbye to Texas, hello to BYU

AUSTIN (AP) — Quarterback Steve Clements, who had the NFL-type passing arm many Texas Longhorn fans were looking for, says he will attend Brigham Young University since he has obtained his release from Texas.

Clements, a redshirt freshman, was expected to start fall practice as the No. 2 Texas quarterback behind junior Peter Gardere, who missed part of spring training after spraining a knee ligament.

"I feel that my goals in life will be easier to obtain at Brigham Young University," Clements said Wednesday in a prepared statement. "BYU throws the football and they always will."

Clements, the state's all-time leading high school passer, has close family ties to Texas, which he chose over Brigham Young when he was being recruited two years ago after his

high school senior year at Huntsville.

His father, Joe Clements, was a Longhorn quarterback in 1955-57 and is head football coach at Huntsville. Clements' mother also attended the University of Texas.

BYU, which has a long tradition of producing outstanding quarterbacks, has Heisman Trophy winner Ty Detmer returning for his senior season.

Clements will not be eligible to participate in games this season but he will have three years of eligibility remaining when the 1992 season kicks off. He would have had four years at Texas.

In Texas' spring training final intrasquad game, Clements completed 15 of 42 passes for 218 yards and had a perfectly thrown 60-yard pass dropped. He had touchdown throws of 22 and 7 yards, and was intercepted twice.

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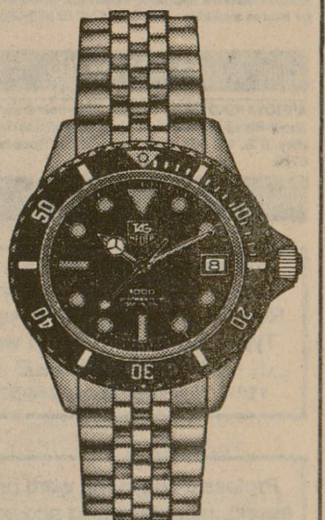
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