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#13 Texas A&M @ Baylor	A&M	A&M	A&M	A&M	A&M	A&M	Baylor	A&M	A&M	A&M	A&M	A&M- Aggie D takes Strait path for win
Rice @ Texas Tech	Tech	Tech	Tech	Tech	Tech	Tech	Tech	Tech	Tech	Tech	Tech	Tech- Dykes needs win
Southern Methodist @ Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	SMU	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston- Cougars slowly being declawed
Tulane @ Texas Christian	TCU	TCU	TCU	TCU	TCU	TCU	TCU	TCU	TCU	TCU	TCU	TCU- Just how bad is Tulane?
#10 Tennessee @ #2 Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama- Tide D takes a bite out of Heath
#18 Michigan @ #7 Penn State	Penn State	Penn State	Penn State	Penn State	Penn State	Penn State	Penn State	Penn State	Penn State	Penn State	Penn State	Penn State- Lions preparing for Rose Bowl
#20 Colorado @ #9 Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Colorado	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Colorado	Oklahoma	Oklahoma- Boomer Sooner keeps rolling
#12 Washington @ #22 UCLA	Washington	UCLA	Washington	UCLA	UCLA	Washington	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	Washington	UCLA	Washington- Could be Husky bowl game
#4 Florida @ #19 Auburn	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Auburn	Auburn	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida- Tigers undefeated dream crashes
Stanford @ #11 Arizona	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona- Walsh can't solve Desert Swarm
San Francisco 49ers @ Dallas Cowboys	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas- Aikman on unparalleled roll
Houston Oilers @ New England Patriots	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	New England	New England	Houston	Houston	New England	Houston	Houston- No Moon over Foxboro
RECORD FOR PREVIOUS WEEK	9-3	10-2	11-1	7-5	9-3	11-1	10-2	8-4	10-2	11-1	106-38 (.736)	We passed this week!!!
CUMULATIVE RECORD	40-30(.571)	47-23(.671)	47-23(.671)	39-31(.557)	41-29(.586)	46-24(.657)	44-26(.629)	46-24(.657)	45-25(.643)	44-26(.629)	39-19(.672)	478-292 (.621) Psst - Don't bet on Oilers

Cowboys, 49ers meet for rematch

The Associated Press

IRVING — Troy Aikman has Sunday's showdown with the San Francisco 49ers in this perspective: "It's as important as an NFL game can get in October."

The Dallas Cowboys want to know how far they've progressed since a 0-2 start and they figure the 49ers will let them know in the Texas Stadium rematch of the NFC title opponents. The Cowboys are six-point favorites.

The Super Bowl champion Cowboys and the 49ers, who lost 30-20 in the NFC championship game, have had their problems as they've each posted 3-2 ledgers.

At least both teams still have their starting quarterbacks. Aikman has various injuries but he's in the lineup as is 49ers Steve Young, who broke a thumb on his passing hand in the preseason.

"This is a special game," Aikman said. "The last time we played them we were the underdogs trying to make a name. Now, the NFL looks at us differently. It's not a must-win game, but it's big. It's not make or break, but it will show us where we are."

Baylor

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they have a great defense." Of Baylor's four wins this season, three of those have been come-from-behind wins in Bears.

That is a quality that Dauter said the Aggies must be wary of during Saturday's game.

"When you have a team like that, it shows you they have a lot of character," he said. "We can let up on them. You can't underestimate them at all so when you get up by seven or 14 points. You can't let loose, you have to keep on pounding."

A&M notes: Senior offensive tackle Jason Mathews will play on Saturday with a broken hand that he suffered in practice on Tuesday... Also, junior inside linebacker Larry Jackson will not play on Saturday due to a sprained ankle.

Plumer

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Finally, Graham was moved back to the inside during the final stages of two-a-days. Jackson started the season, but he has been bothered by a bad ankle. Graham returned to the starting lineup against Missouri.

And his shadow, expectations, has been keeping a close eye.

"I feel better at the inside position," Graham said. "I like to play smash-mouth football and plug the holes. I know I can be a good linebacker, and I have a lot to prove to myself and my teammates."

"Now, I have the opportunity." Since Graham was reinstated as a starter, his play has improved dramatically. Last year, he looked tentative and confused at times.

This season, he has been all over the field, showing the skills that made A&M coaches pinpoint him as Coryatt's heir.

Graham is the third leading tackler on the team with 30. He has sacked the quarterback five times, an unusually high number for an A&M inside linebacker.

A&M head coach R.C. Slocum said Graham played the best game of his career last Saturday against the University of Houston. He registered 11 tackles to go along with one quarterback slam.

But the Cougars are not as physical as tomorrow's opponent, the Baylor Bears. The Bears have one philosophy: If at first you don't succeed running the ball, run it again.

Against Southern Methodist last Saturday, the Bears showed their offensive versatility by running the ball 92 straight times.

Not one pass. "Baylor considers itself a physical team," Graham said.

"They run the running backs and linemen right at you. That's great by me."

"It will give me a chance to make tackles."

Talk about a perfect situation. Huh, Reggie?

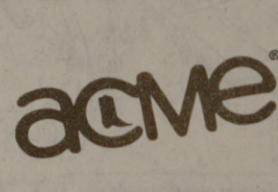
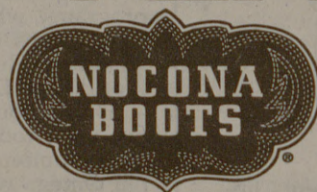
"Unless I hit somebody, I don't think the play is over, and I think I will have plenty of opportunities against Baylor," Graham said. "I take a straight angle to the ball, and their running backs plow right at you."

"If I have to jump over guys to get the job done, then so be it. For me, I can never give up."

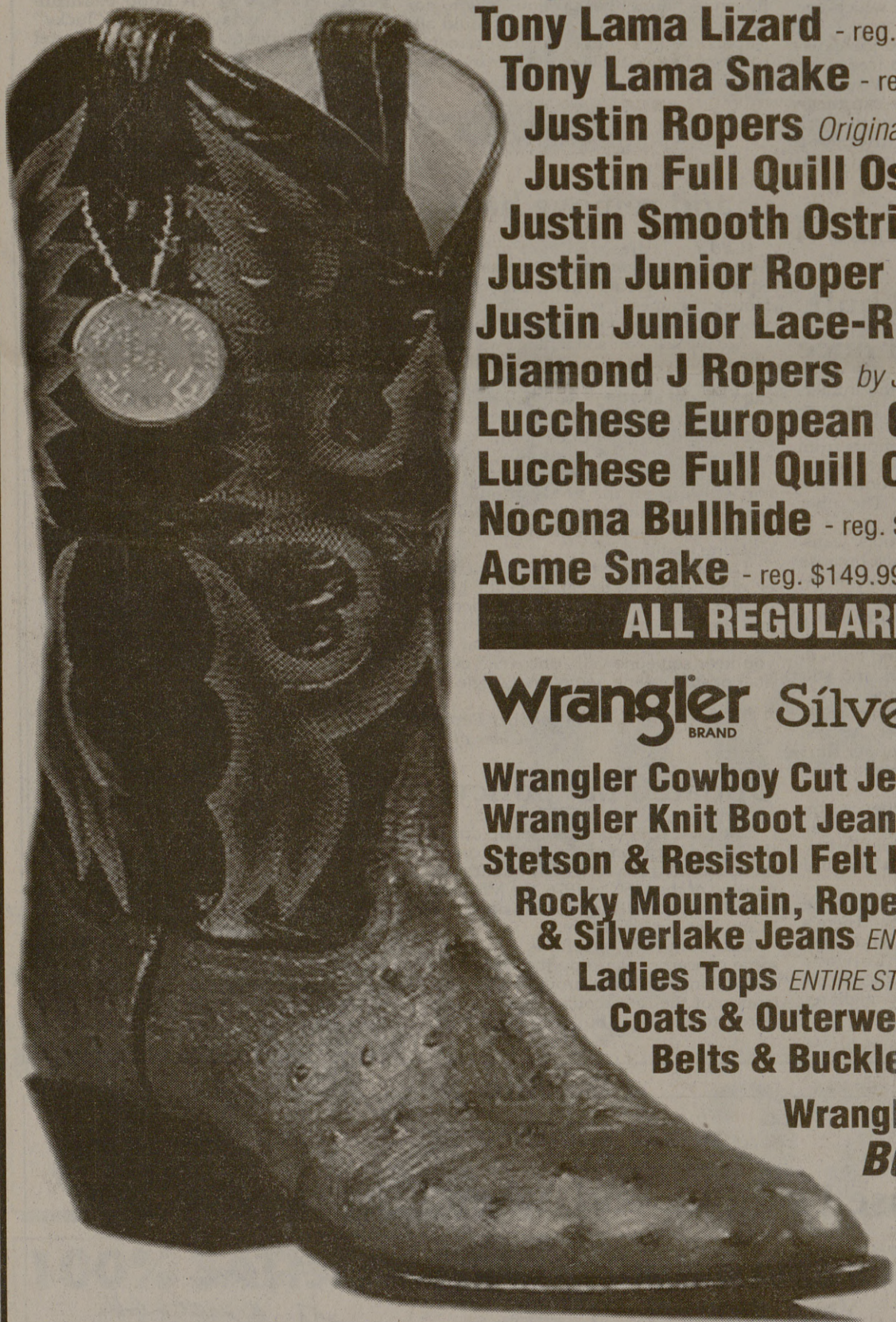
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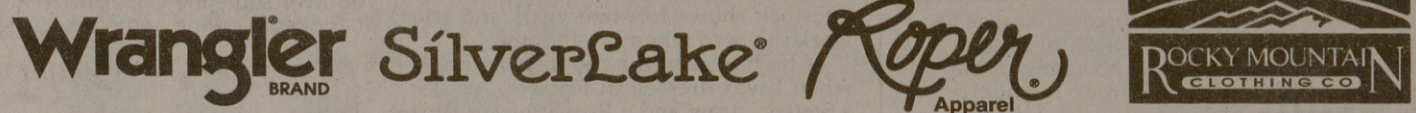


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