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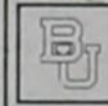
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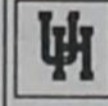
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Baylor eyeing golden season behind Joe, Dotson



by **LEN HAYWARD**
THE UNIVERSITY DAILY

The last time the Baylor Bears went to Dallas for the New Year's Day Classic called the Cotton Bowl, the Bears possessed one of the most dominating defenses in the Southwest Conference.

This year, the Bears have that dominating defense once again, but the offense, led by quarterback J.J. Joe, may be the key to a Cotton Bowl season.

Joe last year took over for Brad Goebel after he broke his hand against Texas Tech last year, and came in to complete four passes for

77 yards in the Bear victory.

Joe played well both against Texas-El Paso and Colorado, as Baylor upset the Buffaloes in Boulder, Colo., by a score of 16-14.

Against Colorado, Joe completed 12 of 19 passes for 233 yards with one interception.

The most touted running back in Texas high school football, Robert Strait, has emerged from his injury as a freshman and to become one of the better backs in the SWC.

Strait has made the transition from tailback to fullback, as he rushed for 112 yards in the season opening 27-7 victory over the Miners.

About Baylor

Location — Waco
Founded — 1845
Enrollment — 12,000
Nickname — Bears
Colors — Green and gold
Stadium — Floyd Casey Stadium
(48,500 capacity)

1990 record — 6-4-1
Head coach — Grant Teaff
Lettermen returning — 41
Lettermen lost — 12
Starters returning — 10 offensive,
seven defensive
Starters lost — 6

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In 1980, the last time Baylor attended the New Year's Day Classic, the Bears had a dominating defense with such names as Mike Singletary and Vann McElroy.

This year's Baylor defense held big-play threat Darian Hagan to only 184 yards total offense and the Buf-

falo team to 191 yards. The front seven of the Baylor line accounted for 41 tackles in the contest.

The defense is led by Outland and Lombardi Trophy candidate Santana Dotson and his counterpart Robin Jones.

Last year, Dotson had 44 tack-

les, with 22 unassisted tackles and nine tackles for losses totaling 33 yards.

Jones is looking to repeat his All-SWC season, as last year he had 43 tackles, with 11 for losses.

The Bears also possess a wealth of talent and experience in the defensive backfield, as they are led by senior cornerback Frankie Smith.

Smith made the transition back to cornerback after playing fullback last fall. In the 1989 campaign at cornerback, he recorded 42 tackles.

Some say this may be the year for Grant Teaff. Only time will tell, but the talent is there to surprise a lot of people.

Defensive line drives repeat-minded Longhorns



by **CHARLES POLLET**
THE UNIVERSITY DAILY

Returning 13 starters — five offensively and eight defensively — the Texas Longhorns appear to be a strong candidate again this year for the Southwest Conference title.

The Longhorns, led by three-year starting quarterback Peter Gardere and 1990 SWC Offensive Newcomer of the Year Butch Hadnot, attempt to better last year's 10-1 regular season.

However, a 13-6 season-opening loss to then-unranked Mississippi State knocked Texas out of the Associated Press Top 25 and placed skepticism on the 'Horns chances of returning to the Cotton Bowl.

But if any SWC team can rebound to win the conference title, it is Texas.

The defensive line is almost fully intact from last year. Seniors James Patton and Tommy Jeter and junior

Shane Dronett anchor a defensive unit that held 1990 opponents to under 140 yards rushing per game.

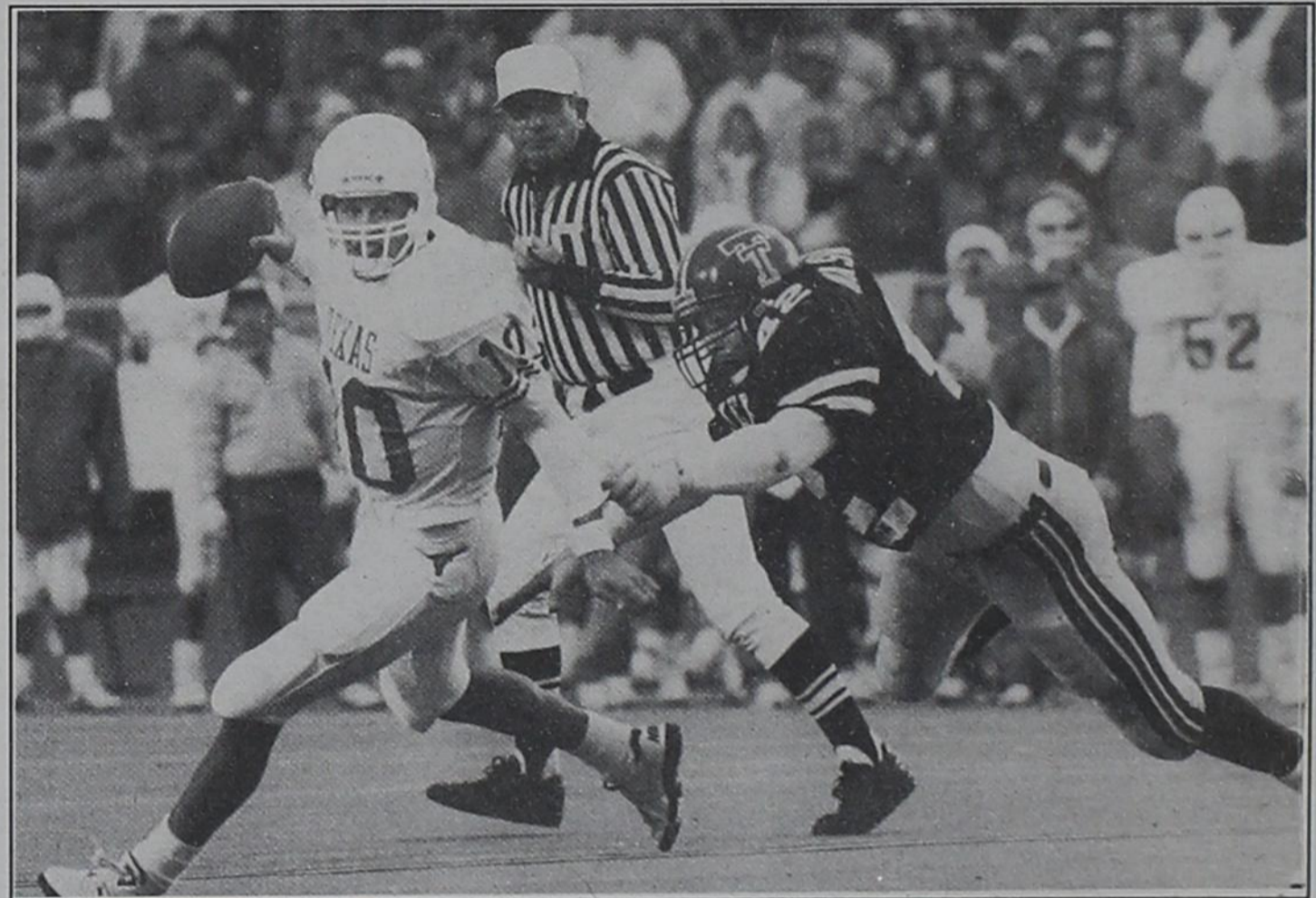
The secondary returns three of four starters, including preseason All-SWC safety Lance Gunn. Gunn, a junior, had three interceptions and 63 tackles — 43 unassisted.

Joining Gunn in the defensive backfield are senior cornerback Mark Berry and junior cornerback Grady Cavness. The hole at safety left by All-SWC selection Stanley Richards has been filled by unproven junior Van Malone.

The solid defense must come through for Texas because the offense lost three linemen and the scoring duo of the Cash brothers — Keith and Kerry.

Second-team All-SWC tackle Chuck Johnson, a senior, will have to provide leadership for an inexperienced offensive line.

The Longhorn receiving unit was reduced to nil, as Johnny Walker



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Peter Gardere

also graduated. Juniors Darrick Duke and Mike Davis have to perform well at the wideout positions to keep the heat off Hadnot and the 'Horns running game.

Coach David McWilliams expressed concern in the preseason about the kicking game. Neither third-team All-America place kicker

Michael Pollak or All-SWC punter Alex Waits return in 1991. Gardere proved to be the best punter for Texas in the spring, but McWilliams said he would like to have someone other than the starting quarterback do the job.

In the 1990 campaign, Gardere completed 159 of 282 passes for

2,131 yards — third in the SWC last year behind David Klingler and Mike Romo.

For the Longhorns to repeat as SWC champions, many holes must be filled offensively. They have a strong defense, but cannot rely on it to win consistently against the prolific offenses in the conference.

About Texas

Location — Austin
Founded — 1883
Enrollment — 50,107
Nickname — Longhorns
Colors — Burnt orange and white
Stadium — Memorial Stadium
(77,809 capacity)

1990 record — 10-2
Head coach — David McWilliams
Lettermen returning — 40
Lettermen lost — 28
Starters returning — five offensive,
eight defensive
Starters lost — 9

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Editor's note

This year The University Daily has taken a different approach to its annual review of Southwest Conference football. In years past the UD printed its preview in the first edition of the fall semester. In 1991, the sports staff decided it would be more appropriate to run the preview before the first SWC game.

As you can tell, the format has also changed. There are eight pages in this tabloid pullout section. We hope this is more convenient for you, the reader. Now you may keep the section without having to thumb through several pages to find the sports section of the first edition.

Due to the fact that this section had to be printed early, all stories do not include information, statistics or game results from Saturday. All information is current through Sept. 19. We hope it will be useful enough to you that you will keep it readily available for future reference throughout the SWC football season.

About the cover... The 1991 Red Raiders are anchored by the players pictured on the cover. They are Anthony Lynn (22), Rodney Blackshear (3) and Tracy Saul (6). The photograph was taken by Artie Limmer of Texas Tech News and Publications.

Charles Pollet, University Daily sports editor



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Aggies buckin' for another bowl year

by LEN HAYWARD
THE UNIVERSITY DAILY

When you ask anyone in College Station who knows football, they won't tell you "Bo knows football." They will tell you, "Bucky knows football."

They're talking about Bucky Richardson, the Texas A&M Aggie quarterback who came back from a knee injury to lead the Aggies to a 9-3-1 season.

Things were looking up for the Aggies after last season, with Richardson looking like he had during his freshman season.

That may change, though, as Richardson went down in the first quarter of this season's Aggie opener against Louisiana State. The Aggies won the game, 45-7.

Quarterbacks Kent Petty and Jeff Granger both saw action because of the injury to Richardson. Granger

About Texas A&M	
Location — College Station	1990 record — 9-3-1
Founded — 1876	Head coach — R.C. Slocum
Enrollment — 41,000	Lettermen returning — 33
Nickname — Aggies	Lettermen lost — 29
Colors — Maroon and white	Starters returning — two offensive, five defensive
Stadium — Kyle Field (72,387 capacity)	Starters lost — 15

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was in for 12 plays against the Tigers and had 108 yards in total offense. The Aggies expect Richardson to be back for the Southwest Conference season.

The big question in Aggieland is, "Who is going to fill the shoes of All-American Darren Lewis?"

Those shoes may have been filled by redshirt freshman Greg Hill, who in the first game with LSU gained 212 yards on 30 carries in the 45-7 victory.

To replace Robert Wilson at fullback, the Aggies will use Doug

Carter. Carter saw limited action last year, only gaining 108 yards on the season.

In years past, the strong point of the Aggie team has been the linebacking corps. But this is not the case in 1991, as this year Texas A&M has an All-America candidate in senior cornerback Kevin Smith.

The linebacking corps is led by senior Quentin Coryatt.

The Aggie special teams are led by place kicker Terry Venetoulis and punter David Davis.

Houston title-hungry after bowl ineligibility

by MIKE HEWLETT
THE UNIVERSITY DAILY

With 20 returning starters and a quarterback who is the leading contender for the Heisman Trophy, it's easy to see why Houston coach John Jenkins is smiling.

Senior QB David Klingler went into the Cougars' first game against Louisiana Tech with something to prove. He and his Houston teammates wanted to show the nation they could compete with and possibly beat anyone on any given Saturday.

On this given Saturday, it seemed to be true. Klingler started off with a bang by completing 63 percent of his passes and throwing nine touchdowns to lead the Cougars to a 73-3 romp over the Bulldogs.

Mr. Record Breaker, as Klingler has been called, lived up to the title by setting a new NCAA mark for most touchdowns thrown in a quarter with six against Louisiana Tech.

Houston's most utilized receiver is junior wideout Marcus Grant, who caught at least one pass against every foe in the 1990 season. Other heavy targets for Klingler are inside receivers Tracy Good and John

Brown III.

First-team junior college All-American transfer Ostell Miles leads the battle for the Superback position and has received the call more times than any other back thus far.

The Cougar defense returns 12 players from last year, but found even this added experience could not stop the Hurricane offense. Miami's 40-7 schooling of Houston shocked the conference and put the unit as a whole under scrutiny.

The Coogs 1990 leading tackler junior Eric Blount, returns to take the reins at the middle linebacker spot.

The defensive backfield is anchored by an entire cast of experienced players. They include the national leader in pass interceptions, senior Jerry Parks, who moves to free safety for the 1991 season.

Special teams for Houston has been a mainstay for four years behind the leg of All-American senior place kicker Roman Anderson.

Although the Cougars were on NCAA probation and could not play in a bowl game, they posted the second best record in college football at 10-1. They are a Klingler's arm-length from Dallas in 1991.

About Houston

Location — Houston	1990 record — 10-1
Founded — 1927	Head coach — John Jenkins
Enrollment — 33,000	Lettermen returning — 43
Nickname — Cougars	Lettermen lost — 20
Colors — Scarlet and white	Starters returning — six offensive, nine defensive
Stadium — Astrodome (60,000 capacity)	Starters lost — 10

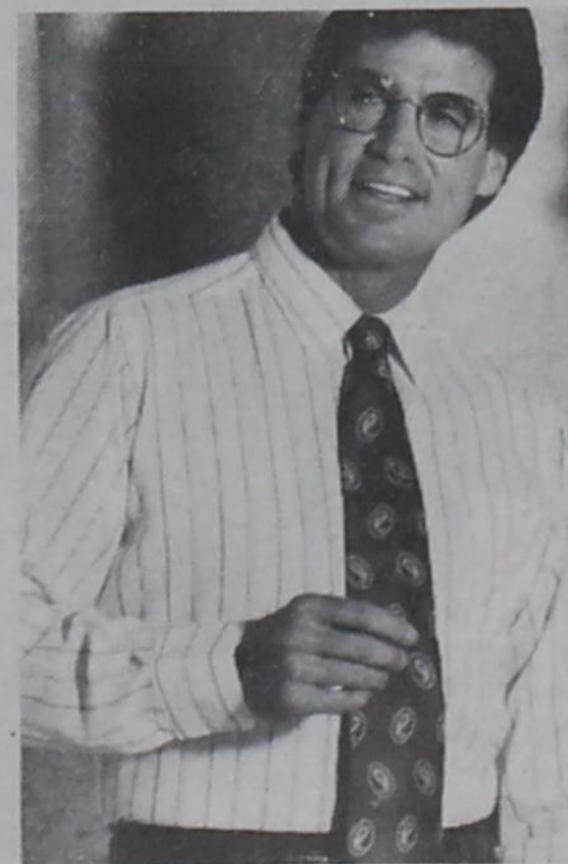
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Raider kicking game, receivers set standard

Tech relying on balanced attack, new 3-4 set

by CHARLES POLLET
THE UNIVERSITY DAILY

Entering the 1991 season with one of the premier receiving units in the country, Texas Tech had the inside line in the Southwest Conference for the top passing game.

But two devastating losses in the season opener — senior Rodney Blackshear and sophomore Lloyd Hill — have forced the Red Raiders to redesign the offense, virtually eliminating big plays.

Tech is 1-1 through two games in 1991. The Raiders demolished Cal State Fullerton 41-7 and were downed by Oregon 28-13.

The rushing game has picked up the slack for Tech, led by senior I-back Anthony Lynn. Raider running backs have accumulated 309 yards and two touchdowns in the

About Texas Tech

Location — Lubbock	1990 record — 4-7
Founded — 1923	Head coach — Spike Dykes
Enrollment — 25,473	Lettermen returning — 36
Nickname — Red Raiders	Lettermen lost — 23
Colors — Scarlet and black	Starters returning — eight offensive, five defensive
Stadium — Jones Stadium (50,500 capacity)	Starters lost — 10

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first two games. Tech has exceptional talent at the fullback position in seniors Louis Sheffield, Anthony McDowell and freshman Byron "Bam" Morris.

Morris is averaging 21.7 yards per carry through the first two games, and the Cooper High product had a 39-yard run for a touchdown against Cal State Fullerton. McDowell, who has missed the last two years due to academic ineligibility, is the Raiders' best blocking back. The Morris-

McDowell-Sheffield combination provides a powerful boost for the running game.

The offensive line is anchored by four returning starters. The left tackle position vacated by Bill DuBose has been filled by sophomore Stacey Petrich. The unit should provide enough protection for the Jamie Gill-Robert Hall quarterback rotation to guide the offense.

The strongest aspect of this year's team is the kicking game. Senior

All-SWC candidate place kicker Lin Elliott has already converted six of seven field goals, five of which were for 40 yards or more. Senior transfer punter Mark Bounds has 10 punts for a 44.8-yard punting average, with a long of 71. Bounds leads the league in punting through two games.

The defense has strong leadership at every position and should improve on last year's 420 yards per game by opponents.

Senior nose tackle Fred Petty is the stalwart in the defensive line. Petty is joined by returning starter Brad Phelps, a junior, and John Pitts, also a junior, to form the front three in Tech's new 3-4 defensive set.

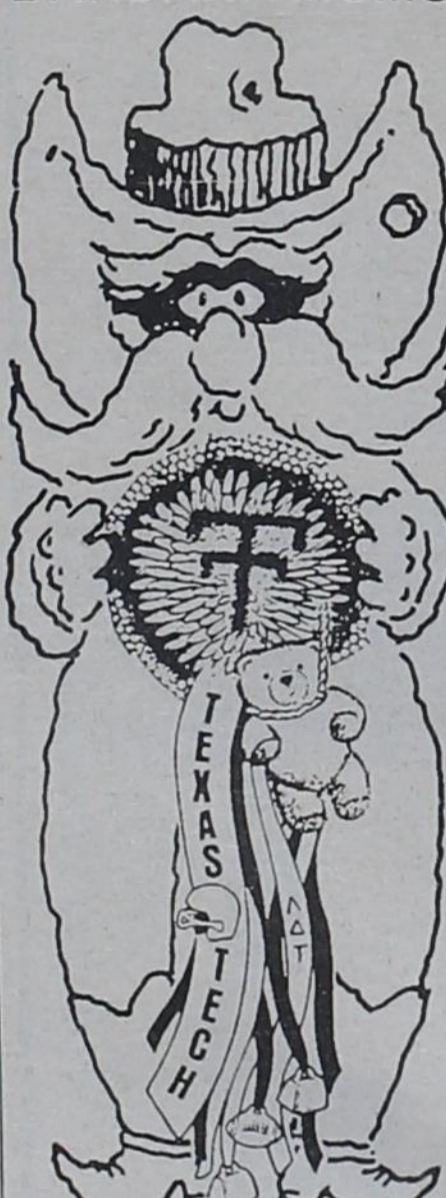
The linebacking corps is centered around senior Matt Wingo. Junior Mike Liscio made the transition from defensive end to line-

backer this year, and junior Steve Carr made the switch from tight end to linebacker. The three are joined by junior Ben Kirkpatrick.

Junior free safety Tracy Saul, who holds the SWC record for interception return yardage at 344, proves to be the heart of the Raider defense. Senior strong safety Brian Dubiski should also provide run support for the front seven. Greenhorn cornerbacks Donny Brooks, a sophomore, and Tony Brown, a senior, filled in the shoes vacated by Sammy Walker and Ronald Ferguson.

While Tech may not rank as the premier team in the SWC, if the Raiders can reduce turnovers — they had a league-leading 38 in 1990 — and perform consistently on offense, Tech may return to the Cotton Bowl come January.

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David Klingler Senior, QB Houston	Mike Gisler Senior, OL Houston	James Patton Senior, DL Texas	Rodney Blackshear Senior, Kick-off Returner Texas Tech
Robert Strait Sophomore, RB Baylor	John Ellisor Junior, OL Texas A&M	Shane Dronett Junior, DL Texas	Tracy Saul Junior, S Texas Tech
Rodney Blackshear Senior, WR Texas Tech	Monte Jones Senior, OL Baylor	Anthony Curli Junior, LB Texas	Mark Bounds Senior, Punter Texas Tech
	John Turnpaugh Senior, OL Baylor	Anthony Williams Senior, LB Texas A&M	Roman Anderson Senior, Kicker Houston
	Kelly Blackwell Senior, TE TCU	Jerry Parks Senior, CB Houston	Tracy Saul Junior, Punt Returner Texas Tech

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Clay out for season, Horned Frogs gearing for wins

by JOSEPH HAYES
THE UNIVERSITY DAILY

For Texas Christian coach Jim Wacker, the beginning of the 1991 season looked as optimistic as could be. His starting quarterback, junior Leon Clay, was returning from a thumb injury last season to lead the Horned Frogs and their triple-shoot offense.

After a crushing 60-7 home opening victory over New Mexico, the triple-shoot looked to be well on its way to making waves in the Southwest Conference.

But, in typical Wacker fashion, the bottom fell out.

That bottom being the season-ending leg injury of Clay against Ball State. Although TCU prevailed by a 22-16 margin, the costly injury just might change the outlook of the Frog's offensive attack.

"It's so sickening because Leon has worked so doggone hard; in both the spring and summer," Wacker said. "He was ready to have a great season. It just leaves a knot in your gut."

Luckily enough for TCU, the quarterback position is one that the team does have some depth at with senior Matt Vogler and redshirt freshman Tim Schade.

"In Matt and Tim, we have two talented quarterbacks, and one of them will just have to step forward now and take up the slack," Wacker said. "It's certainly a lot better situation than a year ago when we just had one (quarterback) when Leon went down."

If Vogler steps in as the Frog's

starting signal caller, he can look forward to hitting two of the top receivers in the SWC. Senior Kelly Blackwell, an all-SWC choice in 1990, led all tight ends in the nation last season with 832 yards on 64 receptions. At the wide receiver position, junior Stephen Shipley is expected to return from knee surgery after missing the first two games of the season. Last year, Shipley hauled in 796 yards on 59 catches.

As well as a lack of experience at the quarterback position, TCU is going to have to focus on defense.

The 1990 campaign saw the Frogs give up an average of 435 yards and 32.1 points per game.

Thus far, the defense has been keeping its opponents down to 15.6 points per game, and Wacker acknowledges the defense's contribution for the team's second win.

"Give credit to our defense in this one. Ball State kept coming at us, and our defensive guys just kept flying around and making the plays when they had to," Wacker said.

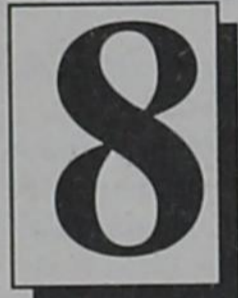
If Vogler and the defensive unit are ready to play, 1991 could be the Frogs' year.



Roosevelt Collins (left)

About Texas Christian

Location — Fort Worth	1990 record — 5-6
Founded — 1873	Head coach — Jim Wacker
Enrollment — 6,950	Lettermen returning — 46
Nickname — Horned Frogs	Lettermen lost — 14
Colors — Purple and white	Starters returning — seven offensive, five defensive
Stadium — Amon Carter Stadium (46,000 capacity)	Starters lost — 10



Cobb may direct Owls to first winning season since '63

by MIKE HEWLETT
THE UNIVERSITY DAILY

One of Fred Goldsmith's goals when he came to Rice in 1989 was to make the Owls a more competitive team.

Goldsmith wanted every fan who attended a football game at Rice Stadium to question who will win.

Competition again will be high, as Rice returns 15 starters, led by All-Southwest Conference junior running back Trevor Cobb.

Aiding Cobb on the offensive

side of the ball is senior wide receiver Eric Henley and All-Southwest Conference guard senior Trey Teichelman.

Junior Greg Willig will once again call the signals and attempt to utilize his height to full advantage.

Defensively, Rice looks strong with an impressive linebacking crew that includes juniors Joey Wheeler and Alonzo Williams alongside senior Tony Barker. The line will be held down by junior noseguard Matt Sign.

The experience lost with the

graduation of talented players like Greg King and Robert Summerlin will be eased as 1989 All-SWC free safety David Griffin returns for his senior season healthy and ready to

perform.

Experienced upperclassmen and an unpredictable offense may be the combination it takes to post Rice's first winning record since 1963.

About Rice

Location — Houston	1990 record — 5-6
Founded — 1912	Head coach — Fred Goldsmith
Enrollment — 3,600	Lettermen returning — 40
Nickname — Owls	Lettermen lost — 22
Colors — Blue and gray	Starters returning — eight offensive, seven defensive
Stadium — Rice Stadium (70,000 capacity)	Starters lost — 7



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Blackshear leads receiving corps into offensive spotlight

by CHARLES POLLET
THE UNIVERSITY DAILY

Touted as having one of the best receiving corps in the country before the season, Texas Tech had high expectations for its pass catchers. Led by senior All-America candidate Rodney Blackshear, the Red Raiders looked to set the standard in the Southwest Conference for air mail express touchdowns.

But on opening night, Blackshear and sophomore wideout Lloyd Hill were injured and left the game.

The injuries left Tech with senior Anthony Stinnett and senior Byron Hooper as the only receivers with experience. Stinnett and Hooper answered the call, collecting 180 yards and one touchdown on 15 receptions.

The credit for the unit's ability goes to no one but is shared by all, said Raider receivers' coach Ivy Williams. The third-year Tech coach said team unity ultimate objective.

"We don't tolerate that (individualism)," Williams said. "We're a goal-oriented team. So as the team

goes, they go. That's the way it's been since I've been here."

The Tech receivers have picked up well on Williams' philosophy, as Blackshear and Stinnett expressed the same attitude.

"I played with (Tyrone) Thurman, Wayne (Walker) and Eddy (Anderson), and they were more individual," Blackshear said. This group is more team-oriented. We want the team to do well and not focus on the individual so much."

"This receiving corps is tighter together because we hang around

together off the field and on the field," Stinnett said. "We know we can kid around with each other, and we know when it's time to get serious."

The Raiders' high-powered offense is a familiar sight in the SWC. The one-back offenses of Houston, Texas Christian and Southern Methodist are geared to generate points and do it quickly.

"In this conference it's getting hard to run," Stinnett said. "Houston, TCU and SMU all have run-and-shoot-type offenses. The big

defensive lines like Baylor are easier to throw on, so more teams are throwing the ball more."

But wideouts are not the only pass-catching moguls for the Raiders. The tight ends have brought down six passes for 56 yards through the first two games.

"I think the tight ends will be more involved because Tech has a very balanced offense," said senior tight end Jeff Hulme. "We're not going to catch 60 balls like Blackwell at TCU because we don't run that kind of offense."

Line stresses error-free blocking

by MIKE HEWLETT
THE UNIVERSITY DAILY

The Texas Tech offensive line is confident in its dual role as run/pass blockers but realizes it must execute for the offense to succeed.

With no apparent emphasis on either the rushing or passing games, the Raider line is forced to be versatile in blocking assignments. When the quarterback is receiving a great deal of pressure from opposing defenses, these linemen must take responsibility.

Junior offensive tackle Charlie Biggurs said Tech can compete with anyone on any Saturday.

"We've got in our minds the attitude that if we come off the ball together and work to execute on each play, we can contend with anyone we come up against," Biggurs said.

Senior guard Jason Duvall said the whole offense had to take responsibility for the Raiders' inconsistency against Oregon.

"The line broke down a number of times and gave up a couple of sacks, and then there were some fumbles on some plays, so I guess you could say the whole offensive unit was at fault," Duvall said.

The Southwest Conference in 1991 has had few boastful wins in its non-conference games. Biggurs, Duvall and Elam all said Houston's defeat at the hands of the ever-dominant Miami Hurricanes and Mississippi State's shocking defeat of Texas have put the credibility of the conference at a low mark. But, Baylor's upset of then 12th-ranked Colorado was a booster shot for the SWC.

Sophomore center Brad Elam staying healthy and flawless execution are the keys to winning the conference.

Elliott, Bounds provide one-two punch on special teams

by JOSEPH HAYES
THE UNIVERSITY DAILY

When most people think about football and the strategies that go into winning a game, they usually think of the quarterback scrambling around the pocket before launching a rocket into the sure hands of the team's star receiver.

Throw in a great defense, and you've got a perfect team, right? Wrong.

One of the most overlooked aspects of a football squad is its special teams. Fortunately for the Texas Tech football team, the 1991 special

teams may be the best in the school's history.

With senior kicker Lin Elliott and senior punter Mark Bounds, the Red Raiders have a definite advantage over other Southwest Conference members.

"We're definitely the best," Bounds said. "There's no one in the SWC who can compare with our special team units." Before transferring from West Texas State, Bound's career average stood at 41.4 yards per punt.

During the second game of the season, Bounds jumped to the forefront of the SWC in the longest punt

category when he booted a 71-yard gem against Oregon.

His flamboyant off-field style sometimes has coach Spike Dykes at a loss for words, but when game time arrives, it's serious business.

"Rather than my public image, I'd like to focus on my performance. It's content that counts, rather than character," Bounds said.

In the kicking department, Tech is also in great shape. Through Sept. 14, Elliott was the No. 1 kicker in the country in fields goals made. With field goals of 52 and 49 yards, he also owned the two longest three-pointers of the SWC.

As well as the Lubbock winds which have been known to plague Raider kickers of the past, Elliott has had to deal with the NCAA's narrowing of the goal posts.

Elliott said it hasn't been that much of a challenge.

"That's pretty much a mental thing," Elliott said. "As long as I kick the ball the way I've always kicked it, it shouldn't affect me."

The one thing both kickers can agree on is the good job that is being done by senior snapper and tight end Jeff Hulme and senior place-kick holder and flanker Byron Hooper.

Backs ready for balanced, high-powered offense

by LEN HAYWARD
THE UNIVERSITY DAILY

Diversity is a word which means many things, and diversity is what the Texas Tech offensive backfield has, with players such as Anthony Lynn and Louis Sheffield.

The leader of these backs is senior quarterback Jamie Gill. Gill was injured for most of the season last year, but came back in the first game of this season to lead the Red Raiders to its third straight victory (dating back to the final two games of the 1990 season.)

Gill said the Tech attack is balanced between pass and run.

"We are just going to stay with the same thing, a balanced attack. We got guys that can run out of the backfield and guys that can catch it," Gill said last week before Saturday's game with Wyoming. "Anytime you have a balanced attack that is more of a threat toward the defense, it is tough for them."

Last year, Gill played in eight games and completed 63 passes in 127 attempts for 1,080 yards. Backing up Gill is Robert Hall, a sophomore quarterback from Dallas Carter.

Hall, during last year's cam-

paign, completed 110 passes in 217 attempts for seven touchdowns.

At the I-back position is senior Anthony Lynn, who was on pace

for a 1,000-yard season, but was hampered by injuries the last part of the season. Lynn gained 884 yards last year, while catching 17 passes

for 150 yards and played in all 11 games last year.

Backing up Lynn is sophomore Donald Marshall, who saw extensive action in his freshman year.

Marshall played in nine games and gained 230 yards on 45 carries. Marshall is expected to see more action this season to help keep the backs fresh.

"Everybody has been rotating more and trying to keep everybody as fresh as possible and keep the defense off balance," Lynn said. "I know they can come in at anytime and do a great job."

The Raiders have extensive depth at fullback with Louis Sheffield, Byron "Bam" Morris and the return of Anthony McDowell. Sheffield won the starting job in the spring, and has performed well in the first two contests against the Titans and Oregon. McDowell is returning from academic ineligibility to help add more depth at the position.

"They are great receivers," Gill said of the running back corps. "That is the big thing about our running backs. They not only run the ball well, they can catch and they can block. It is a big plus to your team."



Anthony Lynn

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Secondary aiming for solid group play

by **LEN HAYWARD**
THE UNIVERSITY DAILY

Everybody's been talking about the change in the defensive alignment for the Texas Tech football team, but for the defensive secondary, not many changes occurred.

Tracy Saul, in his third year as a starter in the defensive backfield, has eclipsed the Southwest Conference record for interception return yardage in a career.

Saul, through two games, has one interception, with a 40-yard return, he broke the record. He now has nine swipes with a total of 344 yards to eclipse the record.

On the season, Saul has 21 tackles in the first two games.

All of the pass defenders are aware of the offense of Houston, but Saul said the team to look out for is Texas Christian.

"One team you have to watch out for all the time is TCU. They have the triple-shoot, and they throw the ball well," Saul said.

Back with Saul in the secondary is returning strong safety Brian Dubiski, a product of Grand Prairie.

Last year, Dubiski had three interceptions and 76 tackles, including 45 unassisted tackles.

Dubiski has been quiet the first two games, but hopes to improve

before the conference season.

"Everybody just has a bad game," Dubiski said of Tech's Oregon loss. "Hopefully, it was just a bad game with a lot of communication breakdowns. I think we have the athletes to play and we're as good as any other secondary. It is just a matter of putting it all together."

A major question in the secondary is, "Who will play cornerback?"

Tech hopes to fill the voids left by Sammy Walker and Ronald Ferguson. The Raiders are filling those voids with senior Tony Brown and sophomore Donny Brooks.

Tech's 3-4 alignment fares well

by **MIKE HEWLETT**
THE UNIVERSITY DAILY

The Texas Tech defensive unit has gone through an increasing amount of pressure this season.

Against Cal State Fullerton, the defensive line had an opponent who was coming in with the longest losing streak in NCAA Division I play.

Any team can easily become overconfident and lose precious game situation practice, in such a scenario. The Raiders, however, used the opportunity to fine tune their new 3-4 defensive alignment.

The Raider team was faced with a clearer picture when they came up against the Oregon Ducks. The outcome of the game — a 28-13 Tech loss — would have the casual observer thinking the Raiders weren't

prepared for the level of play presented by Oregon.

Senior nose tackle Fred Petty said that the defense is always improving, and the Oregon game is filed away as a learning experience.

"When things aren't going right you've just got to keep plugging 'til it works," he said.

The defensive line is an integral part of the defense, because opposing offenses focus on the unit. This gives the linebackers time to read the plays and the coaches enough time to make defensive adjustments.

The defensive linemen, as is the team, are taking one game at a time.

Petty noted that the focus for this season is to maintain a tough work ethic, worry about the game at hand and let the conference games take care of themselves.

Player transitions fill vacancies at linebacker slots

by **JOSEPH HAYES**
THE UNIVERSITY DAILY

In an attempt to control some of the high-scoring teams of the Southwest Conference, the Texas Tech defensive unit has implemented a new 3-4 system.

"We feel good about it (the 3-4 alignment). Our players have picked up on it well, and I think they like it," said Gary Gaines, outside linebacker coach.

"I think the new system fits in

well with our personnel," said John Paul Young, inside linebacker coach. "It's good for getting our speed players on the field."

Leading the back four is senior inside linbacker Matt Wingo, who leads the team in tackles, 13 of which are unassisted.

Junior outside linebacker Mike Liscio, who recently made the move from defensive end, already has 16 tackles in the first two games, with nine unassisted.

"I think we'll surprise everyone

because we're a pretty good four-some," Liscio said.

At just 5-feet-11, coaches say junior outside linebacker Ben Kirkpatrick makes up for his height with a consistent style of play.

"Ben's a really steady performer," Gaines said.

The other inside linebacker position is filled by junior Steve Carr. Carr made the transition from tight end during the spring and after two weeks in the season was the team's leading solo tackler with 15.

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Razorbacks loaded with young, unproven talent

by CHARLES POLLET
THE UNIVERSITY DAILY

Gone are the glory days for the Razorbacks. When head coach Ken Hatfield packed his bags for Clemson at the end of the 1989 season, he also packed marks in the "W" column for Arkansas.

Arkansas is off to a shaky start in 1991 after being leveled by Miami 31-3 and squeaking by Southern Methodist 17-6.

After a dismal 3-8 campaign in his first year at the helm, Crowe has 16 starters returning from a year ago, with eight each on offense and defense.

The most notable returnee is senior linebacker Mick Thomas. He led the team with 136 tackles, 62 solo.

Joining Thomas are returning starting linebackers Darwin Ireland, a sophomore, and Ty Mason, a senior.

The defense also returns seniors Curtis Banks and Michael James in the secondary, who combined for three interceptions and 91 tackles.

On the defensive front is junior noseguard Owen Kelly and senior defensive tackle Scott Long, who led Arkansas with four sacks a year ago.

The offense suffered a major

blow in the graduation of quarterback Quinn Grovey. The Razorback signal caller in 1991 will be an unproven junior, Gary Adams.

Sophomore flanker Tracy Caldwell is a young, bright spot in the receiving unit. Last year he caught 25 balls for 429 yards. Senior tight end Lindy Lindsey also figures to catch the ball more, hoping to improve on last season's totals of 14 catches for 138 yards.

Arkansas has three offensive linemen to build around. Sophomores Chris Oliver and Ray Straschinske join senior Mark Henry to anchor the line. Right guard is the weakest position as the Hogs start

About Arkansas

<p><i>Location</i> — Fayetteville, Ark. <i>Founded</i> — 1872 <i>Enrollment</i> — 14,200 <i>Nickname</i> — Razorbacks <i>Colors</i> — Red and white <i>Stadium</i> — Razorback Stadium (52,968 capacity)</p>	<p><i>1990 record</i> — 3-8 <i>Head coach</i> — Jack Crowe <i>Lettermen returning</i> — 39 <i>Lettermen lost</i> — 22 <i>Starters returning</i> — six offensive, seven defensive <i>Starters lost</i> — 9</p>
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sophomore Tommy Jones. Stephen Walls, another sophomore, fills the left tackle position.

The running backs should prove stable this season, with veterans Kerwin Price at fullback and E.D. Jackson at tailback.

Arkansas is loaded with young

talent at most every position, but Crowe shouldn't expect too much from the 1991 season. The Razorbacks will again be camped near the Southwest Conference cellar at the end of the season, and Crowe can only hope for a miracle before entering the brutal SEC next year.

Mustangs plan to ride 'Blue Wave' to winning campaign

by JOSEPH HAYES
THE UNIVERSITY DAILY

For the Mustangs of Southern Methodist, what does the number three represent? Well, this will be only their third season since returning from the NCAA's "death sentence," and it also represents the total number of games the Ponies have won since that return.

Pretty eerie?

After the resignation of two-year head coach, Forrest Gregg, the

Mustangs are looking to stray from Gregg's conservative brand of play, with the selection of Tom Rossley to take command of the team's

young reins.

With back-to-back losses to Arkansas and Vanderbilt, it would be easy to once again cast the Ponies

off as the doormat of the Southwest Conference, but there is one interesting note. As of the second week of play, Rossley's "Blue Wave" pass defense was ranked No. 1 in the country. Not only that, they were 10th in overall defense.

Romo has junior All-SWC candidate Jason Wolf to hit with strikes. Last season, Wolf ranked 20th in the nation and fifth in the SWC in receiving.

In the pass protection department, SMU has a serious problem.

Throughout 1990, the Ponies offensive line allowed 54 sacks. This combined with an almost invisible running game, could bring an end to this season's campaign if Romo becomes injured.

After two away games, Rossley is looking forward to this weekend's home opener against Baylor.

"I like to be eclectic on offense and defense. I want to field a very exciting team so that when people leave the stadium, they feel they've seen a great show," Rossley said.

About Southern Methodist

<p><i>Location</i> — Dallas <i>Founded</i> — 1911 <i>Enrollment</i> — 8,798 <i>Nickname</i> — Mustangs <i>Colors</i> — Red and blue <i>Stadium</i> — Ownby Stadium (23,783 capacity)</p>	<p><i>1990 record</i> — 1-10 <i>Head coach</i> — Tom Rossley <i>Lettermen returning</i> — 55 <i>Lettermen lost</i> — 7 <i>Starters returning</i> — 10 offensive, 10 defensive <i>Starters lost</i> — 2</p>
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