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The Herald is would like to include names and photographs of current military personnel from Howard County in its Sept. 11 commemorative issue. If you have a close relative serving in the armed forces, we invite you to contact Andrea Medlin at 263-7331, ext. 236, or bring by photographs along with some information about the person. This could include address, educational background, parents names and the like. This information should be brought to the Herald at 710 Scurry.

The Herald is also seeking similar information from anyone who may be employed by the FBI, CIA or others involved in the war on terrorism.

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Council votes 6-1 to approve \$11.91 million budget

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

Concerns over a 5 percent across-the-board pay raise for Big Spring city employees didn't halt approval of the 2002-2003 budget by the city council during its meeting Tuesday night.

The \$11.91 million budget passed 6-1 on first reading with Councilwoman Stephanie Horton casting the lone dissenting vote.

During discussion on the budget, Councilwoman Jo

"I have nothing at all bad to say about any city employee. I know many that do excellent work but I have never seen any agency that can give an across-the-board raise and have it be fair at all levels."



STAULCUP

Ann Staulcup said that she would vote for the budget, but added that in the future, she will vote against any

budget that offers a "blanket" pay raise for all employees. "My point is that a salary

increase should be based on individual performance," she said in an interview following the meeting. "I do not understand how it is possible to make a fair decision of performance across the board. It seems to me that it should be done based on individual actions, individual responsibility and individual productivity over the year."

Staulcup said she's not trying to disparage the work city employees do.

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to say about any city employee," she said. "I know many that do excellent work but I have never seen any agency that can give an across-the-board raise and have it be fair at all levels."

Mayor Russ McEwen and other council members agreed to look into the possibility of basing raises on merit for the 2003-2004 budget.

(City Manager Gary)

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Ricky Mitchem of Mitchem and Sons prepares to load a trailer that became lodged in the 176 mile marker bridge railing on Interstate 20 this morning. The trailer broke loose from a white van heading eastbound, according to Department of Safety Trooper Wade Thomas. The occupants of the van called law enforcement to the accident from a local truck stop. The traffic hazard caused troopers to close one lane of the eastbound bridge for about an hour while the trailer was being removed. Thomas said the trailer was not attached by safety chains and no one was injured in the accident.

Plea from dog's owner expected in attack case

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

The alleged owner of a pit bull terrier mix whose vicious attack left a Big Spring woman with severe injuries is expected to plead guilty to attack by a dangerous dog Thursday.

Twenty-year-old Boe Payne of Big Spring is expected to plead guilty to the Class B misdemeanor at 10:30 a.m. in the Howard County Court.

"Basically, he is pleading out to the maximum," Howard County Attorney Mike Thomas said. "He is also pleading to another crime in Denton County."

Payne will receive credit

"I feel for Mrs. Churchwell, but at some point, how far do you punish someone for their dogs' actions, especially presented a case where the dog had one previous bite and the bite was not severe? How far are we going to punish an individual for the dog's action? This is an unusual case."



THOMAS

for the sixth months he serves in the Denton County Jail on another charge, Thomas added.

In January, the dog attacked local resident Mary Churchwell in her yard, leaving her with severe wounds to one leg that required hospitaliza-

tion. The dog was later euthanized.

Churchwell plans to testify at the hearing on Thursday.

"I hope justice prevails," Churchwell said, adding

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9-1-1 flap

Big Spring council refuses to approve agency's budget due to revision controversy

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

Members of the Big Spring City Council raised concerns at their Tuesday night council meeting about the purchase of a new building for Howard County 9-1-1 earlier this year.

The questions came during the council's consideration of the Howard County 9-1-1 Communications District's 2002-2003 budget. The district's executive director, Tommy Sullivan, presented the budget to the council.

Councilman Tommy Tune raised concerns that the council was not properly notified and did not have an adequate chance to approve or disapprove a mid-year budget amendment to fund the \$170,000 building and \$45,643 worth of computer, dispatch and other equipment for the facility.

Sullivan produced a letter which he distributed to council members. Sullivan said he mailed the letter requesting the budget amendment to Mayor Russ McEwen and to each council member, as well as to council members of other Howard County cities and to Howard County commissioners prior to purchasing the facility, the old First Federal Savings and Loan building at 610 S. Main Street.

Each of the council members said they had never seen the letter.

County Commissioner Jerry Kilgore said he doesn't remember receiving a letter from Sullivan, but needs to check his files to be sure.

Forsan Mayor Jim Buske also said he needs to check the files at Forsan City Hall, but said the letter "sounds familiar."

Coahoma Mayor Bill Read said he never received the letter.

"I think clearly that (budget amendment) process was mishandled," Tune said in an interview following Tuesday's meeting. "If

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Tune said he doesn't know whether he would have supported purchase of the building had the amendment been presented properly.

"I can't say, speaking now and in retrospect," he said. "That certainly would have been the time, contemporary with the purchase, to have had any discussion with regard to that. That would have been the time we would have asked our questions, laid out the facts, whether it was a justified purchase. I can't speculate how the council would have voted or even myself would have voted without hearing the facts at the time, what their space needs were, was it a good deal on the building."

Sullivan said that he followed the correct procedure in requesting the budget amendment.

"If they had a problem with it, it was well-advertised. I never heard from one of them. None of them even showed up at our open

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Officials say West Nile Virus not a problem locally

By ANDREA MEDLIN
Features Editor

The citizens of Howard County can rest easy for now. The nearest reported human case (unconfirmed) of West Nile Fever, the disease caused by the West Nile Virus carried by mosquitoes, is in Tom Green County, according to Texas Department of Health Zoonosis Control Specialist Cathy Parker.

"It's all around us, but it hasn't made it into Central West Texas. It is moving further up into the Panhandle," said Parker.

And Chris Galloway, secretary for Big Spring Animal Control, reports thus far there have been no cases reported of animals having the virus.

However, according to the Abilene Reporter News, a Haskell man, Doyle Langford, 64, has been diag-

"We are staying in contact with the Texas Department of Health. There is funding set aside by the Centers for Disease Control (to deal with the situation) if we feel it is an epidemic in the region or county. There hasn't been any in our region."



DARDEN

nosed with the virus, but his case is unconfirmed. Doctors are "clinically confident" he has contracted the first human case for that area.

Langford is expected to fully recover.

Big Spring Director of Public Works Todd Darden said that there have been no complaints of mosquito problems and they are sprayed for on a case by case basis.

"The worst places in town for ponding water is Beals Creek and Jones Valley. It is often difficult for us to treat some areas because we can't get our equipment into the area. The water table is usually too high, but we will go ahead and spray," said Darden.

As a result of the drought, some problem areas such as the culverts that run underneath the railroad tracks have been cleaned out to help deter the mosquito population.

Keeping abreast of the latest news on the movement of the disease is also a priority of the department.

"We are staying in contact with

the Texas Department of Health. There is funding set aside by the Centers for Disease Control (to deal with the situation) if we feel it is an epidemic in the region or county," Darden said. "There hasn't been any in our region."

"The West Nile Virus like other viruses transmitted from animals to humans (equine and St. Louis encephalitis) can cause, in rare instances, encephalitis.

Treatment for the illness includes administering an antiviral medication, keeping the patient hydrated with plenty of fluids and preventing secondary infections such as pneumonia.

Although there have been no reported cases of animal or human West Nile Fever in Howard County there are precautions offered by the

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Big Spring Symphony Guild members Jill Bradley, left, Angle Byerly, Suzanne Markwell and Pam Brewer visit during Tuesday's symphony season kickoff party held at the Heritage Museum. Season tickets are available at various business and at the Big Spring Symphony office, 808 Scurry.

Symphony kickoff a success

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

A new season of music is just around the corner and the Big Spring Symphony and Guild held a kickoff party Tuesday to welcome the symphony's new lineup. "This is a time to take donations, sell season tickets and introduce the new season schedule," said Pam Brewer, a member of the Symphony Guild. This year's season begins on Sunday, Sept. 8, when guest conductor John Giordano presents "A Prairie Portrait" featuring cowboy poets Don Edwards and Waddie Mitchell. The event is expected to draw people from around the state and nation. "I have already had a call from a man in Missouri who read about this," Brewer said. Season tickets for the

symphony's four performances are \$35 for adults, \$30 for seniors and \$15 for students. Individual performance tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$5 for students. All funds raised by the symphony and guild go toward supporting the symphony. The 2002-2003 Big Spring Symphony schedule includes a performance by Van Cliburn silver medalist pianist Valeri Kulashov on Oct. 26. And as an extra treat, Kulashov will perform for local school students in a special concert on Oct. 25. Local resident and former university choral conductor Keith Graumann will direct the symphony in an "Evening with the Viennese Masters" on Feb. 8. Graumann will return on April 19 to conduct for the symphony's final perfor-

mance of the year, "A Choral Extravaganza," accenting the talents of the Big Spring High School Mesitersingers, Big Spring All-City Elementary Choir and the Big Spring Symphony Chorus. Season and individual performance tickets can be purchased at the Big Spring Symphony and Guild office, 808 Scurry; the Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry; Blum's Jewelers, inside the Big Spring Mall; Dunlaps, 111 E. Marcy; First Bank of West Texas, 1810 FM-700; and Fay's Flowers, 1013 Gregg St. For more information about season tickets, call the symphony office at 264-7223.

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Environmental Protection Agency that can prevent its spread. Empty standing water in old tires, cemetery urns, buckets, plastic covers, toys or any other container where the mosquito young might live. Empty and change the water in bird baths, fountains, wading pools, rain barrels, and potted plant trays at least once a week if not more often. Drain or fill temporary pools with dirt. Keep swimming pools treated and circulating and rain gutters unclogged. Use mosquito repellents when necessary and follow label directions and precautions closely. Use head nets, long sleeves and long pants if you venture into areas with high mosquito populations. If there is a mosquito-borne disease warning in effect, stay inside during the evening when mosquitos are most active. Make sure window and door screens are "bug tight." Replace your outdoor lights with yellow "bug" lights. Contact the street department at 264-2376 to report mosquito problems. "We will dispatch our crews and determine if there is a need for spraying for mosquitos," said Darden. The disease is found in animals and causes the most deaths in birds. While pets such as dogs and cats can contract the disease it is very unlikely they will show symptoms. Health Department offi-

cial are testing birds that have been found dead and requests that if anyone finds a dead bird they suspect was infected with West Nile Virus to call local authorities. "I talk with the Big Spring Police Department Animal Control to determine if the bird should be tested," explained Parker. There are some guidelines to keep in mind before calling however. "We are only testing three species - crows, blue jays and hawks. These birds have the highest mortality rates from the disease," Parker said. "If you find a dead bird call Big Spring Animal Control. If you feel it's necessary to contain the bird pick it up with a plastic bag like a grocery bag or sandwich bag. Put it over your hand like a glove and pull it over the bird once you've picked it up then place it into another bag and keep it in the refrigerator or other cool place until animal control can pick it up." There have been two confirmed cases of birds with the virus in Haskell County. There is one aspect of turning in an animal suspected of containing the virus that is of utmost importance to the researchers - "It has to be fresh. If its eyes have been eaten out by ants or its been dead for more than 24 hours it's no good to us," said Parker. For more information on West Nile Virus call Austin Zoonosis Control at 512-458-7255 or call the toll-free number set up by the TDH, 1-888-883-9997. To report a suspected virus infected

animal call Big Spring Animal Control at 264-2372. To contact Features Editor Andrea Medlin call 263-7331 ext. 236 or send an e-mail to johnmoseley@bigspringherald.com or newsdesk@crcom.net

COUNCIL

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Fuqua, McEwen and all the council seemed agreeable that that would be a good way to do the raises next year," Staulcup said. "I think it would also be cost effective for the citizens money, which I promised to protect." Horton declined to comment after the meeting about her objections to the budget, but during the meeting she echoed the sentiments voiced by Staulcup and raised concerns about the cost of the across the board raise. The \$11.91 million figure is down slightly from the \$12.21 million spent by the city this year. Revenue for next year

should come in at about \$12.14 million, increasing the general fund balance from \$2.06 million unrestricted and \$486,090 restricted to \$2.12 million unrestricted and \$850,090 restricted. The restricted portion of the fund balance is money the city is required by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission to save to close down the landfill when it reaches capacity. Unrestricted funds can be used for any city expenditures or projects. The proposed city property tax rate will remain steady at 65.63 cents per \$100 valuation. Concerned Citizens Council Chairman Aubrey Weaver Jr. was the only cit-

izen to offer comments during the public hearing on the budget. Weaver urged council members to reconsider a proposal offered by CCC Vice-Chairman Clay Slape at the council's last meeting. Slape proposed offering one-time cash bonuses to city employees who earn hourly wages and no additional compensation to salaried employees instead of the blanket 5 percent raise. Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net



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that she is hoping to receive restitution for the thousands of dollars in medical bills she paid as a result of her injuries. According to Thomas, because the defendant is pleading to jail time, his office cannot force restitution in the type of case. Thomas added that the sixth-month jail term is the

maximum punishment for a crime of this type. "I feel for Mrs. Churchwell, but at some point, how far do you punish someone for their dogs' actions, especially presented a case where the dog had one previous bite and the bite was not severe?" Thomas said. "How far are we going to punish an individual for the dog's action? This is an unusual case."

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WHITE RIBBONS: Violet Harold

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house," he said. "All the 9-1-1 districts, we have a lawyer that works for all of us, the coalition. He told me that it was legal. Whether they got the mail or not I can't say. I'm not even going to attempt to. That's their business. I'm going to go on about it and move forward."

Big Spring City Attorney Jean Shotts said that, even if Sullivan mailed letters to the council members, it was the wrong procedure for requesting a budget amendment.

In a printout of State Statute 772 Subchapter D governing emergency communications districts for counties with populations more than 20,000, Shotts pointed out that 9-1-1's budget must be "presented to the governing body" of each

participating jurisdiction and "approved by a majority of those jurisdictions."

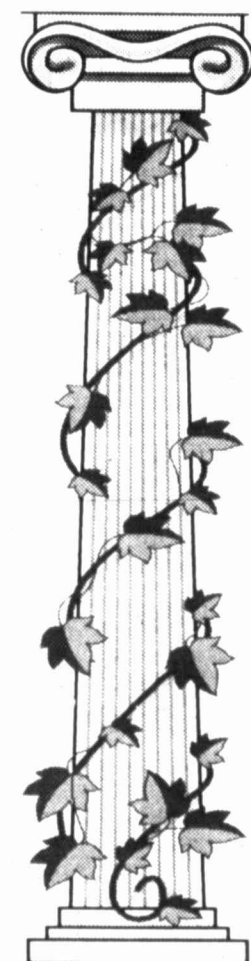
A later clause in the statute states, "A revision of the budget must be approved in the same manner as the budget."

Shotts said in his opinion mailing a letter to each individual council member is not the same as presenting the amendment to the city council.

The attorney said he doesn't know what recourse the city has at this point.

"That's going to be an interesting question," he said. "They already completed the transaction on the project. I'm going to have to defer on that and do a little more research and see exactly what the facts turn out to be."

The council voted unanimously to table 9-1-1's budget until the Sept. 10 meeting to allow time to research the problem further.



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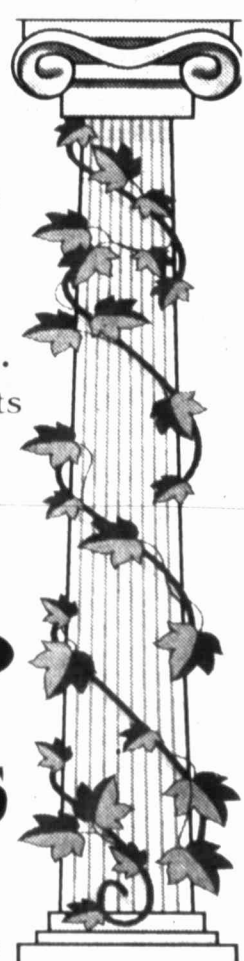
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1997 Dodge D150 Club Cab Sit - Silver, leather, all power, locally owned w/42,000 miles. Was \$13,995 NOW \$12,995	2000 Mercury Sable L.S. - Green, all power, 20,000 miles. Was \$12,995 NOW \$11,995	1998 Mazda MPV - Red, all power, 54,000 miles. Was \$10,995 NOW \$9,995	1996 Dodge Avenger 2-Dr. - White, 68,000 miles. Was \$8,995 NOW \$6,995
1996 Chevrolet C1500 Sportside - Red, V-6. Was \$9,995 NOW \$8,995	2000 Ford Contour SE - White, all power, 25,000 miles. Was \$9,995 NOW \$8,995	1997 Dodge Grand Caravan SE - White, all power. Was \$8,995 NOW \$7,995	1996 Chevrolet Cavalier 4-Dr. - White, good school car. Was \$5,995 NOW \$4,995
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Used books needed for annual Friend's sale at Howard County Library

In Reed Arvin's newest book, "The Will," a young Chicago lawyer, Henry Mathews, returns to his Kansas birthplace to administer a will drawn up by his father, a local lawyer now deceased. The will was written for the town's richest and most prominent citizen, who left most of his wealth to the bird man — a homeless man who has wandered city streets for 25 years.

Why? As the plot unfolds, Henry will uncover a conspiracy and secrets that have been buried for decades.

In "The Tutor" by Peter Abrahams, Scott and Linda Gardner hires Julian Sawyer to tutor their troubled teen-age son, Brandon. Soon it appears that Julian is the answer to the family's problems.

He helps Linda with business deals, gives Scott advice on his tennis game, and he connects with Brandon in a way that Linda and Scott cannot. Only Ruby, the 11-year-old girl, is doubtful about Julian.

Readers will watch in horror as the sociopathic tutor uses what he has learned against each member of the family. Check it out!

What would you do, if at age 50, you discovered that you are six months pregnant, your husband of 30 years is having an affair with your best friend and you have lost your teaching job?

In "Hoping for Hope" by Lucy Clare, Liddy sets off on a journey that begins in sorrow and confusion but ends with Hope.

E. Lynn Harris is back with another new tale that embraces his signature theme of true love. Zola dreams of finding true love; but how can she when she juggles three men in her

life?

Raymond Tyler, Jr. has suffered a devastating personal loss and moved to New York to rebuild his life. Zola and Raymond search for a love of their own; will they find it?

"A Love of My Own" has it all, fast paced New York life; men and women looking for love. Characters from Harris' "Any Way the Wind Blows" also show up in cameo appearances. You can find both of these on the New Book Cart.

Richard Herman, author of "The Last Phoenix" may have a story ripped from today's headlines. Maddy Turner is the first woman president of the United States. Radical Islamic states have devised a brilliant new strategy and have allied themselves with China.

Working in concert, they intend to create a new axis of world power by ensnaring the President's armed forces in a devastating double-pronged conflict — a war that the American military can no longer win.

President Turner will entrust Brigadier General Matt Pontowski with a daring mission into the Malaysian jungle. The risks are high, chance of success is slim; but it is the only way out.

"Lake in the Clouds" is the third volume in Susan Donati's story of the Bonners. Set in late-eighteenth-century upstate New York on the edge of the frontier, Donati's latest

novel continues the story of Elizabeth, Nathaniel, and Hannah (Nathaniel's half-Indian daughter) Bonner, other members of their extended family, and the various cast of quirky, ill-behaved, or good and honorable characters inhabiting the lonely town of

of the Rolling Stone chronicles the guitarist's life. Featuring photographs and stories from many of Harrison's friends, this is not only a history of Harrison's life, but a celebration.

You must check this out, if only to relive a more

good condition, relatively new, please bring them down here.

Please no Reader's Digest Condensed books or National Geographic magazines.

The Howard County Library is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to Friday and 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday.

The Library will be closed for Labor Day Weekend (Saturday, Sunday and

Monday). You may drop your books in our alley bookdrop, entering off of Fifth Street.

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Hollis McCright writes a regular column for the Herald.

New books to 'check out' this week at the Library



HOLLIS MCCRIGHT

- "The Will," by Reed Arvin
- "The Tutor," by Peter Abrahams
- "Hoping for Hope," by Lucy Clare
- "A Love of My Own," by E. Lynn Harris
- "The Last Phoenix," by Richard Herman
- "Lake in the Clouds," by Susan Donati
- "Judy Garland: the Day-by-Day Chronicle of a Legend," by Scott Schechter
- "Harrison," by the editors of Rolling Stone
- "The Life and Times of the Last Kid Picked," by David Benjamin

Paradise.

Donati's first two volumes were "Into the Wilderness" and "Dawn on a Distant Shore;" the Library has both.

The Library has just received some new biographies — Judy Garland, George Harrison and David Benjamin. Of course, many of you remember Judy Garland from the movie, "The Wizard of Oz" and the corny movies that co-starred Mickey Rooney.

"Judy Garland: The Day-by-Day Chronicle of a Legend" by Scott Schechter is chockfull of minute details of Judy's life.

Filled with some 80 rare photos, it is a fascinating chronicle of her life. My generation remembers George Harrison with great affection.

His life as a Beatle was not his defining moment. Instead, his life after the Beatles truly reflects his personae.

"Harrison" by the Editors

innocent, musical time of the early 60's and 70's.

Another biography (really an autobiography) is David Benjamin's "The Life and Times of the Last Kid Picked." Through the telling of his own madcap childhood, David Benjamin pays homage to the exuberance of countless untamed boys who grew up in Middle America in the 1950s.

Whether he's stalking frogs through the bogs of Tomah, Wis., playing four-kid baseball with his bothersome little brother and two favorite cousins, or sneaking into the theater to watch Saturday afternoon Westerns, Benjamin is the kind of little kid who eagerly would have fallen in with the redoubtable Tom Sawyer.

This is a great book.

The Library is still collecting books for the Friend's annual book sale. If you have books (hard-back and paperback) in

Johnny Cash released from hospital following reaction

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Singer Johnny Cash checked out of a Nashville hospital Tuesday after staying overnight because of an allergic reaction.

"It was either medicine or something he ate," said Lou Robin, manager of the country music star known for hits such as "I Walk the Line" and "Folsom Prison Blues."

Cash, 70, has had a series of health problems in

recent years, some of them stemming from autonomic neuropathy, a dis-ease of the nervous system that makes him susceptible to pneumonia.

He was hospitalized twice last fall for treatment of bronchitis.

Cash was elected to the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1980 and inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1992.

On the Net:
Official Johnny Cash Web site:
<http://www.johnnycash.com/>

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• Have those numbers remained steady?

• How has it effected you and your church?

• What special events will be held for your parishioners?

• Let us at the Herald know and be a part of the upcoming Sept. 11 Commemorative Edition to be published on the first anniversary of those tragic events.

• For more information on the special edition or to submit your comments call Features Editor Andrea Medlin at 263-7331, ext. 236 or send an e-mail to newsdesk@crcom.net



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Big Spring spikers rally past Lamesa

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

LAMESA — Big Spring head coach Traci Pierce knew the experience her team would gain from the recent San Antonio Invitational Volleyball Tournament would eventually pay off.

She started collected dividends Tuesday night.

Big Spring, which dropped three straight games to some of the state's top 5A programs in San Antonio, rallied back from a defensive slump late in the first game and never looked back en route to take a wild

15-13, 15-7 win over the Lady Tors in the Lamesa High School gymnasium.

"Beating Lamesa is always fun," said Pierce, who saw her team even its season record at 3-3 heading into Friday's opening round of the San Angelo Invitational. "They (Lamesa) always have a strong athletic program. I think it's a tribute to our players for them to take a match from Lamesa. It shows just how hard they have worked to get to where they are."

Big Spring opened their non-district showdown with a bang. The Lady Steers, behind service aces

from Sterling Burchett and Lindsay Phillips, unloaded on the Lady Tors' defense, scoring 11 of the game's first 15 points.

Lamesa, trailing 11-4, didn't roll over and play dead. The Lady Tors battled their way back into the contest by staging a dramatic 9-1 run that gave them a stunning 13-12 advantage and forced Pierce to take a time out.

"We made some bad decisions and got caught out of position a few times and Lamesa took advantage of it. You can't be out of position in this game," said Pierce. "We took a time out and settled ourselves

down." Pierce's strategy worked. Big Spring went on a 3-0 run in the final minutes to cinch the first game.

LaKenya Wrightsil and Ka'Rissa Magers keyed the Lady Steers' efforts in the first game. Wrightsil hammered out a team-high seven kills, while Magers added four. Leina Braxton and Krystle Long each added two.

Big Spring didn't have any lapses in the second game. The Lady Steers rode the arms of Wrightsil and Magers to an easy 15-7 win.

The win over Lamesa, according to See VICTORY, Page 3B

Selig will join in ML labor meetings

NEW YORK (AP) — Two days before players were scheduled to strike, baseball commissioner Bud Selig planned to leave Milwaukee and head to the talks.

The sides met three times Tuesday, holding two-on-two discussions instead of trading formal proposals among the full negotiating committees.

"The drug testing is a done deal," Los Angeles Dodgers player representative Paul Lo Duca said. "We agreed on that, and that's great."

Rob Manfred, management's top labor lawyer, wouldn't say if owners agreed to the testing plan.

While there were upbeat assessments, some teams made strike preparations.

The Chicago White Sox called off their Thursday charter to Detroit and said they would travel Friday only if there isn't a walk-out. Boston rescheduled its charter to Cleveland for Friday, too, and Atlanta will remain in Pittsburgh an extra day. But St. Louis will travel Thursday for the following day's game at the Chicago Cubs, which would be the first game affected by a strike.

Selig didn't know when the last moment would be for a settlement that would enable the schedule to remain uninterrupted.

"The closer you get to the date, it's tougher," he said from his home in Milwaukee.

Negotiators met briefly Tuesday morning, and players held a conference call with the union staff. The sides, trying to avert baseball's ninth work stoppage since 1972, held a long session in the afternoon and met late at night before recessing.

"They're trying to get the structure figured out as much as they can without making formal proposals back and forth and eliminating some of the unneeded red tape in the middle," said Arizona's Rick Helling, a member of the union's executive board. "It's more just informal talks to see if they can find a common ground."



Big Spring head coach Dwight Butler will lead his team into the 2002 season Friday night with a game against Class 5A Odessa High School. In all, six of the seven area teams open the season on Friday night.

Prep football teams set to kick off '02 campaign this weekend

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Howard County area high school football teams will join a majority of the Texas teams in opening the 2002 regular season Friday night. In all, six of the Crossroads' seven teams will be in action.

The Big Spring Steers will get the chance to show off their new offense against the Class 5A Odessa Bronchos. Both teams are coming off disappointing runs in 2001.

Big Spring, powered by the strong arm of quarterback Tye Butler and running back Josh Mathews, will feature a new one back set. The Steers had been primarily a run-oriented team in head coach Dwight Butler's first 11 seasons at the helm.

The Stanton Buffaloes will also be debuting a new look. Former defensive coordinator Larry Tate is now the team's head coach, taking over for Mark Cotton, who resigned during the summer to become the school's principal.

The Buffaloes, who lost 20 seniors

Game time

Six of the seven area high school teams are scheduled to begin play this Friday. The following is a list of the games.

Friday, Aug. 30	
Big Spring vs. Odessa	7:30 p.m.
Roscoe vs. Stanton	8 p.m.
Sterling City vs. Garden City	8 p.m.
Ropes vs. Sands	7:30 p.m.
Reagan Co. vs. Coahoma	7:30 p.m.
Iraan vs. Forsan	7:30 p.m.
Grady is open this week	

to graduation, will open their 2002 campaign against perennial state power Roscoe.

Roscoe is ranked No. 8 in the state's preseason Class A polls.

The Garden City Wildcats will renew an old rivalry when they host Sterling City at 8 p.m., while Coahoma will attempt to quiet disbelievers with a contest against Reagan County.

The Bulldogs, who nailed down their first district championship since the 1970s last fall, were hit

hard by graduation. The team returns just one offensive starter from last season.

Forsan, too, will receive a stiff test in their first outing. The Buffs will face off against fifth-ranked Iraan, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Buffalo Stadium.

The area's highest rated team, the Sands Mustangs will open their quest with a home game against the Ropes Eagles.

Sands is ranked No. 2 nationally.

In other major tilts, the Wolforth Frenship Tigers, the odds-on favorite to win the District 4-4A title, will be facing Snyder on the road. Frenship is rated seventh overall in the Class 4A polls.

The top two ranked teams in Class 4A will not be playing this weekend. Denton Ryan and Ennis are both idle.

Third-ranked Brenham, however, will be in action. They are slated to open the season against Navasota, at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday in the Astro dome.

IN BRIEF

Youth soccer clinic slated for Sept. 7

The Big Spring High School Boys Basketball Booster Club will be holding a soccer clinic for students in graded K-3 at the soccer fields, located at 3100 Hudgens Memorial Drive, on Sept. 7. The clinic is scheduled to run from 10 a.m. until noon.

The cost for the clinic is \$15 per child. Sign-ups for the clinic will be Aug. 29 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Big Spring Mall. Registration dates will also be held Sept. 3 and Sept. 5 in the Mall.

For more information contact Christine Boling at 267-1267 or Myrna Russell at 267-6891.

USA Gymnastics meet set for Sept. 21

The USA Gymnastics Compulsory Meet is scheduled for Sept. 21 in Odessa. Members of the Big Spring Sidewinders are scheduled to compete in the event.

Among those set to participate are Abigail Fierro, Jolisa Grace, Vanessa Alverado and Kirstyn Pullis.

Gymnasts qualifying at the meet will advance to the District meet on Oct. 5 in Lubbock.

Celebrity auction slated for Sept. 21

Beverly and Roy Beauchamp will be sponsoring a celebrity auction on Sept. 21 to help raise funds for the Big Spring athletic department.

Larry Mantle, the brother of former Yankee great Mickey Mantle, will serve as the keynote speaker at a banquet prior to the event.

Some of the items up for sale are autographs pictures by sports and entertainment stars such as Britney Spears and Madonna.

CHS Band Booster sets 'Tailgate Party'

The Coahoma Band Booster will be hosting the first "Bulldogs Tail Gate Party" on Friday, Aug. 30. Advance tickets for the event can be purchased from Band Booster members. Tickets are \$5 each.

Gymnastics classes start Sept. 9 at 'Y'

Instructional classes in gymnastics and tumbling for girls and boys begins Sept. 9 at the Big Spring Family YMCA.

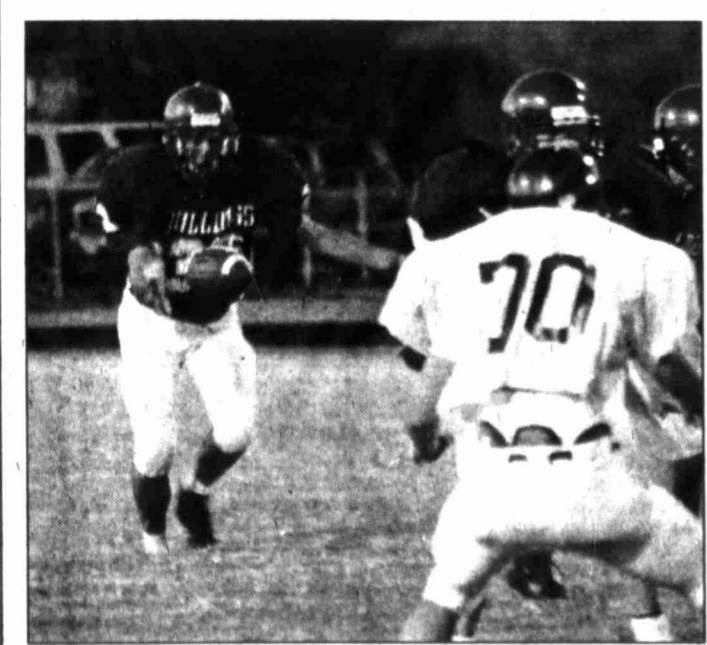
Registration begins the week before classes begins.

Gymnastics and tumbling classes are scheduled for preschoolers, ages 5 and up. Gymnastics classes for girls, age 6 and over and tumbling classes for boys and girls, ages 6 and up.

For more information about the classes or registering contact Pete Thiry at (915) 267-8234.

ON THE AIR

Sports Broadcast Schedule for KBST - 95.7 FM	
Aug. 29	
Event, Time	Station
Astros vs. Padres, 2:40 p.m.	1490
Cowboys vs. Jaguars, 6:40 p.m.	95.7
Rangers vs. Orioles, 6:40 p.m.	1490
Aug. 30	
Event, Time	Station
Steers vs. Odessa, 6:06 p.m.	95.7/1490
Aug. 31	
Event, Time	Station
Texas vs. California, 2 p.m.	94.3
Texas A&M vs. LaLafayette, 6 p.m.	95.7
Texas vs. North Texas, 6 p.m.	1490
Sept. 1	
Event, Time	Station
Dodgers vs. Astros, 1:10 p.m.	1490
Sept. 5	
Event, Time	Station
Astros vs. Padres, 3:40 p.m.	1490
Sept. 6	
Event, Time	Station
Steers vs. Permian, 6:06 p.m.	95.7/1490
Stanton vs. Reagan Co., 7:30 p.m.	94.3
Sept. 7	
Event, Time	Station
Baylor vs. Stanford, 5:30 p.m.	94.3
Texas Tech vs. SMU, 6:15 p.m.	1490
Texas A&M vs. Pittsburgh, TBA	95.7



The Coahoma Bulldogs will kick off their quest for a second consecutive district title Friday against Reagan County. The game is set to start at 7:30 p.m.

Texans' offensive lines woes continue to mount as starting center goes down

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Texans' vaunted offensive line is crumbling before David Carr's eyes.

Starting center Steve McKinney joined a star-studded injury list with a strained left calf muscle that will keep him out of Friday's preseason game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

McKinney suffered the injury near the end of Monday's practice. He said Tuesday he will sit out Friday but expects to be ready for the season opener Sept. 8 against the Dallas Cowboys.

"It was looser this morning than last night and anytime you get improvement

over one day that's encouraging," McKinney said. "I want to be ready for the Dallas game. It would take a broken bone to keep me out."

The line allowed five sacks in Saturday's 24-3 loss to the Miami Dolphins and Carr threw two interceptions.

"We've just got to get better," Carr said. "We've got a lot of mistakes to correct."

The Texans played Saturday's game with a makeshift line that will have more new faces in different places Friday night.

"It's a rough game, injuries happen," right tackle Jimmy Herndon said. "I guess its disruptive a little

but we all still have to be ready to play, that's our mentality.

"Five guys have to go out there and play. It's important that we can step in and play different positions."

Herndon was slated for backup duty at left tackle behind five-time Pro Bowler Tony Boselli, who is still trying to recover from shoulder surgery and won't be ready for the start of the season.

Herndon now is starting at right tackle for Ryan Young, who is out three to four more weeks following surgery on his left groin.

Herndon was hobbled in Tuesday's practice by a hip flexor injury.

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SPORTS EXTRA

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Table with columns: Division, Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows include East Division (New York, Baltimore, Toronto, Tampa Bay) and Central Division (Minnesota, Chicago, Cleveland, Kansas City, Detroit).

Table with columns: Division, Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows include West Division (Oakland, Anaheim, Seattle, Texas).

Tuesday's Games
N.Y. Yankees @ Boston (1)
Detroit @ Cleveland (2)
Minnesota @ Seattle (2)
Texas @ Baltimore (4)
Oakland @ Kansas City (4)
Chicago White Sox @ Tampa Bay (10 innings)
Anahem @ Tampa Bay (7)

Table with columns: Division, Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows include East Division (Atlanta, Philadelphia, Montreal, Florida, New York) and Central Division (St. Louis, Houston, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Milwaukee).

Tuesday's Games
Cincinnati @ St. Louis (1st game)
St. Louis @ Cincinnati (2nd game)
Atlanta @ Pittsburgh (4)
N.Y. Mets @ Florida (5)
Philadelphia @ Montreal (2)
San Diego @ Houston (6)
Chicago Cubs @ Milwaukee (2)
San Francisco @ Colorado (4)
Los Angeles @ Arizona (1)

Today's Games
Atlanta @ Pittsburgh (Midweek 1)
N.Y. Mets @ Florida (Midweek 2)
Montreal @ Philadelphia (Wed 9:30)
St. Louis @ Cincinnati (Wed 10:10)
Chicago Cubs @ Milwaukee (Wed 11:10)
San Francisco @ Colorado (Wed 11:10)
Arizona @ Los Angeles (Wed 11:10)

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
TEXAS RANGERS—Purchased the contract of C Todd Greene from Oklahoma of the PCL.
Optioned 1B Travis Hafner to Oklahoma.
National League
CINCINNATI REDS—Placed OF Austin Kearns on the 15-day disabled list. Called up OF Jesse Guzman from Louisville of the IL. Activated RHP Elmer Dessens from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned RHP Chris Reitsma to Chattanooga of the Southern League.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Sent OF Izzy Alcantara outright to Indianapolis of the IL.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Signed F Brian Skinner to a one-year contract.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS—Placed TE Dallas Neal and DT Jerry Toglia on injured reserve. Reached an injury settlement with DE Ryan Wingo and waived him. Waived T Dave Karetka and WR Shawn Mills.
BALTIMORE RAVENS—Released LB Andre Arnold and WR Lenny Mitchell.
BUFFALO BILLS—Announced the retirement of G Jerry Ostroski. Released TE Dan O'Leary, RB Curtis Alexander, LB James Cotton, OG Robert Hunt and WR Maurice Jackson. Waived DT Leif Larsen.
CAROLINA PANTHERS—Released WR Patrick Jeffers. Waived CB Fred Vinson, WR Terrell Harris and OL T.J. Washington. Placed DE John Mielon on injured reserve.
CHICAGO BEARS—Placed WR Nate Jaquet on

the reserve-injured list. DE Roshawn Matthews on the reserve-injured list, and RB Maurice Hicks on the reserve-non-football injury list.

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Waived LB Tuto Rodriguez. Claimed DT Ron Smith off waivers from Seattle.

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Released OG Brad Bell. OG Gaylon Hyder. OG Richard Mercer. DB Dymond Carter. DB Emmanuel McDaniels. TE Alvin Morrow. WR Adam Booby. LB Leroy Jones. LB Marquis Smith. DT Marcus Spriggs and K Jay Taylor. Placed DT Oasim Mitchell on injured reserve. Placed DE Michael Josiah on reserve-non-football injury list.

DALLAS COWBOYS—Waived LB Khary Campbell. DE Byron Fritch. WR Deveren Johnson. OG Dan Collins, and FB Scott Zimmerman. Placed FB Jamar Martin and TE DS Jeff Robinson on injured reserve.

GREEN BAY PACKERS—Waived RB Kijana Carter. P Louie Agular. DE Aaron Fields. WR Andy McCullough. LB Anthony Sessions. LB Algie Akers. LB Kenny Harvey. QB Marcus Brady. WR Jason Green. WR Brian Haugbrook. S Gana Joseph. CB Sorensen. McMillan. DT Ken Kocher. G Chris Watton and TE FB Bill Seymour.

HOUSTON TEXANS—Waived DT Matt Anderle. WR Larry Davis. WR Devin Lewis, and QB Ben Barkley. Placed S Leunton Evans on injured reserve. Claimed DE Shawn Worthen off waivers from Minnesota.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Waived OL David Johnson. Re-signed QB Greg Zolman.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Placed DL Tim Matlin on injured reserve.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Released TE Chad Hines. RB Jamar Julien and WR Kirk Rogers. MINN. VIKINGS—Claimed OT Adam Haugert off waivers from Tennessee. Released OT Chad Lindsay. Placed DE Willie Howard and WR Kenny Clark on injured reserve. Reached injury settlements with TE D.J. Santiago and LB T.J. Taylor.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Released WR Jimmy Farris. LB O.J. Brigance and C Ryan Bernier. Placed S Rob Kelly on injured reserve.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Released WR Hilton Alexander.

NEW YORK GIANTS—Claimed DE C Bob Jones off waivers from Pittsburgh. Waived C Morris and WR Matthew Hartfette.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Placed DT Hollis Grimes on injured reserve and RB Cornell Dabney on the physically unable to perform reserve list. Waived C Dwayne Ledford.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Released C Mike Alexander. DE Barrett Connor. K P Bruce Dales. WR D.J. Fick. LB Fennell Griffin. DE Bar Holman. CDE Bob Jones. DL Scott Schultz. FB Albert Toppala and DE Ashante Woodard.

ST. LOUIS RAMS—Released FB Maurice Douglas and S Robbie Robinson. Placed OG Travis Scott on injured reserve. Signed WR Willie Blackwell.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Waived LB Shane Lane. DT John Schlicht. G Chad Ward and S Jimmy Sutherland and waived him. Placed S Kevin Curtis on injured reserve and DT Josh Shaw on the reserve-non-football injury list.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Released OT Gar Hilde. Signed DT Jerry Wunsch.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANERS—Released WR Milton Wynn. Reached an injury settlement with DE John Stamper and waived him.

TENNESSEE TITANS—Released RB Dar Alexander. Claimed DT James Atkins off waivers from Miami.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Waived C Jeff Goff. LB Dante Curry, and DT Sean Powell.

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ATLANTA THRASHERS—Agreed to terms with D Daniel Thayer and F Dan Snyder.

ATLANTA RED WINGS—Signed C Stacy Roest. LOS ANGELES KINGS—Agreed to terms with C Chris M. Abane.

WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Announced the retirement of D Rob Zetter.

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Minnesota @ Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
Atlanta @ Cincinnati, 6:30 p.m.
Buffalo @ Detroit, 7 p.m.
Baltimore @ N.Y. Giants, 7 p.m.
Dallas @ Jacksonville, 7 p.m.
New England @ Washington, 7 p.m.
Seattle @ Denver, 8 p.m.
Arizona @ Oakland, 8 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 30
Indianapolis @ New Orleans, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia @ N.Y. Jets, 6:30 p.m.
Tennessee @ Green Bay, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay @ Houston, 7 p.m.
Carolina @ Cleveland, 7 p.m.
St. Louis @ Kansas City, 7:30 p.m.
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Finals (Best-of-3)
Thursday, Aug. 29
Los Angeles @ New York, 6:30 p.m.
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New York @ Los Angeles, 2:30 p.m.
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New York @ Los Angeles, 2:30 p.m. (if needed)

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Everett bangs out four hits in Rangers' 9-4 win over O's

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Carl Everett is finally performing like the player the Texas Rangers thought they traded for. Everett went 4-for-4. Alex Rodriguez and Herbert Perry homered, and the Rangers beat the Baltimore Orioles 9-4 Tuesday night. "Carl had a great night," Rangers manager Jerry Narron said. "It's been a tough year for him, but he never made any excuses. Carl plays all out when he plays." Everett had arthroscopic surgery to remove torn cartilage from his right knee last Dec. 28, and didn't have complete mobility through the first half of the season. Everett also spent two stretches on the disabled

list for hamstring and calf injuries. Everett raised his batting average to .241 and has four homers and 20 RBIs in August. Rodriguez hit his major league-leading 47th homer in the Rangers' three-run eighth inning to extend the Rangers' lead.

BU dismisses player after incident

WACO (AP) — Baylor senior guard Wendell Greenleaf, a two-year starter, has been dismissed from the team after being arrested twice on assault charges. Greenleaf was arrested Aug. 1 after police responded to a disturbance at a Waco apartment. Greenleaf faces misde-

meanor charges of assault-family violence and possession of under two ounces of marijuana. The case has been sent to the district attorney's office. Greenleaf was on deferred probation for an April 18 incident in which Waco police said he broke down an apartment door and slapped his ex-girlfriend.

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Houston officials disappointed at missing Olympic cut

HOUSTON (AP) — Moments after Houston was eliminated from consideration as the U.S. candidate for the 2012 Summer Olympics, a disappointed Mayor Lee Brown pledged support to the eventual winner.

"Some five years ago (when Houston 2012 was formed), who would have thought we'd be in the final four," said Brown, noting Houston was considered an underdog even to be a semi-

finalist along with New York, San Francisco and Washington, D.C. The U.S. Olympic Committee site selection team narrowed the field Tuesday to New York and San Francisco. The winner

will be selected Nov. 3. Charles Moore, chairman of the selection team, repeated his assertion the four U.S. semifinalists were the best choices in the world, much less the United States.

"All four cities are better communities as a result of this rigorous process," Moore said in Chicago, where he announced the two finalists. Brown agreed.

"Think about what people learned about Houston that they didn't already know," Brown told supporters at City Hall, where a crowd groaned upon Moore's announcement. "Houston's a world-class city, an international city, and they know we love sports."

After the announcement was made, tears welled up in the eyes of John Kelley, founder of the Houston 2012 Foundation.

"I'm disappointed but I'm still proud of our city. We worked hard," said Kelley, a former Houston city councilman. "Our city is now truly known throughout the world."

The decision officially leaves the Harris County-run Astrodome, the world's first covered stadium, in limbo. The Olympic plan had it being transformed into a track facility for \$87

million, but now the stadium sits unused, without a firm future.

Both Brown and Kelley said they hoped the Astrodome won't be torn down. Kelley thinks its transformation into a track facility still can go forward.

The task force met all day as it pared the list of contending U.S. cities from four to two. Conventional wisdom had the team choosing an eastern city and a western city, meaning Houston had to beat out scenic San Francisco.

Houston was relying on its strong technical plan, which had most of the venues close together and 90 percent of them already finished or under construction.

However, some perceived weaknesses in Houston's bid included the sweltering heat and humidity during the summer, a limited commuter rail system and a perception the city wasn't international enough to go against possibly a dozen foreign cities, perhaps including Rome, Paris, and London.

Bonds rips Colorado pitching staff for three homers in Giants' 7-4 victory

Barry Bonds won't have a problem winning his first batting title if he keeps hitting home runs like this.

He homered three times Tuesday night, including the third-longest home run at Coors Field, as the Giants beat the Colorado Rockies 7-4.

Bonds finished 4-for-4 to increase his NL-leading batting average to .366 — nine points ahead of Colorado's Larry Walker.

"At this stage of my game there's no personal records that are really that important to me," Bonds said. "You don't really want to think about certain things because they may not end up the way you want it all the time."

It was the fourth three-homer game of Bonds' career — and second in the past two seasons at Coors Field. Bonds has 38 homers this year and 605 in his career, trailing only Hank Aaron (755), Babe Ruth (714) and Willie Mays (660).

"You are past amazed. You accept it," Giants manager Dusty Baker said. "When you see greatness you don't really get amazed after a while."

In other NL games, it was: Los Angeles 6, Arizona 1; Atlanta 5, Pittsburgh 4; San Diego 11, Houston 6; Philadelphia 4, Montreal 2; New York 10, Florida 5; and Chicago 6, Milwaukee 2.

The Cardinals and Reds split a doubleheader in Cincinnati, with St. Louis losing the opener 5-4 and winning the nightcap 5-0.

Bonds' first homer went 492 feet and hit the wall well behind the center-field fence. The only longer homers at Coors Field, which opened in 1995, were hit by Mike Piazza (496 feet on Sept. 26, 1997) and Larry Walker (493 feet on Aug. 31, 1997).

"Everybody knows how good Barry is and our pitchers are aware of it," acting Colorado manager Toby Harrah said. "They're sure as heck not trying to give up home runs."

With a chance to tie the major league record for homers in a game, Bonds doubled against Todd Jones

(1-4) in San Francisco's three-run ninth, hitting a flare to left field.

Rich Aurilia had an RBI single and Jeff Kent hit a two-run double in the inning for the Giants, who remained 2 1/2 games behind Los Angeles in the NL wild-card race.

Dodgers 6, Diamondbacks 1

Eric Karros hit a three-run homer with two outs to cap a five-run eighth inning and Los Angeles defeated visiting Arizona.

Paul Lo Duca's two-run single with two outs against Miguel Batista (7-8) gave the Dodgers a 3-1 lead. Karros followed with his 10th homer.

Paul Shuey (4-2) got six outs for the victory.

Braves 5, Pirates 4

At Pittsburgh, Matt Franco drove in four runs with a homer and bases-loaded triple that broke a seventh-inning tie, and Atlanta withstood the Pirates' three-run rally in the ninth.

The Braves, 24-8 against Pittsburgh since 1998, took a 1-0 lead on Franco's solo homer off Josh Fogg (11-10) to start the fourth.

Kevin Millwood (14-6) won for the 12th time in 13 decisions and John Smoltz earned his major league-high 46th save.

Reds 5, Cardinals 4

Chuck Finley allowed only two singles by Juan Castro as he pitched his first shutout in four years, leading St. Louis to a doubleheader split at Cincinnati.

Scott Rolen hit a three-run homer in the first, and Finley (5-3) took it from there as the NL Central leaders snapped a four-game losing streak.

Cardinals 5, Reds 0

In the first game, Rolen made an errant throw home, fueling a five-run second inning. The split kept the third-place Reds 7 1/2 games behind the Cardinals in the

NL Central.

Padres 11, Astros 6

Ryan Klesko hit his eighth career grand slam and matched his career high with six RBIs to lead San Diego at Houston.

Phil Nevin tied a career high with four hits and drove in two runs, including an RBI single in a seven-run seventh. Klesko's slam capped the big inning.

Jeff Bagwell had three hits and two RBIs for the Astros, who fell 3 1/2 games behind St. Louis in the NL Central.

Mets 10, Marlins 5

Mo Vaughn hit a three-run homer off Michael Tejera (8-6) and John Thomson (8-11) earned his first victory with the Mets. New York has won three in a row since losing 12 straight.

The game drew just 4,448 fans, by far the smallest crowd to see the Mets at Pro Player Stadium.

Phillies 4, Expos 2

Joe Roa (3-1) pitched six strong innings and went 2-for-2 with his first two career RBIs as Philadelphia won at home for its sixth straight victory.


The Phillies have won 10 of 13 to reach .500 for the first time since April 11. Philadelphia also moved ahead of the Expos into second place in the NL East.

Cubs 6, Brewers 2

Alan Benes pitched 5 1-3 shutout innings in his first major league start since last September, helping Chicago win at Milwaukee.

Benes, 30, had made just one major league start since 1997, beating Los Angeles 6-5 on Sept. 8 last year. He had been sidelined by two shoulder operations.

Angel Echevarria had three hits for the Cubs, who had scored eight runs in their previous six games.



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to Pierce, is a direct result of the experience the BSHS squad picked up in San Antonio.

"We didn't win any games in San Antonio, but our main purpose for going to that tournament was to play some better teams that could make us stronger," Pierce said. "I think we did that. We learned some good things about ourselves and we learned of some things we need to work on."

Namely, the Big Spring defense.

"Our defense has improved tremendously since San Antonio," she said. "We talked about it after the San Antonio tournament and basically knew if we were going to make a run at the playoffs we were going to have to step it up on defense."

Lamesa found out just how much better the BSHS

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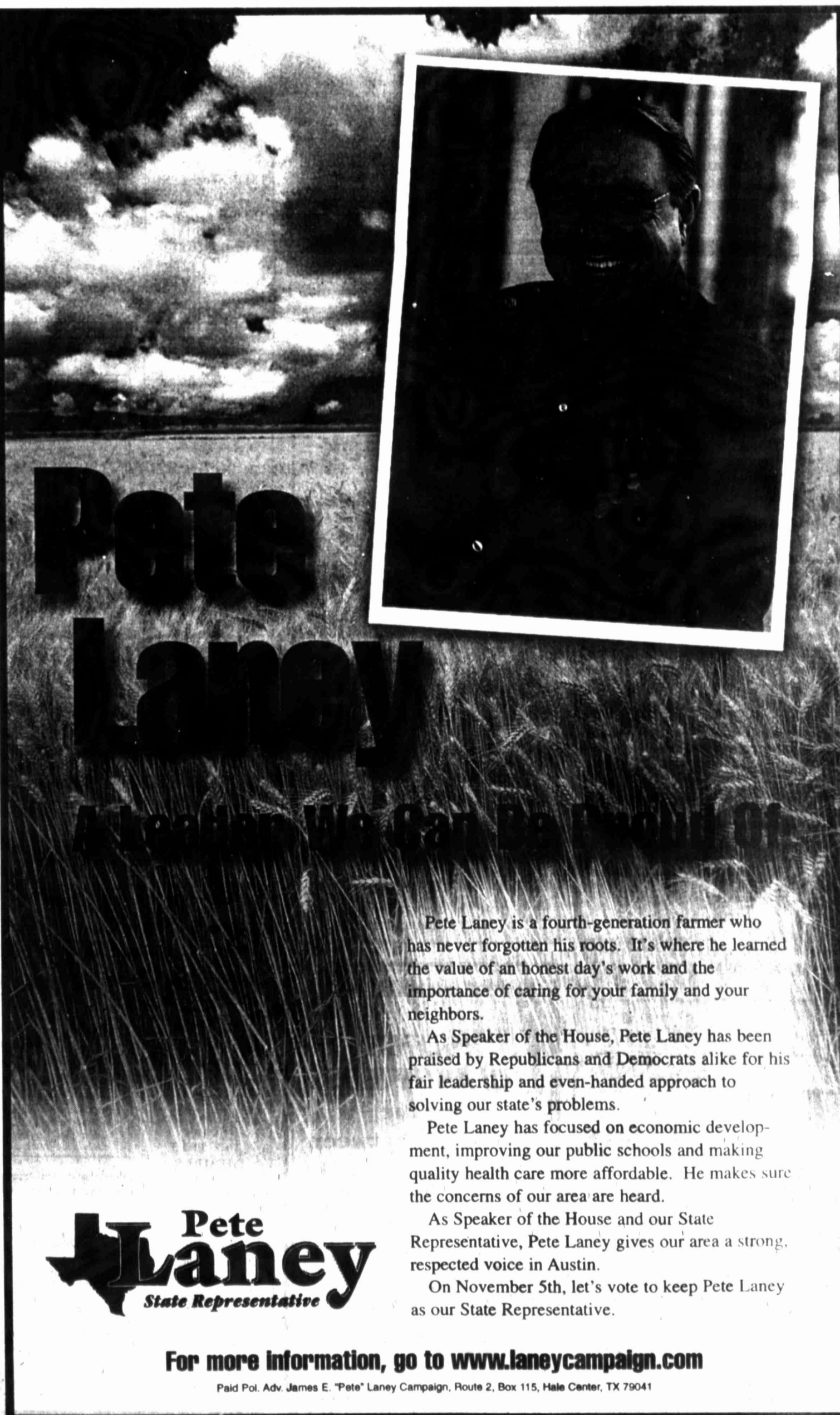
The following is a look at the Big Spring Lady Steers' upcoming schedule.

Aug. 30	at San Angelo Try	TBA
Sept. 3	SA Central/Water Valley	4 p.m.
Sept. 6	at Seminole Tournament	TBA
Sept. 10	Abilene/Coronado (at Abilene)	4 p.m.
Sept. 14	Lamesa Tournament	TBA

defense was. Other than the 9-1 run late in the first game, Lamesa managed just 11 service points in the two game stretch.

The Lady Steers will return to action Friday morning in San Angelo with a 9 a.m. bout against Canyon High School. Should Big Spring win, they would advance to a 2 p.m. showdown with either El Paso Hanks or Miles.

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) **** Out of the blue, you become fastidious, especially with work and health matters. Your efficiency works for you, but might be very annoying to others. Be reasonable with your requests. Remember, not everyone thinks as you do. Tonight: Organize your bills.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) **** You might suddenly become far more frisky than you have been in recent months. Allow yourself to express your libido more often. Treat a child carefully, as he or she might be up for a rebellion. Tonight: Start Labor Day weekend early.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ** Uproar surrounds your home or personal life. To be sure, someone might not see an emotional issue in the same light as you do. Meanwhile, muzzle yourself and detach. You could be overreacting. Be smart and find out what's needed here. Tonight: Get as much sleep as possible.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** You might speak your mind a little too easily in the next few months. You need to pull back and do some thinking. You

might not be on-target about a personal matter. Loosen up when dealing with a difficult neighbor or sibling. Tonight: Accept a friend's invitation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) **** Your energy level drops after a very strong few weeks. Be careful, as with the changing of the season, you might go overboard financially. Work on being reasonable with your spending, making a budget ahead of time. You don't want to sing the blues. Tonight: A must show.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Mars moves into your sign, encouraging you to take off and visit with others in the near future. Use your fine mind to see ways to clear out your work more efficiently. Your high energy makes you an unbeatable force. Tonight: Try unusual.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** A partner expresses a high level of caring. You feel more comfortable now to express your feelings. You might not be as happy as she or he thinks. Wouldn't it be better to express your qualms in a nice way rather than blowing your fuse? Tonight: Chat over dinner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Your friends drive a hard bargain in the next few weeks. Clearly, others want you with them. A partner or associate also might be unusually demanding right now. Do what you need to in order to fit in all your obligations. Do what you want, also! Tonight: Just say "yes."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **** In the next few weeks, you could be unusually busy. Others demand a lot, and you'll deliver. Be direct with associates. If everyone understands or knows what is expected, they are likely to fill the bill. Avoid getting bossy. Tonight: Clear your desk.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **** Reach out for those at a distance. Plans point to getting together in the near future, if not this Labor Day weekend. Creativity flourishes in an

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unprecedented manner. Help others get into the holiday mood. Let go and enjoy. Tonight: Where the fun is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** Dig into a project with an associate or loved one in the next few weeks. You could be amazed at what you can accomplish together. Bring extra work home if you can. You might be able to concentrate better in your own environment. Tonight: Make it easy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** How you say what you think could make a big difference in the response

you receive, not only today but also in the next few weeks. Others dominate the scene right now. You might need to defer to another. Don't take every word that comes out of this person's mouth personally. Tonight: Join a loved one at a preferred spot.

BORN TODAY Philosopher John Locke (1632), musician Michael Jackson (1958), musician Charlie Parker (1920)

Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at <http://www.jacquelinebigar.com>.

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Long engagement overdue for talk

Dear Annie: I have been engaged to "Gary" for three years. In the last six months, he has become good friends with "Sara," one of his co-workers. Gary and Sara e-mail each other at least 20 times a day. These messages consist of day-to-day work issues, but they also discuss personal matters, including their relationships with others — which means Gary's relationship with me. She often gives him advice as well, and I resent it.

I do not think it is appropriate for an engaged man to have this sort of bond with a female co-worker. I would never have such intimate discussions with another man. Gary doesn't try to hide these e-mails, so I trust him, but the whole thing makes me uneasy.

Am I overreacting? — Insecure in Los Angeles

Dear Insecure: While it is common for co-workers to e-mail each other during the day with office business, trivia, gossip and jokes, it is inappropriate for Gary to discuss his love life with Sara. You say you've been engaged for three years. What are you waiting for? The long delay might explain why Gary is so emotionally intimate with Sara. You two are overdue for a serious talk.

Dear Annie: Now that women are allowed to go bare-legged in most places, when will it be socially acceptable to free ourselves of the constriction of brassieres? How could anything so confining be healthy to wear? We fret about panty lines, but never think about bra lines.

Every woman I know hates wearing a bra. They are itchy and uncomfortable, the sides ride up into my armpits, the straps cut into my shoulders, and I sweat underneath. I am a 38D but can go braless, and no one can tell. Unless I choose to wear a sheer blouse, my lack of support does not draw attention.

When I wear tight-fitting tops, my bra becomes superfluous.

I suspect the bra does nothing more than make breasts more attractive to men. Please print this in "support" of my position, and tell me what you think. — Erin Go Braless in Washington, D.C.

Dear D.C.: Do you really believe your 38D wasn't noticeable without a bra? It's more likely people were stunned into silence.

We know of no study that shows the merits of wearing a bra, other than for the sake of appearance. Society



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

has conditioned us to prefer the look of a woman whose chest is . . . uplifted, shall we say. That conditioning isn't likely to change any time soon. Any woman who feels constrained by a brassiere is welcome not to wear one, although there are a variety of brassieres available, and you should be able to find one that fits comfortably.

Dear Annie: When I was in eighth grade, I developed a crush on a boy. My infatuation continued through high school, although nothing came of it. I am now 41 years old and still dreaming about this boy.

I am not pining over him during my waking hours. However, these dreams have been going on for almost 30 years, and I'm wondering if there is a reason. I happen to know this "boy" is now married with a family. I have no overwhelming desire to see him in real life. However, I'm wondering if my dreams mean he is my true soulmate. Should I pursue it? — Beautiful Dreamer

Dear Dreamer: Please don't. Your dreams are fantasy, nothing more. This boy represents perfection, and that is why you are dreaming about him. It would not be wise to disrupt his marriage by proving he's human after all.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@creators.com, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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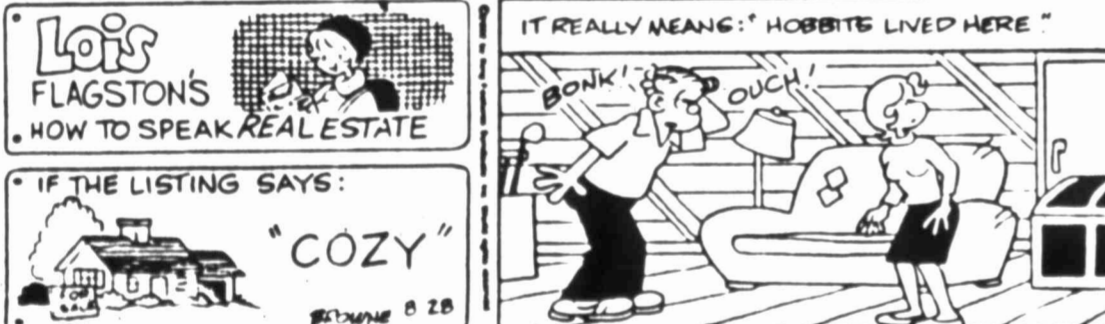
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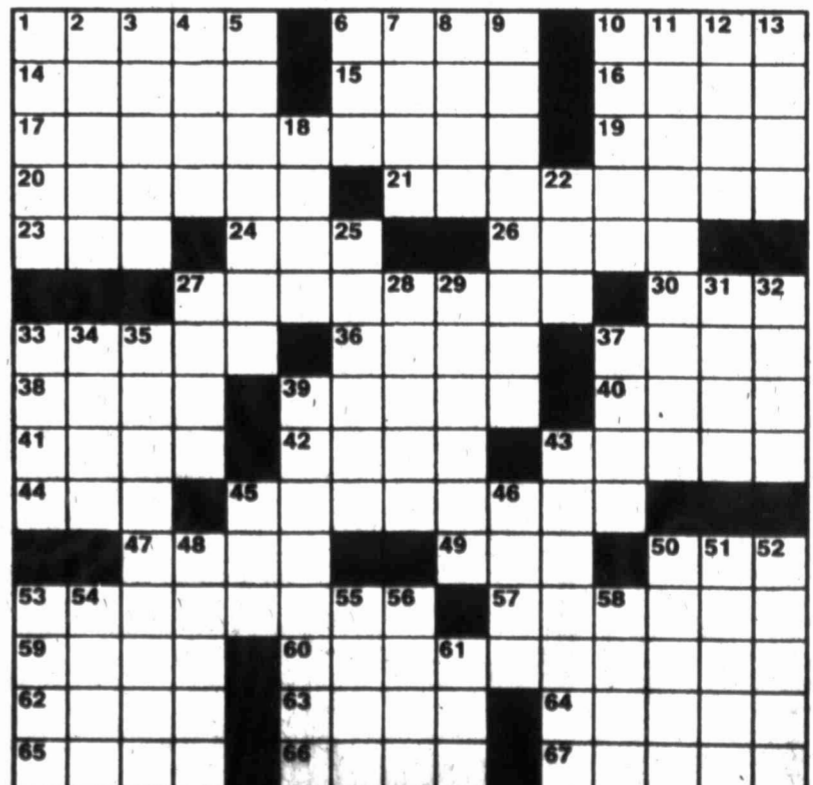
The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Wednesday, Aug. 28, the 240th day of 2002. There are 125 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 28, 1963, 200,000 people participated in a civil rights rally where the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech in front of the Lincoln Memorial. On this date: In 1609, Henry Hudson discovered Delaware Bay. In 1916, Italy's declaration of war against Germany took effect during World War I. In 1947, legendary bull-fighter Manolete was mortally wounded by a bull during a fight in Linares, Spain; he died the following day at age 30. In 1955, Emmett Till, a black teen-ager from Chicago, was abducted from his uncle's home in Money,

Miss., by two white men after he supposedly whistled at a white woman. He was found brutally murdered three days later. In 1968, police and anti-war demonstrators clashed in the streets of Chicago as the Democratic national convention nominated Hubert H. Humphrey for president. In 1973, more than 520 people died as an earthquake shook central Mexico. In 1981, John W. Hinckley, Jr., pleaded innocent to charges of attempting to kill President Reagan. (He was later acquitted by reason of insanity). In 1987, movie director John Huston died in Middletown, R.I., at age 81. In 1996, the troubled 15-year marriage of Britain's Prince Charles and Princess Diana officially ended with the issuing of a divorce decree. Ten years ago: The U.S. government mounted two huge relief operations. Today's Birthdays: Actor-dancer Donald O'Connor is 77. Country singer Billy Grammer is 77. Actor Ben Gazzara is 72. Former Defense Secretary William S. Cohen is 62. Actor David Soul is 59. Baseball manager Lou Piniella is 59. Actress Alice Playten is 55. Singer Wayne Osmond (The Osmonds) is 51. Actor Daniel Stern is 45. Olympic gold medal figure skater Scott Hamilton is 44. Actress Emma Samms is 42. Country singer Shania Twain is 37. Actor Jack Black is 33. Actor Jason Priestley is 33. Olympic gold medal swimmer Janet Evans is 31. Actor J. Aug. Richards ("Angel") is 29. Rock singer-musician Max Collins (Eve 6) is 24. Actress Carly Pope is 22. Country singer LeAnn Rimes is 20.

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OLD RELIABLE by Bob Frank

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Fall Fashion: Girls remain a diamond's 'best friend'

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Girls are a diamond's best friends, it seems.

Two years ago, the jewelry industry totaled the figures and found that women had bought \$12.1 billion worth of these baubles for themselves in 1999 — a 41 percent increase from the previous year.

And those totals didn't include the investments in colored gemstones, cultured pearls, gold and platinum that women made from their own paychecks.

The curve continues upward, according to Elizabeth Florence, executive director of the Jewelry Information Center, an industry group. While awaiting new data, she says "the anecdotal data from retailers around the country — from Mom and Pop independent stores to Zale-type mass market doors to high-end carriage houses such as Harry Winston — is a resounding 'yes,' that both single and married women are buying fine jewelry for themselves in unprecedented droves.

"Fine jewelry has always been thought of as a gift of love, but the evidence strongly suggests that it has now also become a token of self-respect and of having arrived," she said.

The choices women are making aren't timid.

Think colored or black Tahitian pearls. Either on their own or mixed with colored gems, they are a far cry from what you wore with your college-era twinset. An example is Ellagem's lariat necklace (\$15,000) that has two Tahitian pearls set in white 18K white gold with abalone pearl flower and turquoise cuplet details.

There's an unexpected double dose of glamour with Tiffany & Co.'s bangle bracelets or rings glittering with pave gems. The top sides are set in diamonds; tilt them a bit and discover the sides encrusted with sapphires. Ring is \$7,100; bangle is \$26,500. If you prefer sapphires on top with the surprise in diamonds, the ring is \$6,500 and the bangle is \$24,900.

Remember your first

circle pin? This classic style is back, and one new take on it is a dazzling wreath of 15 round diamonds and 15 round emeralds (\$11,400) from Oscar Heyman Bros.

Another perennial, the cross pendant, is interpreted by Cassis in 18K gold set with diamonds (\$11,600).

Bold doesn't necessarily mean chunky. Dawn Hale offers a graceful 14K gold necklace fringed with a collection of dangling cognac-colored diamond briolettes (\$4,000).

Similarly, the impact of Christian Tse's lacy platinum mesh lariat necklace with iolite beads (\$9,900) is subtle but strong.

Platinum also is the choice of Scott Kay for his double-link chain necklace that latches into a padlock-like heart studded with yellow and white diamonds (\$25,490).

Lots of little gems can make a big statement, as in the bunches of ruby "berries" gathered together by Ashleigh Branstetter for matchstick earrings (\$840) and a double lasso lariat (\$800).

Jewelry based of traditional Kundan Meena works of art, from Sunhera, offer a taste of southern Asia. An example is the Token of Love pendant (\$4,500) which has 3.8 carats of uncut diamonds and 67.75 carats of ruby spinel.

And finally, protect that investment. The technology to microscopically inscribe your precious stones for identification has been vastly improved, says David Benderly, president and CEO of PhotoScribe Technologies. His company produces cold-laser equipment that eliminates some of the previous chipping and unclear inscriptions that had affected diamond marking in the past, he said.

Inscriptions can be etched with certificate numbers, logos, brand names, line art and even photographs onto the girdle of a diamond surface as small as 1 percent the size of a human hair. And stones that have been enhanced by treatment must by law be inscribed, according to the Mark Gershburg, director of



HERALD photos/Andra Medlin
Blum's customer Ismael Lujan admires a strand of pearls he is shown by Lynette Brooks while browsing through the jewelry store located in the Big Spring Mall (top photo). Kim Phinney, owner of the Karat Patch located 997 East FM 700 displays a diamond tennis bracelet to customer Patsy McDowell during a shopping expedition (middle photo). Chaney's customer Shirley Davis gazes at a diamond cluster ring shown by Chaney's co-owner Alisa Chaney (bottom photo). The jewelry store is located at 1706 Gregg Street.

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Fall Fashion: Taking a Paris shopping tour

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Watching the fashion shows on TV or glancing at the glossy fashion magazines can be a shock to the system. What are these semi-nudists? These bustier-clad kids with the skin-tight pants and pointy breasts or feathered hairdos? Is anybody a "normal" dresser in Paris?

Yes. Most women here look normal, even chic. Costumes shown on the catwalks don't really make it to the shops or the street. Even Christian Dior, while displaying John Galliano's laughable costumes, doesn't hang those outlandish show outfits on the prestigious shop's racks.

Shopping when you're on vacation is part of the fun. And Paris being Paris, there's always a good cafe nearby for a drink and a bite.

Prices are pretty high, since all clothes are charged value added tax extra, about 20 percent. But by showing your passport, you can get a pink slip to turn in at the customs counter in the airport for a refund, also about 20 percent, sent to you on purchases of over 183 euros. The dollar is on parity with the euro right now. Be sure to look for January and July sales (soldes in French). Prices given here are pre-sale.

Boutiques often seem to stock sizes for sylphs — mostly size 38, or 8-10 U.S. But ask for larger sizes, since some shops carry up to 50, or about 20 U.S. Choose your neighborhood:

St. Germain des Pres (6th Arrondissement)

This is the latest hot ticket for shoppers. Once the bastion of so-called intellectuals and radicals, it's now more consumer-dedicated, much to the chagrin of people who would like to "save the old neighborhood." But everything looks fine and dandy, compared to the old days, when greasy-haired intellectuals pulling on their Gitanes at the cafes ruled. Good shops usually make good neighbors.

You might start on the Rue Bonaparte, just off the

Place St. Germain. Esprit, at 74 Rue Bonaparte, has a small boutique and wearable clothes like lean trousers at 55 euros, pullovers at 50. A pin-stripe suit jacket comes to 130 euros, pants to 75.95. These are considered reasonable prices in most neighborhoods.

Georges Rech, at No. 54, is a well-known name with several little shops in Paris. The quality is good in this roomy-airy shop. A flounced dress may go for 967 euros, straight pants for 250.

Also in 54, Apostrophe's tiny store sells dresses, blouses and skirts in medium price ranges (about 120 for a blouse).

Sporty clothes are the specialty of Hugo Boss, the German firm with a boutique at 47 Rue Bonaparte. A well-made, conservative coat may cost 568 euros, a skirt about 199.

At No. 53, Armenian creator Didier Parakian has a small but amusingly folkloric shop featuring baroque metalwork, a mosaic, and moderately-priced clothes, also colorful and in a fussy, folklore vein. Not for everyone, but worth a peek.

Cacharel's well-known label pops up in a roomy boutique at 64 Rue

Bonaparte. The clothes are conservative but not dull, featuring blazers, excellent trouser suits in muted colors, plus touches of fantasy in colorful flat shoes. Medium to high price range (302 euros for a typical jacket).

Cheaper chic is found at the Comptoir des Cottonniers — usually things in cotton, sometimes other fabrics. A jacket may be 90 euros, a camouflage print T-shirt 53.

Max Mara's shop at the corner of Rue Bonaparte and Rue du Four (37 Rue du Four) is popular for its well-made Italian styles, both sleek and dressy. It falls in the medium-high category; a nice herringbone tweed blazer goes for 299 euros.

Then swing around the corner to Rue de Rennes.

At the corner of Rue du Four and Rennes is a new Burberry, pricetags big as expected, but offering worthwhile raincoats and suede jackets, plus "swinging London" miniskirts with a new fashion twist for the old house.

Nearby, at 1 Rue Madame, Victoire is a branch of a shop known for its high-quality clothes — suits.

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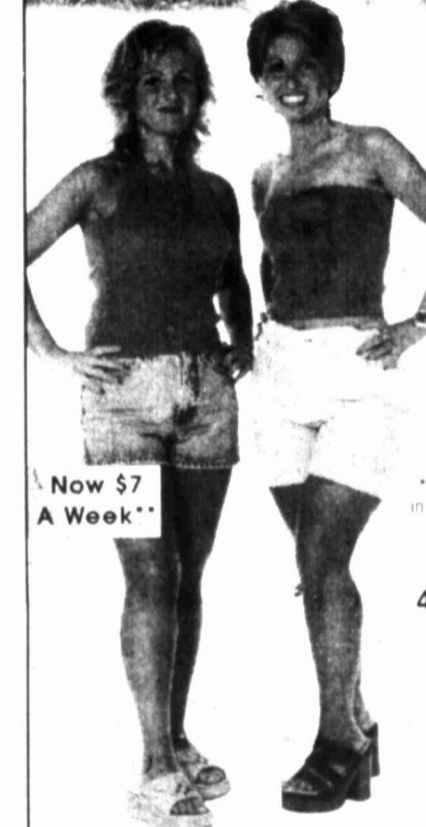
It's never too early to begin shopping for Christmas. That's the way they see things at Sugg's Halmak, located at 1801 FM-700 inside the Big Spring Mall. Sugg's is already stocking up on its supply of the popular Halmak collectable Christmas ornaments. Here store employee Courtney Wegner, 19, arranges one of the items on the the collectable Christmas ornament display area.



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Dunlap's employee Nancy Newell shows off a jewelry item to 16-year-old Lindsay Wilks. Dunlap's is located at 111 E. Marcy.

Worth noting:

The Powerful Femme

NEW YORK (AP) — Courtesans and actresses were the power dressers of Paris 100 years ago, a view explored in "Femme Fatale: Fashion and Visual Culture in Fin-de-Siecle Paris," Oct. 22 through Jan. 25 at the Museum at the Fashion Institute of Technology.

A selection of more than 50 haute couture dresses, teagowns and other ensembles will be displayed to demonstrate what the curators say was a new image of femininity: erotic, powerful and modern. Fashions by Worth, Paquin and Doucet are among the selections.

Beene Gets Design Award

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fashion designer Geoffrey Beene will receive one of this year's National Design Awards from the Smithsonian Institution's Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum.

He will be honored, along with landscape

architect Dan Kiley and the Whirlpool Corporation, at an Oct. 22 event at Cooper-Hewitt in New York City.

Dot-Com Casual Going Bust

HIGHLAND PARK, Ill. (AP) — The casual dress style favored by dot-com boomers is going the way of some of their enterprises, in the opinion of Arnold Kapp.

Kapp, who heads Corporate Textiles, says that many of the clients for his company's custom ties, scarves and fashion accessories report a welcome-back movement toward more formal business attire.

"When Internet companies crashed, 'dressing down' no longer conveyed success," Kapp said. "Initially, the casual code made employees feel more comfortable, but management has learned that 'business casual' oftentimes has become synonymous with disorganized, distracting and amateurish."

Now companies reverting to more formal attire have an advantage, he said.

Get set, get dressed, go!

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Time to throw those flowered capris into the hamper and the Britney-style getups into the trash (you know you'll never wear those again). Fall is when you get serious about how you look to the rest of the world:

One place to start is good old Sears. This old-line company is aiming to raise its fashion profile with the launch of a new high-quality fashion line called Covington and its acquisition of catalog giant Lands' End.

Look for long-lasting classics in both. A limited offer-

ing of the most popular Lands' End apparel, including shoes, will be in 184 Sears stores this fall.

Covington is the company's first private label, and first entries include cotton ribbed turtlenecks (\$28), classic shirts in dark stripes (\$26), and hip-length sweater coats (\$36). The new label is a family affair, with similar items for men and children.

Making its American debut this fall is the Canadian label Spanner, which offers easygoing silhouettes by Susan Lee, like a reversible suede sherpa jacket (\$219), a generous

long coat with sectioned seaming (\$279), and a striped ribbed turtleneck sweater (\$79) that can be coordinated with a similarly ribbed shawl (\$119).

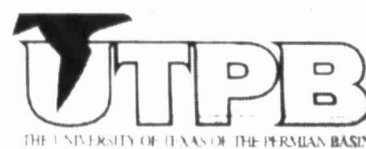
One smart-looking item is a brilliant red double-breasted belted coat (\$280) from Harve Benard. It has a hood with convertible notch lapel and angled pockets.

A classic blazer (\$495) from the Worth Collection is tweaked by rendering it in an unexpected mauve-pink stretch flannel. Wear it with an equally unconventional black quilted vest (\$295) and black stretch flannel skirt (\$275).

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dresses, battle jackets, desert jackets, blazers. It's in the region of 280 euros or so for a shantung safari jacket.

Kenzo at 62 Rue de Rennes displays colorful clothes in a nice, calm space. Denim details combined with colorful prints in a suit outfit (about 500+ euros) make a pricey but cheery ensemble for fall.

Devernois, at 43 Rue de Rennes, is showing some good ruddy and pink wool and or shades of blue jersey knits for winter. The line varies, but there's always some good color; the prices are not ridiculously high. And sizes go high — to 50 or about 20 U.S.

A branch of Rodier, at 47 Rue de Rennes, has very high-quality knits and jerseys.

Zara, a Spanish line, is popular, with several branches including the one at No. 45. It's known for reasonable prices and young looks, specializing in bustiers and good cotton shirts for summer and winter.

Celine's branch here at 58 Rue de Rennes sells good-looking footwear and handbags, both updated recently. The clothes by American Michael Kors displayed currently are not showy but have appeal. A warm, tan shearling coat sells for 3,800 euros. Wide, sporty pants are 565 euros.

At 16 Rue de Sevres in the same building, Cyrillus is a friendly, young shop selling sporty articles in a reasonable price range (suede jacket, 275 euros).

Head back to Emporio Armani, 149 Blvd. St. Germain. It's a must — outstandingly cool and elegant. For fall, look for good leather trousers for 987 euros, and a snappy dark blue short jacket with wide sleeves for 540 euros.

You might make your way upstairs for an excellent light Italian lunch at Armani's Caffe for about 25 euros including wine. Calamari in a light tomato sauce with great olive bread, or salmon carpaccio are soothing to the overworked shopper. It's a great way to relax. Then you ask to see more clothes.

Another lunch recommendation (provided you get there early) is upstairs at the Flore cafe across 'the street.

At 175 Blvd. St. Germain, Sonia Rykiel's main store is her pride and joy. Wood details, luxurious niches, good display in a whole building owned by Rykiel make for a pleasant visit. The clothes are not cheap, but from the interesting sweaters (a specialty) to the dressy long skirts and pantsuits, there are always intriguing styles from the queen of St. Germain-des-Pres fashion.

Avenue Victor Hugo (16th Arrondissement)

This rich bourgeois neighborhood boasts many luxury and reasonable retail stores.

To "do" Avenue Victor Hugo, walk from the Etoile, crossing the street at Rue Leroux, and head back on the avenue to the Etoile.

You'll find branches of Celine's and Hugo Boss (where no-nonsense shirts go for 210 euros) at No. 3 and Apostrophe at No. 5.

At No. 15, you might find something appealing at Frederic Bellulo, which displays expensive, big-name gowns from Thierry Mugler to Bazar by Christian Lacroix.

Also at 15, the nice jersey knits of Rodier include attractive striped pullovers for 45 euros.

Cerruti's quality is legendary, and you'll find it at this branch at No. 17, in a creamy, modern decor. A typical tailored jacket costs 680 euros. Next door at No. 19, Yves Saint Laurent's shop, with clothes now designed by Tom Ford, currently shows a take on the skirt tuxedo in satin (1880 euros for the outfit).

Holland and Holland at No. 29 is worth a visit for its lavish jungle-bush and Bond Street decor. The gun specialists branched out some years ago into well-made

sportswear. And among the fronds, you can get a whiff of luxury safari: a practical cotton drill jacket for a woman costs 588 euros.

Alain Manoukian at No. 49 offers an array of clothes from dressy to sporty at interesting prices (149 euros for a Chinese-silk lined charcoal jacket, for example).

At 51, Ventilo is in a big, airy space, displaying some beautiful colors in better shoes, plus some dressy

ready-to-wear with bright cotton T-shirts for 45 euros, a sequined skirt at 396 euros.

Good shoe shops along here include Carel at No. 20 and Robert Clergerie at No. 18. An interesting shop at No. 14 is Elena Miro, catering to larger sizes (44-56 Italian, about 14-26 U.S.). The chic tunics, jackets, pants and denim outfits are quite reasonable; a trim denim battle jacket goes for 165 euros.

Other shops for finding fairly reasonably-priced clothes in bright colors are Devernois at No. 12 and Gerard Pasquier at No. 8.

Avenue Montaigne (8th Arrondissement)

This is the creme de la creme of fashion, taking over gradually from the smaller spaces on the Rue du Faubourg St. Honore. Buildings are spacious and beautiful, clothes by famed names are often luscious, and prices are sky-high. But

it's worth a walkalong.

Tops among shops are Christian Dior at No. 30 Ave. Montaigne, Christian Lacroix at 26, Ungaro at 2 (numbers start at the Seine and go towards the Champs Elysees).

At regal, spacious Dior you'll see people grabbing up scarves, wallets and bags with the CD logo. Less so the clothes that are a pale reflection of John Galliano's outrageous runway creations. A short flowered

chiffon dress costs 2,690 euros, but a publicity-ploy T-shirt with "J'adore Dior" goes for a mere 240 euros.

The Lacroix shop is small-ish, friendly and full of the exuberant designer's patterned jackets, suits, and bags — for a price, of course. The costume jewelry can be a less expensive consolation.

Ungaro's mood is usually romantic, and that's what you'll see in the clothes there.

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That, by anyone's standard, is good news.

Of course, in Texas, the start of the high school football season brings about the annual preseason football publication — which you happen to be reading. Here at the Herald, we decided to take a little different approach by attempting to put the spotlight on all the fall activities: volleyball, tennis, cross country, band and, of course, football.

We went to Garden City. We went to Stanton ... and to Coahoma ... and Ackerly ... and Lenorah and ... Without a doubt, we'll miss someone. But, know this — we care and we want to know.

In Alaska, we have an old saying, "If you make friends with a bear, there's one less animal you won't have to worry about eating you." Whether that's true or not, I don't want to know. But, it is a fact, the more people you deal with, the better the end result will be.

Also, you may have noticed that we named this special section "The Best Darn Sports Tab in Texas." That might seem a bit egotistical, but it's the truth. To be sure,

Abilene's will be bigger, and Midland's will have classier pictures and what-not. To us, though, this is the best ... not because we did it but because this section celebrates the efforts and activities of our youth — who we happen to think are the best darn youths in Texas.

Creating a publication like this isn't a one-person effort. It took the hard work and cooperation of hundreds, from the editorial staff at the paper and the advertising department, to the businesses who supported the effort with their ads, and to the coaches, players, bands and cheerleaders who took the time to help us put together the photos and information you see.

For all of that, I offer heartfelt thanks. None of this would have been possible without you.

This year's section is 48 pages thick. It isn't anywhere near what we would like, but it's a beginning. Next year, the Lord willing and the creek don't rise — or if I don't keel off with heat stroke — we want it to be twice as big. Make no mistake this is a work in progress.

Just like the Steers, Bulldogs, Buffaloes (in both Stanton and Forsan), Mustangs and Wildcats, we're trying to get better every day.



TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

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Area players have college dreams

Butler, Looney should get plenty of looks this fall

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The last Crossroads area players to take their game to the collegiate level may have opened the flood gates for recruiters.

Last year Big Spring linebacker Mike Smith and Sands' Dusty Floyd turned more than few heads during the football season. Their efforts landed each a spot on a college roster this fall. Smith inked a deal with McMurry University while Floyd agreed to play at Hardin-Simmons University.

More than a few area standouts are expected to follow Smith and Floyd into the college ranks this coming summer. Among those who have attracted the attention of collegiate recruiters are Big Spring's Tye Butler and Brandon Mendoza and Sands' Nate Looney.

"We've had quite a few colleges come through here this last spring," said Big Spring head coach Dwight

Butler. There is a lot of interest in kids in the area. The key for them now is to perform on the field. If they do that, the colleges will find them."

At 6-foot-2, 190-pounds, Butler has the physical tools that make college scouts drool: He owns a rifle for an right arm.

That arm, combined with his academic work and the fact that he comes from a coaching family, makes him a big-time recruit.

This summer, the Steers' starting quarterback hones his skills a bit more by attending a football camp on the campus of the University of Miami, the defending national champions.

Butler, who passed for 1,900 yards last year as a junior, has drawn early



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interest from programs such as New Mexico, Colorado State, TCU and Louisville.

Butler won't be the only Steer helping college coaches and scouts rack up frequent flier miles this year. Wide receiver Brandon Mendoza and runningback

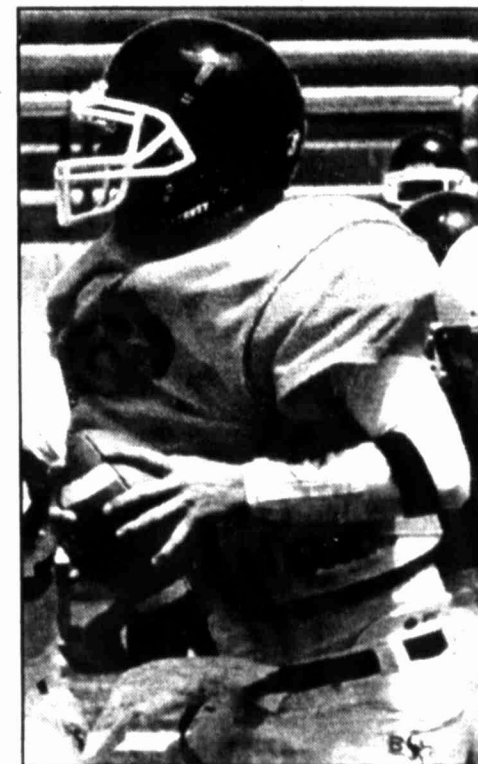
Josh Matthews have also garnered some early interest.

Mendoza, a 6-foot-1, 174-pound speedster, was Butler's favorite target in 2001. He caught 29 passes for 596 yards and four touchdowns.

Matthews, despite being just 5-foot-9 and 155 pounds, should draw plenty of attention. He used his quick feet and speed to average 7.3 yards a carry a year ago.


Mendoza and Matthews have both

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Big Spring quarterback Tye Butler has drawn considerable interest from college recruiters.

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At 6-foot-4, Curtis Woodruff has the size that reminds many of former Permian standout Roy Williams

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drawn early interest from New Mexico, Iowa, Colorado State and Missouri.

Joining Butler, Mendoza and Matthews in the scholarship hunt will be running-back-turned-receiver Curtis Woodruff.

The BSHS star — all 6-foot-4, 185 pounds of him — is moving from his running-back spot to receiver in the Steers' new offensive scheme.

"This will be a big year for Curtis," said Big Spring head coach Dwight Butler. "He's such a big target that most colleges will be looking at him."

The Steers' Kyle Newton, who has drawn some early interest from Sam Houston

State, and defensive back Ronnie Johnson could also cash in on the college sweepstakes deals, as could Looney, a scat-quick runningback/safety at Sands.

Looney rushed for more than 1,600 yards a year ago and led the Mustangs to the state quarterfinals.

Another pair of Mustang drawing some looks could be linebacker Heath Webb and quarterback Jeremy Renteria. Webb, an all-state defensive performer last fall, has the size and speed to follow in the footsteps of Floyd. Renteria put up some outstanding numbers last year, throwing for more than 1,600 yards.

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Ieans has the daunting task of replacing Vincent Young, arguably last year's top recruit in the nation. At 6-foot-4, 190 pounds, Ieans at least looks the part. "We were wondering if he was Vincent's younger brother," said recruiting analyst Jeremy Crabtree of Rivals100.com. Young guided Madison to the state semifinals and a school-record 32 touchdowns and 758 points. Ieans was 4-of-11 for 95 yards and a touchdown as Young's backup.

Jarvis Moss, Denton Ryan DE

When Moss is going after the quarterback, there's not much opposing offenses can do about it. About the only thing preventing the 6-foot-6, 220-pound senior from compiling more than last season's 28 sacks was teammate, Brian Smith, who had 35. With Smith now at Missouri, Moss will have even fewer obstacles to the quarterback.

Phillip Daugherty, Bridgeport QB

Daugherty came within 20 yards of breaking the state record for most passing yards in a season last year. He may be hard pressed to reach 4,678 yards again, but he'll definitely get his chance to air it out. Daugherty, who's already committed to Texas Tech, may lack the athleticism of the state's top quarterback prospects, but he's won over scouts with his competitive nature.

Kirk Garrett, Mart DL

Garrett is good enough on his own, but he really takes his game up a notch when his older brother, Baylor LB John Garrett, shows up at games. The younger Garrett is trying to forge his own legacy at Mart, which advanced to the state quarterfinals last season. The 6-3, 210-pounder has caught the eye of lots of college recruiters despite playing in a small town.

Chris James, Chilton RB/LB

James was, in large part, why Chilton won its first district title since 1978 and advanced to the state quarterfinals. He garnered first-team all-state honors at linebacker, but the 5-10, 215-pound bruiser does much of his damage as a running back. James ran for 2,505 yards and 31 touchdowns, averaging more than 9 yards a carry.

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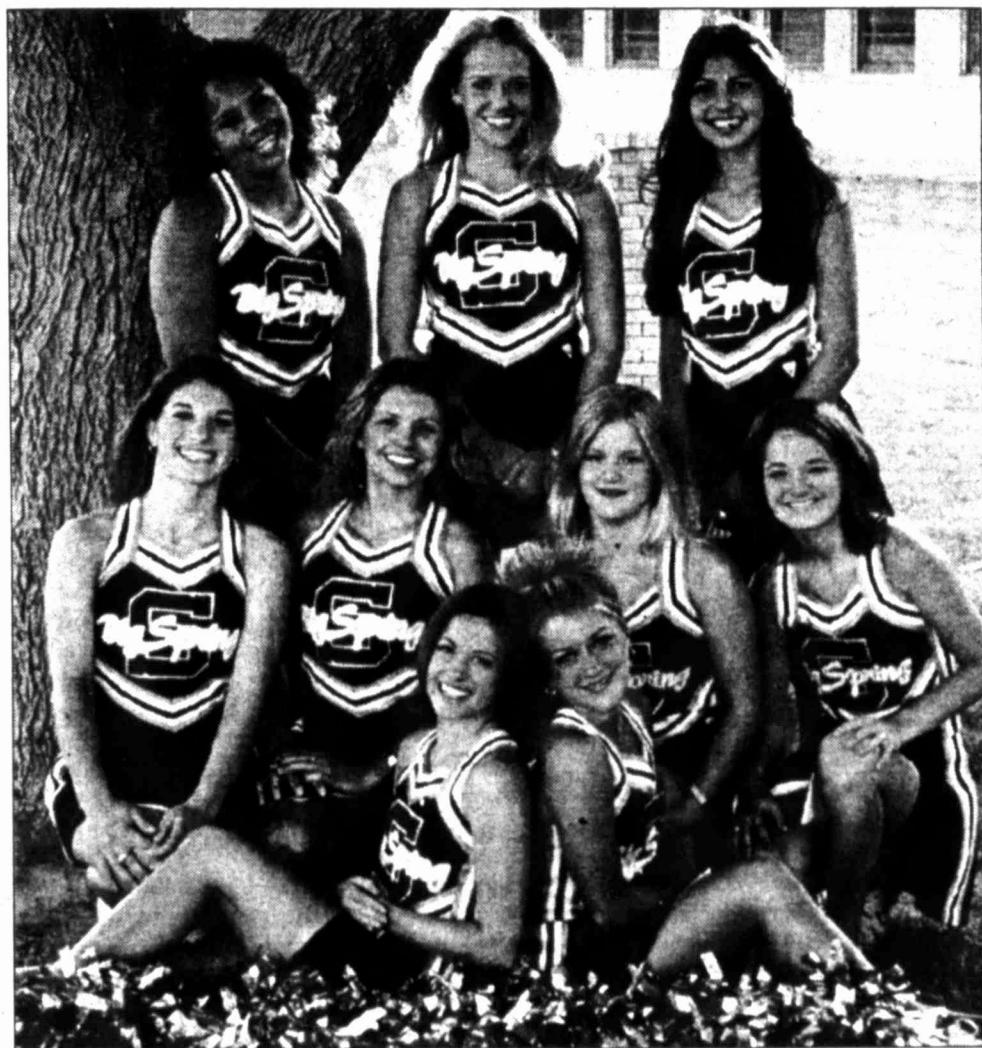
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District 4-4A Preview



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The Steers are expected to battle Lake View for the third and final playoff spot in District 4-4A.

Frenship to be strong again

High-powered Tigers eye return to state playoffs

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

How do you stop the Frenship Tigers? That was the question making the rounds among District 4-4A coaches this offseason.

The answer? That may well be the proverbial \$64,000 snippet because no one is for sure.

Frenship, coming off an 11-3 finish a year ago, is the odds-on favorite to claim the district title this season. The Tigers return the bulk of their squad that rolled to the state quarterfinals in 2001.

Back to lead the Frenship charge is quarterback Kris Kelley, a 6-foot, 175-pounder blessed with 4.6 speed in the 40-yard dash. Kelley, along with speedy runningback Eric Robins, highlights a Tiger offensive unit that brings back five holdovers.

Kelley terrorized opposing defen-

Coaches' poll

The following is a look at the coaches' preseason poll for District 4-4A.

Place	Team
1	Frenship
2	Andrews
3	Lake View
4	Big Spring
5	Estacado
6	Levelland

sive secondaries last fall. He threw for 2,313 yards and 26 touchdowns a year ago. Robins was equally impressive when he had the ball, rushing for 1,333 yards and 12 touchdowns on just 148 carries. He also caught five passes for 120 yards.

Anchored by the efforts of Kelley and Robins, the Tigers outscored their opponents by a staggering 421-200 clip in 2001.

Defense may be the Tigers' strength early in the season as the Frenship offense reloads. Frenship head coach Bobby Davis has six starters coming back from last year.

Back to pace the FHS attack are a trio of all-state candidates in defensive tackles Larry Fink and Brady Campbell and defensive end Orlando Reyna.

Reyna, a 6-1, 235-pound monster, anchors the FHS defense. He posted 105 tackles last fall, including six quarterback sacks.

What Reyna doesn't run down, Fink, a 6-foot-2, 240-pounder, and Campbell do. The two combined for 119 tackles a year ago — 15 coming behind the line of scrimmage.

Despite losing almost their entire line of scrimmage to graduation, the Andrews Mustangs are the favorite to

nailed down the district second playoff berth. The Mustangs bring back just 18 lettermen from last season's 7-6 playoff squad.

Linemen won't be the only new faces in Andrews. Blaine Springston will be settling into the head coaching duties, replacing Mike Leppy.

Ryan Newbrough will likely key the AHS offense from his quarterback position. The 5-foot-10, 180-pounder is a threat to run or pass every time he touches the ball.

The biggest battle, according to 4-4A coaches, could be the battle for the district third playoff spot. Most feel San Angelo Lake View, Lubbock Estacado and Big Spring will battle tooth and nail for the postseason bid.

Lake View heads into the 2002 season in decent shape. The Chiefs bring back six offensive and seven defensive starters from a squad that went 3-7.

The catalyst for the Tribe this fall will again be runningback J. Hall, who danced, pranced and juked his way to 1,144 yards and 13 scores a year ago.

Hall possess blazing speed, running the 40 in 4.4 seconds.

Robert Robinson, a strong-armed 6-2, 170-pounder who played wide receiver last fall, will set the offense in motion at quarterback. He will have a pair of top-notch receivers to throw to in speedy Vance Montgomery and Ryan Lancaster.

At Estacado, the Daryl Wilkerson show will have to go prime time if the Matadors hope to earn a playoff berth. The Estacado standout showed flashes of brilliance last season by running and passing for 887 yards.

Linebacker Cory Connors will pace the Matador defense. He had 87 stops in 2001.

Levelland is expected to take up residence in the 4-4A basement again. The Lobos bring back just 10 letterwinners from an 0-10 finisher.

Tigers ranked sixth in preseason poll

The Frenship Tigers aren't sneaking up on anyone this season, most especially the state's preseason pollsters.

The Tigers, who hammered their way to an 11-3 mark a year ago, head into the 2002 season rated No. 6 in the Class 4A polls.

Denton Ryan headlines the poll, taking the No. 1 position. Ennis, Brenham, Bay City and Austin Reagan rounded out the top five 4A teams.

The Andrews Mustangs received notice as well. Andrews was rated at No. 15 with nine points.

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Big Spring Steers

Steers change offensive scheme

Butler hoping to take Steers to the friendly airways in '02

By TOMMY WELLS

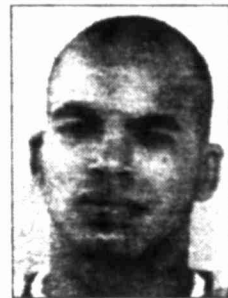
Sports Editor

There's only one thing that could create more havoc than Madonna at a nun convention. Tye Butler, Curtis Woodruff and Brandon Mendoza in a room full of defensive backs.

That result is just what the Big Spring Steers are hoping for this season as they switch from a tradition ground-oriented attack to a new West



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Coast offense passing game. A quick-strike offense, head coach Dwight Butler is hoping, will make it possible for the Steers to take advantage of its smaller, quick players.

"We're switching to a 1-back formation in an effort to utilize the players we have," said Butler. "We looked down at our personnel through the seventh grade and felt like we didn't match up physically up front

with the team's in our district anymore. By changing we feel like we'll have a more wide-open offense and

give our linemen some relief at the same time. People just aren't going to be able to sit there in an 8-man front on us."

"Hopefully, this is going to be beneficial for us in several ways," he added.

The change in philosophy isn't one Butler made overnight.

"I really didn't want to change. We've been an I-formation team forever and I like that offense. It's just at this point in time, we have an abundance of receivers and a couple of quarterbacks that can throw the ball pretty well."

Pretty well might be an understatement when it comes to the Steers' ability to take to the airways. Big Spring heads into the season armed with two top-notch quarterbacks, including Tye Butler who enters his senior campaign as one of the most-prized recruits in the state.

The younger Butler — rated No. 3 on the state's list of top quarterbacks by Dave Campbell's Texas Football — fired enough bullets into opposing defenses last fall to make Iraqi president Saddam Hussein green with envy.

Butler pulled the trigger on the Steer offense with amazing results last year as a junior. The 6-foot-2, 190-pounder completed nearly 60 percent of his passing attempts and racked up 1,900 yards and 20 touchdowns — both school records. For the year, he completed 100 of 176 attempts while also rushing for one TD.

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RETURNING STARTERS (7): QB Tye Butler, RB Josh Matthews, WR Ronnie Johnson, WR Mike Oinales, WR Brandon Mendoza, C. Kaniel Miramantes, G Jeff De Los Santos

OTHER RETURNEES (3): WR Curtis Woodruff, LT Bryan Stokes, RT Kyle Newton

TOP NEWCOMERS (2): LG Jeff Stanley, RB Howard Johnson.

STATISTICAL LEADERS: Passing — Tye Butler (100 of 176 for 1,900 yards, 20 TDs, 4 INT), Rushing — Josh Matthews (596 yards), Receiving — Brandon Mendoza (29 recpt., 574 yards).

KEY LOSSES (4): G Keith Newton, OL Adam Partee, FB Kyland Wegner, WR Clarence Wilkins.



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NEWTON

Junior Wes Smith, who stepped in for Butler during the summer 7-on-7 action, will serve as the Steers' reliever should the need arise.

In the backfield, Butler will be joined by the familiar face of runningback Josh Matthews — the team's top returning rusher. A 5-foot-9, 155-pounder, the speedy back returns for his final year on the heels of a strong effort in 2001. As a junior, he averaged 7.3 yards a carry, rolling up 596 yards and four touchdowns on just 81 attempts.

Senior runningback Howard Johnson could also see plenty of action this year in the one-back set.

The backfield experience thins rapidly from there — a fact that made Butler's choice to switch to a four receiver set easier.

"We didn't have a fullback coming into the year, so it made the switch easier," Butler said.

Kyland Wegner, the Steers' starting fullback a year ago, graduated in May.

Butler will have a bevy of game-breaking receivers to throw to this fall. Back to pace the BSHS receiving corps is Brandon Mendoza, a 6-1, 174-pound senior with quick feet and even better hands. Last fall, Mendoza

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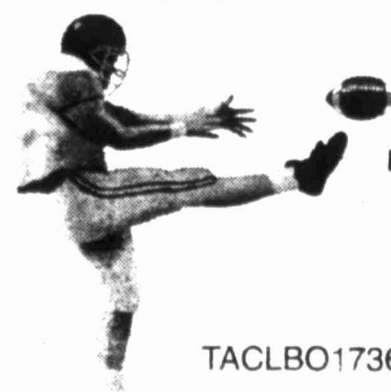
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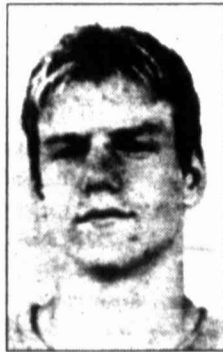
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earned all-district accolades after hauling in 29 passes for 574 yards.

Joining Mendoza in running through the secondary will be Curtis Woodruff. The 6-foot-4, 185-pounder is switching from runningback to receiver this season in an effort to give the Steers an impressive array of targets.

"He's got the talent to play as a receiver," said Butler. "He's such a big target that he should be able to hurt smaller defensive backs."

Big Spring's receiving list doesn't end with Mendoza and Woodruff. The Steers welcome back two other returning starters in junior Mike Orinales and Ronnie Johnson. They could also pick up some valuable contributions from juniors Jordan Cobb, Smith and Mike Shockley and senior Jesse Woodruff.

Experience will be a valuable commodity up front for the Steers. Center Kaniel Miramantes and right guard Jeff De Los Santos are the only two returning starters from last season.



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STANLEY

Miramantes, despite being just 5-foot-5, handled the Steers' center duties well last season. He and De Los Santos also helped clear the way for a Big Spring rushing attack that rolled up more than 1,700 yards.

De Los Santos is the heaviest of the BSHS linemen, entering the year at 5-10 and 269 pounds.

Things may not be as bleak as they appear up front, though. Bryan Stokes and Kyle Newton are back to man the left tackle and right tackle positions, respectively. Both saw con-

siderable playing time in the position in 2001. Aaron Partee and David Partlow and Dustin Lewis could all figure into the mix, as could junior Jeff Stanley who is battling Scott DiFrancesca for the starting job at left guard.

Overall, the Steers will likely be smaller up front than many of their opponents. Big Spring's projected starting line will average just 230 pounds per man.

"We know we won't match up physically up front, and that's why the new offense will help us. It will give our linemen some relief by making defenses spread out. Hopefully, it'll score more points for us, too."

Last year, Big Spring managed to move the ball well, rolling up over 3,500 total yards on offense. The Steers averaged just over 25 points a game.

Cobb will once again handle the Steers' kicking duties. He converted all but two field goal attempts and two PATs after being called up from the BSHS junior varsity.

Steers Two-Deep Offensive Roster	
QB	Tye Butler (6-2, 190) Senior Wes Smith (6-2, 170) Junior
RB	Josh Matthews (5-9, 155) Senior Howard Johnson (5-10, 195) Senior
WR	Ronnie Johnson (5-9, 165) Senior Jordan Cobb (6-1, 140) Junior
WR	Curtis Woodruff (6-4, 185) Senior Wes Smith (6-2, 170) Junior
WR	Mike Orinales (5-6, 150) Junior Jesse Woodruff (5-11, 165) Senior
WR	Brandon Mendoza (6-1, 174) Senior Mike Shockley (5-6, 140) Junior
LT	Bryan Stokes (6-1, 254) Senior Aaron Partee (6-3, 205) Junior
LG	Jeff Stanley (6-1, 198) Junior Scott DiFrancesca (5-11, 222) Junior
C	Kaniel Miramantes (5-5, 192) Senior Jeff Stanley (6-1, 198) Junior
RG	Jeff De Los Santo (5-10, 269) Junior David Partlow (5-11, 224) Junior
RT	Kyle Newton (6-4, 240) Senior Dustin Lewis (6-2, 178) Senior
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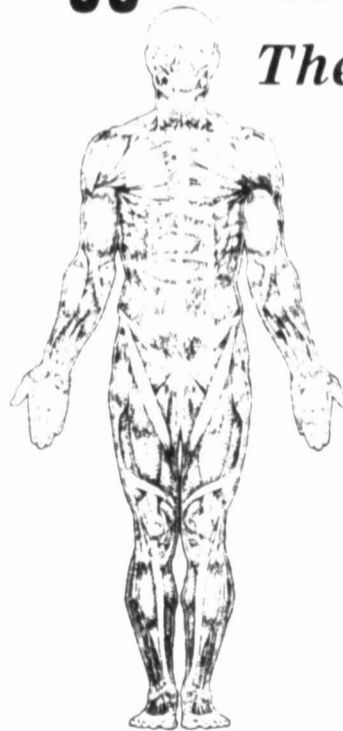
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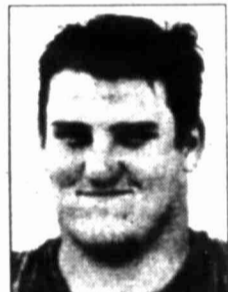
Eight starters return to key BSHS effort

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Big Spring head coach Dwight Butler was probably near tears on graduation night in May of 2000. In fact, you might have even heard him wailing "Mayday, mayday. We need some serious help."

The reason for Butler's concern was the fact his Steers had been severely ravaged by graduation. That night, the veteran head coach watched as nine defensive starters and 11 defensive backups marched into history.



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Suddenly, a team that had posted an 8-5 record and advanced to the third round of the state playoffs only a few months earlier knew just how the passengers aboard the Titanic felt — cold and desperate.

Sporting just two returning starters the following year, the Steers were thrown into the ocean in 2001 and given a choice — swim or drown. For the most part, they learned to swim.

Despite finishing with a disappointing 3-7 record, the Big Spring defense came within just four plays of helping the team finish at 7-3 overall. The Steers suffered four losses — to



File photo

The Big Spring Steers are looking for a solid defensive effort this season. The Steers return seven starters from last year's tough-laden squad that endured a trial by fire campaign in 2001.

Sweetwater, Hereford, Abilene Wylie and Levelland — by less than seven points.

"We struggled at times last season," said Big Spring head coach Dwight Butler. "We realize that a lot of our problems were because we we so young defensively. We only had two returning starters coming back. It really wasn't so much because we lost nine starters to graduation, but because we lost 11 backups. We just didn't have anyone with any experience coming back."

"We really had to start over and build the team from scratch," he added.

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BSHS defense



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RETURNING STARTERS (7): E Tim Overton, DT Jeremy Jones, DT Jerrod Boyd, LB Jerod Phillips, LB Dustyn Beachamp, CB Ronnie Johnson, S Wes Smith.

OTHER RETURNEES (2): DE David Lopez, LB Jesse Woodruff.

TOP NEWCOMERS (2): DE Jonathan Flores, CB Shamar Myles.

STATISTICAL LEADERS: Tackles - Dustyn Beachamp (96). Sacks - Dustyn Beachamp (4). Interceptions - Wes Smith (2). Punting - Mike Ornales (29.7 avg.)

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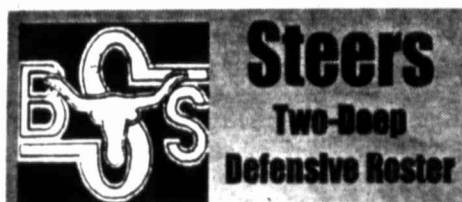
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Defense: Steers expect to be better

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Big Spring allowed opposing teams to average 27.4 points a night last year. Seven of the Steers' 10 foes posted 28 or more points.

Fortunately for Steer fans, last year's sinking feeling has turned into this year's life boat. Only one season removed from being a bigger target for offensive bombs that Saddam Hussein, the Big Spring defense is healthy, wise and ready to prove itself.

Unlike last fall, Big Spring has a wealth of experience to draw from. The Steers head into their Aug. 30 season opener with former Class 5A rival Odessa High with seven starters and two part-time starters manning the defensive side of the line of scrimmage.

When it comes to defense, the Steers are built around senior Dustyn Beauchamp, the team's top returning tackler. Beauchamp, a 5-11, 218-pound juggernaut, was the heart and soul of the BSHS squad in 2001, racking up 96 tackles and four sacks despite playing

alongside Mike Smith who signed to play at McMurry University.

Beauchamp will be joined in the Steers' 3-man linebacker set by strongside linebacker Jerod Phillips and linebacker Jesse Woodruff.

Phillips, a 6-2, 206 senior, gives Big Spring a deadly 1-2 punch at linebacker. He turned in several key plays last fall as a starter. Woodruff, a 5-11, 170-pounder who saw some time at linebacker in 2001, moves into the hole created by Smith's graduation.

Juniors Jeff De Los Santos and Brandon Martin will likely see plenty of playing time as linebackers when Beauchamp, Phillips or Woodruff need a break.

Though not huge, the Steers have plenty of experience coming back in the trenches, tackles Jerrod Boyd and Jeremy Jones join defensive end Tim Overton as holdovers from a year ago. Overton, a 6-1, 217-pounder is the only junior expected to start on the line. David Lopez, a part-time starter last year, should emerge as the team's weakside end.

Don't expect to see a 4-man show up front, however. Butler indicated he had a bevy of defensive linemen that could see time this fall, including ends Jonathan Flores and Eron Partee and tackles Michael Parker and De Los Santos.

The biggest question mark surrounding the Steer defense is in the defensive secondary, where just two starters are back.

"The secondary is wide open right now," Butler said. "We're looking for someone to step up take control."

Corners Ronnie Johnson, a 5-foot-10, 165-pounder speedster, and safety Wes Smith are the only players returning to the fold. Smith, the team's backup quarterback and wide receiver, paced all Steer defenders in interceptions last fall with two.

Shamar Myles, a 5-foot-10 sophomore, and senior Eric Chavez are the early candidates to fill the two remaining holes in the BSHS secondary. Mike Ornales, Mendoza and Mike Shockley could also figure into the mix.



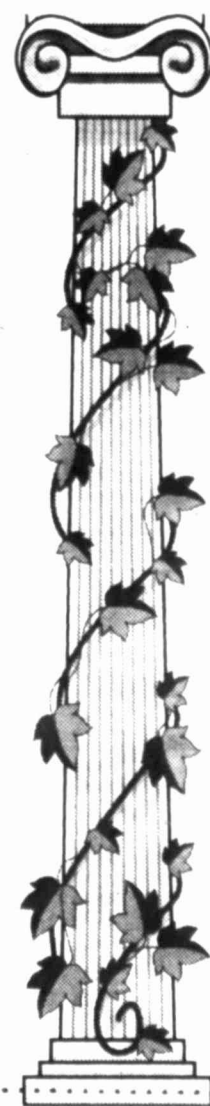
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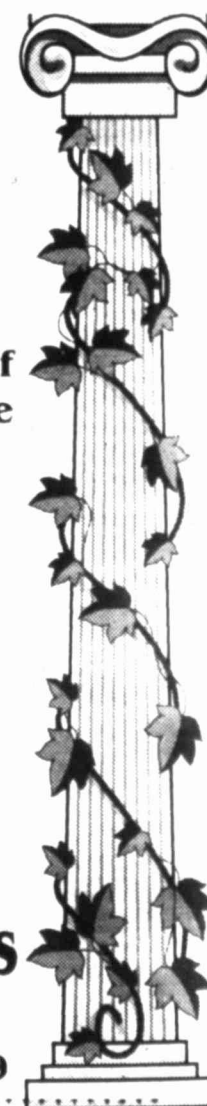
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Butler closing in on 65th win as Steers' head coach

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Big Spring began its football program in 1907. The team spent much of 1906 raising funds to buy pads.

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The number of points surrendered by the Steers' 1931 defense. Big Spring outscored its foes by a 398-7 clip. Their only setback was a 7-0 loss to Sweetwater in the season finale.

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The total number of shutouts recorded by the Steers' 1931 defensive team.

10

The record number of wins posted by a Big Spring team in a single year. The Steers went 10-4 in 1989.

15

The number of Big Spring players to make it to the professional football ranks.

95

The largest margin of victory in Steers' history. Big Spring defeated Sweetwater by a 95-0 clip in 1907.

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Big Spring High School head coach Dwight Butler and former Brownwood coach Gordon Wood never squared off on the football field, but that doesn't mean the two don't have something in common. Both are the winningest football coaches in their respective school's history.

Butler, heading into his 11th year as wit the Steers, is by far the winningest coach in Big Spring history, almost doubling the number of wins posted by any other coach since the school began playing in 1907.

"That just means I've been here longer than anyone else," laughed Butler. "It's nice in that it means I've had a lot of great coaches to work with over the years. The whole record ting is really a tribute to them and the work they put in in order to help us win games."

Over the past 10 seasons, Butler has averaged more than six wins a season en route to posting a 64-54-1 mark. In his tenure, the Steers posted their best 10-year span in the school's history, winning 56 percent of their outings. Only the Big Spring squads of the 1920s had a higher winning percentage, winning 57 percent.

Butler became the school's winningest coach in the seventh week of the 1997 campaign. His team's 37-0



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Big Spring Steers All-Time Coaching Record (since 1917)

Coach (Years)	W	L	T	Pct
Dwight Butler (1991-)	.64	54	1	.542
Carl Coleman (1949-1955)	.36	35	2	.507
J. Gordon Bristow (1931-35)	.30	13	6	.697
Quinn Eudy (1983-1987)	.25	26	0	.490
David Thompson (1988-1990)	.23	12	1	.657
Don Robbins (1962-65, 1976-77)	.23	26	1	.460
Spike Dykes (1967-69)	.16	14	0	.533
Pat Murphy (1937-1941)	.15	29	6	.340
Frank Boyle (1925-26)	.13	6	0	.684
Emmett McKenzie (1960-61)	.10	10	0	.500
Bill Stevens (1928-30)	.10	20	4	.333
G.C. Cox (1921)	.8	1	1	.888
Richard Harris (1980-82)	.8	22	0	.267
Joe Ward (1924)	.7	5	1	.583
R.A. Lasseter (1922)	.6	2	0	.750
E.H. Poteet (1918-19)	.9	3	0	.750
Bob Burris (1973-1975)	.6	24	0	.200
B.Z. Hughes (1923)	.5	3	0	.625
George Brown (1936)	.5	4	1	.555
Herman Smith (1966)	.4	6	0	.400
George Harris (1927)	.4	4	0	.500
W.A. Mancill (1915)	.4	1	1	.500
Al Milch (1957-1959)	.4	25	1	.133
J.T. Reid (1920)	.2	5	0	.285
Norman St. Clair (1917)	.2	3	1	.400
Harold Bentley/Roy Baird (1956)	.2	8	0	.200
Ron Logback (1978-1979)	.1	19	0	.050
27 coaches	.341	382	27	.471

shutout of the Pecos Eagles marked his 37th win as the BSHS coach and enabled him to surpass Carl Coleman.

Coleman won 36 games at Big Spring from 1949 to 1955.

Butler, who has coached more than 50 games more than any other former Steers' coach, owns the 8th-best win-

ning percentage with a mark of .542. In his watch, He has accumulated more than 25 percent of the Steers' total wins (341) since 1917.

Former Big Spring coach G.C. Cox, who spent just one season with the Steers (1921), owns the school's all-time best win percentage mark.

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Interview

No bull, Butler speaks out ...

Dwight Butler answers Big Spring's version of the infamous 20 questions

When Dwight Butler took over the reins of the Big Spring Steers, he faced a daunting task — keeping a Big Spring Steers' football program that had recently found success headed in the right direction.

Although there have been a few bumps in the road, Butler has more than accomplished the mission. Under his tutelage, a team that managed to win just 19 games in the 1980s has grown into a perennial playoff contender.

In his first season at the helm, Butler guided the Steers to an 8-2 mark. From there, he put together runs of 5-5 and 7-3 before guiding the Steers to a berth in the Class 4A Area playoffs in 1994. In his fourth season on the BSHS sidelines, Butler's team built a 7-4 record before falling to Canyon Randall.

After a pair of small steps back in 1995 and 1996, Butler weaved his magic again, guiding Big Spring back to the playoffs in 1997. Big Spring reeled off eight wins that season before again meeting Canyon Randall in the Area round of the postseason party.

With each passing year, Butler has raised the level of success in Big Spring. Some 25 years ago when the Steers were a part of the Little Southwest Conference along with Odessa Permian, Midland Lee, Abilene and San Angelo — talk of the playoffs would have been unthinkable. Now there's widespread hope that the Steers could make their fifth playoff appearance in 11 years under his tutelage.

Butler discusses those early years, his goals for the future and several other topics.

Question 1



Coach, how would you assess the Steers' performance over the past 10 years?

Butler: We've had some (teams) that did really well and some that didn't have as much talent but were great fighters that came up a bit short. The one thing you can say about our program is that we have always had kids that were willing to go out and work hard for no matter what. Whether the win-loss record was great or not, not one of the guys who have come through here should hang their heads. They all gave maximum effort and were fighters to the very end.

Question 2



Do you ever use the Steers' past to point out losing could happen and to fight complacency?

Butler: I've never brought that (Big Spring's past) up. I coached against some of the Big Spring teams of the 1980s and they were fighters.

The biggest problem with Big Spring is our team talent. That's not to say we don't have talent, it just

means one year we'll have big line-man and no skill players or vice versa. We've never had the total package of size and skill at once.

Question 3



When you came here with Coach (David) Thompson, did you have a grand plan to rebuild or use a wait-and-see approach?

Butler: When I came here with Coach Thompson in 1988, we had as much talent on the field as we do right now. I think the one thing that was lacking was the mental toughness aspect and that's what we have stressed. You can't depend on having the physical talent every year at Big Spring. You have to take what you have and make them as mentally tough as possible.

If you take a young man and he's mentally tough in a way that he thinks he can win every time he goes out, he'll be a good player.

Question 4



What are some of the memories that stick out in your mind from your first year as head coach at Big Spring?

Butler: I think

The Butler Book

Personal

•Age: 47
•Family: Wife — Kathy. Children — Bowe, Tye

Education

College — Eastern New Mexico.
High School — Artesia High School, Artesia, NM

Coaching experience

- Assistant at Hobbs High School, Hobbs, NM
- Assistant at Monahans High School, Monahans, TX
- Assistant at Cooper High School, Abilene, TX
- Assistant at Artesia High School, Artesia, NM
- Assistant at Levelland High School, Levelland, TX
- Assistant at Big Spring High School, Big Spring, TX
- Head coach at Big Spring High School, Big Spring, TX

Honors

- 1991 — District 5-4A Coach of the Year.
- 2000 — District 5-4A Coach of the Year.
- 2000 — All West Texas Coach of the Year.
- 2000 — Big Country Coach of the Year.
- 1994-97 — Elected to Board of Director for Texas High School Coaches Association.
- Nominated for head coach of North All-Star Football Team.



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in my first year here we probably had as little talent in the offensive line as we've ever had. Still, we went 8-2 that year. One of the reasons I became head coach here was because Coach Thompson decided to leave when he didn't think we had the talent to win anymore.

That just goes to show you what a team can do if they put their heart into it. That team had great heart. They worked their rears off that year and that sticks out for me.

Question 5



Is the approach of "be mentally tough" still a primary goal for you 10 years later?

Butler: It has to be. It doesn't take a brain surgeon to look out there and see how we match up with other people. We've never had the great size to just run over people so we have to be tougher mentally to compete.

Being mentally tough is an attribute that doesn't just help our football team. It's something that you can use your whole life.

So, to answer your question: Yes, we still use that approach a lot. We preach it to the kids every day when

we come in and every day when we go out.

Question 6



What is your take on the perception of Big Spring football statewide?

Butler: I think, honestly, they're afraid to play us because they know when they step on that field we're going to be physical. Even in the lean years, people knew that when they came to play Big Spring they were liable to get beat up.

I think people respect us for that approach. They know we're going to be physical and leave everything we have on the field win, lose or draw.

Question 7



A lot of talk has been made about the Steers' non-district schedule. What went into putting that together?

Butler: This is the schedule I wanted two years ago, but no one wanted to play us then. But when you go 3-7 everyone will play you.

Really, I think this is a win-win situation for us because we get to play teams that will help us improve. If you are a coach that is worried about the win-loss record, this is probably not a schedule you would want. I'm not like that. I want to do whatever will help us grow as a team and this can only make us better.

We feel like we have a chance to win every one of the games. Hey, if we happen to sneak up on one of them and win, we've just beaten Goliath. Plus, we get the chance to play in some nice stadiums in front of large crowds. Don't let the young men fool you, they love to play in front of big crowds.

Question 8



What, in your opinion, do you think is the key component in Big Springs' ability to bounce back?

Butler: I think you can put that down in three words. Heart and hard work.

These kids go out and work hard and get more from their talent than any I've ever been around. They're fighters.

Question 9



What's the toughest challenge facing a coach or athletic director today when it comes to fielding a team?

Butler: I think in this day and age, the thing is that kids have changed. Kids, as a whole, don't like to work hard. There's too much Nintendo; too many televisions. When I was a kid, we didn't have those things. I think because of that we were more goal oriented and willing to work harder to get something we wanted.

With that, the toughest thing is to find kids that goal-oriented. That is what makes you so proud of a young man or woman that goes and puts in the effort to reach a goal they've set. I have a lot of respect for young people that go for something extra, not just in athletics.

Question 10



What do you think the rise in the Steer football program has meant to the players and school?

Butler: I think it brings a sense of



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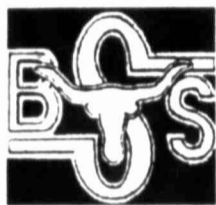
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pride in what they have done. Year-in and year-out when you hear people say "you had better watch out for Big Spring" or that we're a "sleeper" it's got to be a point of pride for us. You know those people have respect for what you are capable of doing and what you've done.

I think that also translates into a sense of pride for the school, too.

Question 11



Why do you think the Steers suffered for so long in the past?

Butler: I don't know. I've thought about that at times and I'm not sure.

Maybe sometimes the young people and people in the community thought we're a perennial losing team and that's that. They kind of accept it — which goes back to the mental part of the game. I think we, as a community, still struggle with it in that you hear people say they'll support something when they see it happen. Also, we were in the Little Southwest Conference and it was hard to compete with fewer numbers.

I guess the more you lose the easier it gets to lose, even though you go out and work hard.

Question 12



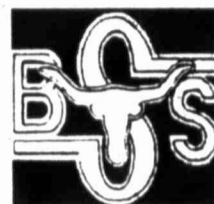
What's the one thing you would like people to know about the Big Spring football program?

Butler: I tell this to everyone that asks. I want people to understand that we're not out here, primarily, to win or lose ball games. We hear to help build lives.

I think the primary purpose of athletics is to teach young people how to become a productive part of our society. Winning is great and all that, but if you can teach a young person how to be a part of society you'll get a better workforce and a better person. It's about more than winning or losing. It's about helping someone make a better life for themselves once they

leave. If we do that, we've done much more important than just win a football or game. We've help mold a win in life.

Question 13



What is your best memory, personally, during your tenure at Big Spring?

Butler: Two years ago, when we went deep into the playoffs we got the chance to El Paso Riverside in my hometown of Artesia, New Mexico. The chance to see my two sons play there in front of family members and old friends was probably the one memory I will always cherish. That was special for me as a father.

Question 14



What is your worst memory during your tenure at Big Spring?

Butler: I always come back to this. In my first year as head coach here, all we had to do was beat

Monahans and we would have won the district championship and advanced to the playoffs. We played a tremendous game. You couldn't have asked for the kids to play any harder.

The wind was blowing like 80 miles an hour that night and we had a turnover on a punt. Monahans recovered the ball on our one and scored. It took them four plays from the one, but they scored. Then, something happened in a game with Andrews and we were knocked out of the district championship and the playoffs with one game.

It was just one of those freaky things that happen. It's something I'll remember for a long time.

Question 15



Why the change from the traditional I-formation to the one-back set this year?

Butler: We felt like we didn't match physically

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Dwight Butler
BSHS head coach

with the other teams we play so we felt a more wide-open offense would help our linemen and force people to stop lining up in eight-man fronts.

Also, we looked at our personnel down through the seventh grade and saw this is the type of young men we are going to have for a while. This is a system-wide change. In order to keep ourselves competitive, I think we had to make the change.

I know some people are going to say we did this for Tye, but that isn't the case. We did it based on the players we have coming through the system in order to give them the best chance possible to compete. I kind of wish we didn't have to change at all. I like the I. But, we don't always get to do what we want.

Also, I think this offense will help our defense, too. It should make it possible for us to score quickly and, hopefully, take some pressure off the defense so they won't feel like they have to carry the whole load.

Editor's Note: Dwight Butler is the head coach/athletic director at Big Spring High School.



Big Spring Steers Football Schedules

Varsity			
Date	Opponent	Site	Time
8/30	Odessa High	Away	7:30
9/6	Permian	Home	7:30
9/13	Hereford	Away	7:30
9/20	Plainview	Home	7:30
9/27	Open		
10/4	SA Central	Away	7:30
10/11	Lake View*	Away	7:30
10/18	Frenship*	Home	7:30
10/25	Levelland*	Away	7:30
9/1	Estacado**	Home	7:30
9/8	Andrews*	Away	7:30

Junior Varsity			
Date	Opponent	Site	Time
8/29	Odessa High	Home	7:00
9/5	Permian	Away	7:00
9/12	Midland Soph.	Away	5:00
9/19	Plainview	Away	5:00
9/26	Open		
10/3	SA Central	Home	6:00
10/10	Lake View*	Home	5:00
10/17	Frenship*	Away	5:00
10/24	Levelland*+	Home	6:00
10/31	Estacado*	Away	4:00
9/7	Andrews*	Home	6:00

Freshman			
Date	Opponent	Site	Time
8/29	Odessa Soph.	Home	5:00
9/5	Permian	Away	5:00
9/12	Andrews	Away	4/6:00
9/19	Colorado City	Away	6:30
9/26	Grape Creek	Away	4:30
10/3	SA Central	Away	4/6:00
10/10	Lake View*	Away	5/7:00
10/17	Frenship*	Home	4/6:00
10/24	Colorado City B	Home	5:00
10/31	Estacado*	Home	5:00
9/7	Andrews*	Away	5/7:00

* = district game
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The Dwight Butler Era

1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Recorded first win as Steers' head coach with a 24-0 win over Amarillo Caprock.	After rough start, led Big Spring to three straight wins to finish year at 5-5.	Led the Steers' to their third winning season in four years, finishing at 7-3.	Guided Big Spring to its first playoff appearance in four years. Advanced to Area round.	Team won two of its final three games and finished year at 3-7.	Suffered worst finish of his BSHS tenure, posting a 2-8 mark.	Big Spring rebounds nicely from '96. Team finished season at 7-3 and advanced to playoffs.	Steers finish season one game under .500 at 4-6	Big Spring bounces back again, finishing at 7-3. Recorded 50th win as BSHS coach.	Team improves to 8-4 and advances to Regional round of playoffs.	Youthful Steers lose four games by less than a TD, finish at 3-7.

Big Spring Steers



2002 Big Spring Steers Varsity Roster

3	Curtis Woodruff	WR	Sr.	6-4	185	15	Brandon Mendoza	WR	Sr.	6-1	175	64	John Wilkinson	DT	Jr.	5-10	220
4	Mike Ornelas	WR	Jr.	5-6	150	19	Ronnie Johnson	WR	Sr.	5-10	165	66	Tim Overton	DE	Jr.	6-1	215
5	Dustyn Beauchamp	LB	Sr.	5-11	220	27	Josh Mathews	RB	Sr.	5-9	155	68	Michael Parker	DT	Jr.	5-10	240
6	Eric Chavez	C	Sr.	5-10	170	32	Howard Johnson	RB	Sr.	5-10	190	70	Jeff Delos Santos	G	Jr.	5-10	260
7	Tye Butler	QB	Sr.	6-2	190	50	Jeff Stanley	G	Jr.	6-0	190	72	Scott Difrancesca	G	Sr.	5-10	220
8	Jordan Cobb	WR	Jr.	6-1	150	52	Brandon Martin	LB	Jr.	5-8	165	74	Erin Partee	T	Jr.	6-3	200
9	Jesse Woodruff	LB	Sr.	6-0	170	54	Kaniel Miramontes	C	Jr.	5-7	190	75	Dustin Lewis	T	Sr.	6-2	180
10	Jared Phillips	LB	Jr.	6-1	190	55	Jarod Boyd	DT	Jr.	5-11	210	76	Kyle Newton	T	Sr.	6-4	240
11	Wesley Smith	WR	Jr.	6-2	165	56	Jeremy Jones	DT	Sr.	6-2	270	78	David Partlow	G	Jr.	5-10	225
12	Michael Shockley	WR	Jr.	5-6	140	57	Gary Austin	T	Sr.	6-3	245	80	Shamar Myles	WR	Soph.	6-0	170
14	Ramone Ford	RB	Sr.	5-10	170	60	David Lopez	DE	Jr.	5-11	200	86	Jon Lusk	LB	Jr./	6-1	170

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Here come the Men in Black
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Right on, right on
The good guys dress in black, remember that
Cuz we'll be face-to-face and make contact
The title we hold ... M.I.B.
Means we're the blur you did not see
Yah don't blink
On that field you reach, we're gone
Coaches on the side urging players on
Your quarterback, we'll block, sack and kill
A touchdown really brings a thrill
We may not be on top o' the list
Don't mean we don't exist
Not stopping, taking no names
In any game
Watch your back
Cause you never know where the M.I.B.'s is at
Uh and ...

Here comes the Men in Black (here they come)
The district defenders (right on, right on)
Here comes the Men in Black (the Men in Black)
They're playoff contenders

Now from the deepest of end zone at night
A kickoff return is like a bright light
Crossing those lines, making you reel
Better not scream, black all over the field
The black is fast, you know you can't last
Mesmerize, neutralize
Sure victories turn to fantasies
Ain't no M.I.B.'s
If you please
You gotta know that's the way we kick it
No other but black
We're running two or three in the meet each week
Black's the district's best, we'll take on the rest
Whether on the field, court or course
Stand clear of us, fear us
Go ahead and challenge us, sneer at us
We're the fearless
M.I.B.'s gonna make you scream

What's that stand for
Men in Black

The Men in Black
Right on, right on
The Men in Black (the Men in Black)

Let me see ya just block with me
Just block with me
Just block with me, c'mon
Let me see ya rush with me
Just rush with me
Just rush with me, c'mon
Let me see you just run with me
Just run with me
Run the field with me, c'mon
Get in the weight room
Now lift

Here comes the Men in Black (here they come)
The district defenders (right on, right on)
Here comes the Men in Black (the Men in Black)
They're playoff contenders

Hey now listen
And remember this and the rest
That black and gold really are the best
And when we come to take you down
You'll know we are the best around
Cuz we can make plays you just can't make
All over the court, course and field
So just get over it
Forget a championship
Respect the black suit
Cuz we're the Men in Black
That's the Men in Black

Here comes the Men in Black (Men in Black)
4-4A defenders (district defenders)
Here come the Men in Black (oh, here they come)
They're playoff contenders (uh uh uh uh)

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District 3-2A Preview

Crane, C-City tabbed favorites in 3-2A

Golden Cranes have plenty of talent left after making playoff run in 3A last year

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

You'll have to forgive Coahoma head football coach Robert Wood if he feels like he's about to fight a bear with a switch. The prospects of having to face two Class 3A powers with a young, relatively untested team can be a bit unsettling.

The truth is, Wood isn't the only District 3-2A coach facing a tough road this fall. Forsan and Stanton also field young squads that must contend with the likes of Crane and Colorado City.

"It's going to be a tough district for everyone," said Wood, who guided Coahoma to a historic run last season. "Most of us will be pretty young with the exception of Crane, Colorado City and Seagraves. We're going to have to grow up real fast."

Crane is by far and away the choice by district coaches as the team to beat. The Golden Cranes return just two starters from a team that went 10-3 a year ago.

Normally the loss of nine starters on both sides of the line would decimate a team — such as it did this season to Coahoma. Crane is anything but normal, though. The team brings back 14 letterwinners to a program that has averaged 10 wins a season over the last six years.

The Golden Cranes' past history and the fact that the school dropped to the 2A ranks during the University Interscholastic League's last realignment process, leaves most feeling Crane is the team to beat.

The Cranes have four starters coming back, including running back Gonzalo Hernandez.

One team that could throw a wrench into the Cranes' plans is Colorado City, another former 3A power that has been playing at the 2A level since 2000. Since moving down a classification, Colorado City has

earned back-to-back playoff appearances.

Foremost in the Wolves' stable is quarterback Jon Spears. He led Colorado City to the district runner-up position by throwing for 1,469 yards and 13 touchdowns.

Seagraves is expected to challenge Colorado City for the district runner-up honors. The Eagles have six starters back from a team that struggled to a 4-6 mark a year ago.

Much of Seagraves' hopes lie on the shoulders of newcomer Jacob Pena. He is expected to take over the quarterback position.

Most coaches feel Coahoma will find itself on the outside looking in when the playoffs begin. Heavy losses to graduation, most feel, will hinder the Bulldogs' chances of defending their district title run of a year ago.

The Bulldogs went 11-2 last fall and earned the school's first district championship in 29 years. Coahoma last won a district

crown in 1972.

Wood heads into the year extremely young at almost every position. Offensive tackle Sammy Sevey and running back Kelby Kemper are the lone holders from the title year.

Billy-Bob Walker should also contribute. He earned all-district honors a year ago as a lineman.

Like Coahoma, Stanton will be very young. The Buffaloes bring back just two starters from last year's team that finished 2-8. Stanton's lone win last fall came against rival Forsan.

Speaking of Forsan, the Buffs are the odds-on favorite to finish fifth in the district standings. Forsan head coach Steve Park has six offensive and six defensive players back this season.

Chief among the FHS assault weapons are all-world rusher Wes Longoria, who gained 1,069 yards and 13 touchdowns in 2001.

Coaches' poll

The following is a look at the coaches' preseason poll for District 3-2A.

Place	Team
1	Crane
2	Colorado City
3	Seagraves
4	Coahoma
5	Forsan
6	Stanton

District 3-2A
Composite Schedule

Aug. 30	Sept. 27
Reagan County at Coahoma; Iraan at Forsan; Seagraves at Norton; Roscoe at Stanton.	Coahoma vs. McCamey in Midland; Stamford at Colorado City; Pecos at Crane; Rankin at Forsan; Brownfield at Seagraves; Ozona at Stanton.
Aug. 31	Oct. 4
Colorado City vs. Fort Stockton in Midland.	Crane at Midland Christian
Sept. 6	Oct. 11
Coahoma at Jim Ned; Colorado City at Hawley; Crane at McCamey; Garden City at Forsan; Seagraves at Plains; Stanton at Reagan County.	Stanton at Colorado City; Coahoma at Seagraves; Forsan at Crane.
Sept. 13	Oct. 18
Wall at Coahoma; Anson at Colorado City; Crane at Brownfield; Forsan at Roscoe; Seagraves at O'Donnell; Rankin at Stanton.	Colorado City at Coahoma; Crane at Seagraves; Forsan at Stanton.
Sept. 20	Oct. 25
Coahoma at Ozona; Colorado City at Haskell; Seminole at Crane; Forsan at Sonora; Seagraves at Idalou; Stanton at Iraan.	Seagraves at Colorado City; Coahoma at Forsan; Stanton at Crane.
	Nov. 1
	Stanton at Coahoma; Crane at Colorado City; Forsan at Seagraves.
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Coahoma Bulldogs

Despite youth, 'Dogs could compete for another playoff berth

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

By now, you know the Coahoma Bulldogs are going to be young this fall.

By now, you know Coahoma lost 19 seniors to graduation and that they return just one starter on offense from a team that averaged more than 42 points a night en route to capturing the school's first district championship in 29 years.

Despite all that, you should, by now, know better than to count the Bulldogs out of the District 3-2A playoff mix.

"We're going to be young," said veteran head coach Robert Wood, who led the team to the third round last fall — the farthest a Coahoma squad has advanced since 1965 when Spike Dykes coached the team to the state quarterfinals. "But our goal is still to compete for a playoff spot. If we stay healthy I think we have a chance at doing that."

There's little reason to think Wood can't mold the Bulldogs into a playoff squad. Under his watch, Coahoma has advanced to the postseason party in each of the past two seasons.

One thing is certain this season.



SEVEY

Coahoma will lean heavily on its talented defense during the early portion of the year in an effort to reload an offensive squad that lost 10 starters.

The Bulldogs defense, despite losing a handful of starters, should once again have plenty of bite back from a unit that limited opposing teams to less than 200 yards a game. Coahoma brings back four all-district performers this year, including linebacker J.C. Watts, the District 3-2A Co-MVP.

Watts, who was named to the All West Texas squad, racked up 86 tackles last fall out of Coahoma's 5-2 set.

"We have some good returning starters to build around," said Wood, who has amassed a 22-11 record in his first three years as the CHS mentor.

Back to help Watts anchor the line-backing corps is junior Kelby Kemper. The 6-foot-2, 200-pounder was a first-team all-district selection last season at free safety. He racked up 79 tackles and intercepted five passes a year ago.

Safety Billy-Bob Walker and corner-back Sam Tindol will key a quick defensive secondary. Walker, a 5-foot-11, 180-pound senior, was a first-team all-district selection a year ago after notching 85 tackles.



KEMPER

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Coahoma Bulldogs



WATTS

RETURNING STARTERS (5): LB J.C. Watts, LB Kelby Kemper, S Billy-Bob Walker, CB Sam Tindol, OT Sam Sevey

OTHER RETURNEES (10): NG T.J. Rueda, DT Jeremy Hart, DT Brandon Hart, DE Clay Grant, DE Clinton Haile, DE Toby Jackson, S Korley Bennett, CB Nick Molina, FL Cody Ditto



WALKER



TINDOL

TOP NEWCOMERS (1): OT Chris Beck

STATISTICAL LEADERS: Rushing — Kelby Kemper (134 yards). Tackles — LB J.C. Watts (86). Interceptions — LB Kelby Kemper (5).

KEY LOSSES (4): RB Cory Hill (McMurry), QB Chase Ward.



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2002 Coahoma Bulldogs Varsity Roster

2	Korley Bennett	TB/S	Jr.	5-10	150
3	J.C. Watts	FB/LB	Sr.	5-9	185
6	Billy-Bob Walker	FB/S	Sr.	5-11	180
7	Clay Grant	FB/DE	Jr.	5-9	165
12	Sam Tindol	QB/CB	Jr.	5-9	145
16	Adrian Abrego	QB/LB	Soph.	5-10	150
19	Lance Waters	SE/DE	Sr.	5-11	145
21	Cody Pennington	TB/S	Jr.	5-9	140
22	Kelby Kemper	TB/LB	Jr.	6-3	200
23	Josh Noble	SE/S	Jr.	5-9	145
24	Nick Molina	FL/C	Jr.	5-9	150
30	Clinton Haile	TE/DE	Jr.	6-2	170
32	Toby Jackson	TE/DE	Sr.	6-2	165
34	Mitchell Gutierrez	SE/CB	Jr.	5-9	140
43	D.J. Allen	FB/LB	Jr.	5-8	145
44	Cody Ditto	FL/CB	Sr.	5-8	145
50	Jeremy Hart	C/DT	Sr.	6-1	180
52	Chris Beck	OT/DT	Soph.	6-1	200
54	Nathan Sellers	C/DT	Sr.	6-0	215
55	Brandon Hart	G/DT	Sr.	5-9	180
60	Morgan Barron	OT/DT	Jr.	5-9	160
64	Tim Spurgin	G/DT	Sr.	5-10	160
65	Jacob Villa	G/DT	Jr.	5-9	150
70	David Mault	C/DE	Sr.	5-10	160
72	T.J. Rueda	OT/DT	Jr.	6-2	225
75	David Mendez	G/LB	Jr.	5-10	185
76	Andrew Brown	OT/DT	Soph.	5-10	225
79	Sammy Sevey	OT/DT	Jr.	6-3	300
80	Cesar Rodriguez	SE/CB	Sr.	5-9	140
88	Kasey Huckabee	FL/S	Sr.	5-9	140

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Coahoma Bulldogs

Coahoma: Bulldogs gunning for third straight playoff run

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Tindol was an honorable mention pick.

Joining Walker and Tindol in the secondary will likely be junior safety Korley Bennett and junior corner Nick Molina.

The defensive front will probably be the least experienced — but not the least talented — part of Coahoma's Code Red defense.

Aside from returning tackle Sam Sevey, Wood will be replacing much of the front with younger stars who contributed mostly as backups in 2001.

Sevey, a 6-foot-3, 300-pounder monster who could draw more than a few collegiate looks this fall, was an all-district performer last year for the Bulldogs.

Juniors Clay Grant and Clinton

Haile, a 6-foot-2, 170-pounder, are expected to contribute plenty this season from their defensive end roles. Toby Jackson will also start at one end, as well as handle the team's punting chores.

Sevey, Brandon Hart and T.J. Reuda, a 6-foot-2, 22-pound freshman, should also see plenty of time this year on the defensive side of the ball.

Offensively, Coahoma will be very inexperienced. Wood's lone returning starter on the offensive side is Sevey, an honorable mention all-district selection in 2001 at tackle.

"Last year, we had a senior team with experience," said Wood. "This year, we'll be a lot younger. We're going to have to grow up in a hurry. The more experience they get, the better we'll be."

That growing up experience

could be made easier by the return of Kemper, who is expected to step in and fill the void in the CHS rushing attack left by the graduation of Cory Hill. Kemper rushed for 134 yards and three touchdowns on just 14 attempts in 2001.

Kemper will have some big shoes to fill. Hill, who signed to play collegiately for McMurry University in Abilene, rushed for 1,718 yards and scored 21 touchdowns for the Bulldogs during his final year.

Watts and Walker will likely clear the way for Kemper as the team's full-back.

Tindol, a 5-foot-9, 145-pound junior, will move into the CHS quarterbacking role this season. He replaces Chase Ward under center.

Anytime Tindol needs to throw he will have a quartet of top receivers to aim at, including senior wide receivers Kasey Huckabee and Lance Waters, and Molina and senior flanker Cody Ditto.

Up front, the Bulldogs were hit hard by graduation. Coahoma lost four of

its five starting offensive linemen. Sevey is the lone veteran back.

"We are rebuilding our offensive line," Wood said. "We do have a few kids that did see some time, but we have to stay healthy and get some experience."



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With Sevey manning the strong side tackle position, Wood has indicated senior Jeremy Hart will likely handle the centering duties, while Brandon Hart and Rueda operate as the guards. Chris Beck, a 6-foot-1, 200-pound sophomore, will start at the other tackle spot.

Can Coahoma make another run at the playoffs? That, according to Wood, depends on how fast the team matures and the injury bug.

"Our goal is to compete for a playoff spot," said Wood.



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Forsan Buffaloes

Forsan hoping to find room to roam

Longorio, Acosta key Buffs' potent rushing attack

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Forsan head coach Steve Park probably wouldn't trade his backfield for anything short of a winning lottery ticket.

Who could blame him? He returns one of the top rushing attacks in West Texas and a quarterback with a ton of potential. Last year, the tandem of running back Wes Longorio, fullback Billy Acosta and quarterback Josh Helmstetler accounted for more than 1,500 yards.

And, Park said, they're only going to be better this season.

"We have our backfield back and Josh has a year of experience under his belt, so that has to be a positive for us," said Park, who is in the second year of his second stint as the Buffaloes' head coach. "The kids have worked really hard over the summer to get ready. The kids are really pumped up and excited about their chances this year, and they're playing well together.

"I feel like if we can stay healthy, I think we can be competitive," Park said.

That may not just be coach-speak, either. Longorio is one Buffalo that can definitely roam through opposing

defenses. The 6-foot, 200-pound speedster should enjoy yet another fun campaign this fall by spearheading Forsan's high-powered Wing-T offense. Last fall, Longorio rolled up 1,069 yards in just 10 outings.

Longorio accounted for almost half of the Buffaloes' rushing yards over the past two seasons. In his last 20 games, he has rolled up 2,184

yards and more than 20 touchdowns.

Longorio's efforts will be strengthened by the return of Acosta, a powerful 5-foot-9, 185-pound blocking back. Much like Daryl Johnston did with Emmitt Smith, Acosta opens plenty of gaps for Longorio to dance into.

Helmstetler — not to mention the FHS offense as a whole — should benefit from seeing considerable playing time last year. With Helmstetler in the lineup, the Buffaloes averaged nearly 300 yards a game offensively in 2001.

"He'll have a little experience this year," said Park, who had previously coached at Forsan from 1996 to 1998. "With that, and the backfield coming back our offense should be able to move the ball a bit."

When Helmstetler needs to go to the air, he will have three quality receivers to look for. Tight end Clay Vickers and seniors Matt Ellis and David Lee all return for another season. Ellis, at 6-foot-1 and 200-pounds, is the biggest of the receiving corps.

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B. ACOSTA



LONGORIO

Forsan Buffaloes



RETURNING STARTERS (6): RB Wes Longorio, RB Billy Acosta, G Josh Gibson, G Cody Bryant, WR Matt Ellis, T Ross Rhoton

TOP NEWCOMERS (3): LB Adam Johnson, RB Cory Reyna, OG Brent Wood.

STATISTICAL LEADERS: Rushing — Wes Longoria (1,069 yards).

2002 Forsan Buffaloes Varsity Roster

11	John Martinez	QB/E	Soph.	5-10	145
20	David Lee	WB/DB	Sr.	5-9	140
21	Wes Longorio	RB/DB	Sr.	6-0	195
25	Adam Johnson	RB/LB	Fr.	5-10	160
32	Josh Helmstetler	QB/LB	Jr.	5-10	160
33	David Acosta	WB/DB	Jr.	5-6	135
38	Billy Acosta	FB/DT	Sr.	5-9	185
40	Cory Reyna	FB/LB	Soph.	5-10	175
42	Matt Ellis	E/E	Sr.	6-1	200
52	Mitchell Hooper	G/E	Jr.	5-8	150
53	Chancer Rainer	G/LB	Jr.	5-7	140
54	Jeremy Bedwell	T/E	Jr.	5-10	170
61	Codee Barraza	C/T	Jr.	5-10	220
62	Cody Bryant	G/LB	Sr.	5-9	204
63	Micah Harrison	T/T	Jr.	5-10	195
68	Josh Gibson	G/T	Sr.	5-8	150
71	Robert Gomez	T/T	Sr.	6-1	215
72	Ross Rhoton	T/DB	Sr.	6-0	160
77	Brent Wood	G/T	Soph.	5-7	180
80	Bobby Litke	E/DB	Sr.	6-3	165
81	Clay "Gooney" Vickers	E/T	Sr.	5-10	230
82	Brandon Burleson	E/DB	Jr.	5-10	145

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Forsan: Playoff hopes are in the air at FHS this fall

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Longorio, Helmstetler and Acosta will have a strong offensive line from which work. Forsan heads into the year with a line that features three big seniors and two juniors.

Codee Barraza will anchor the Buff line at center. He is a 5-foot-10, 220-pound junior.

Barraza will be flanked by a pair of senior guards in Cody Bryant and Josh Gibson. They will be joined by tackles Micah Harrison and Ross Rhoten.

The one area Park said he was looking to see a major improvement in was the Forsan defense. The Buffs, loaded with a ton of young players, allowed opposing teams to score more than 30 points a game last fall.

"We didn't play real well on defense last year," he said. "But they've come out and really stepped it. They're hustling to the ball on every play. I think our defensive play will be much better this season."

Just the fact that Forsan will be a lot more experienced should back



RHOTON



Helmstetler

Park up. The Buffaloes return six starters from last year's 2-8 team, including a pair of second-team all-district performers in Helmstetler and Longorio.

Helmstetler provides the Buffs with a bit of kick in the middle. The team's starting middle linebacker last year, he racked up a boat load of defensive stops. Longorio, the leader of the defensive secondary, also recorded plenty of stops in addition to intercepting four passes.

Junior Mitchell Hooper and Jeremy Bedwell should anchor the defensive line from the end positions. Harrison



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Cheering the Forsan Buffaloes on from the sideline this fall will be members of the Buffalo cheerleading squad, including Lauren Green, Kristy Gonzales, Kristi Hutchinson, Miranda Hester, Tasha Mitchell, K.K. Kellar and mascot Christina Grove. The FHS cheerleading sponsor for 2002 is Cheryl Green.

and Acosta will likely line up as the defensive tackles.

Joining Helmstetler in Forsan's linebacking corps will be Bryant and freshman Adam Johnson.

David Acosta, the younger brother of the FHS fullback, should open the year with Rhoten as the Buffs' starting corners. Longorio and Lee will play the safeties.



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By Tommy Wells
Sports Editor

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When it comes to high school football, the Steers have endured their share of empty boxes. In its 96 years of gridiron history, the Steers have with-

stood plenty pain, triumph and historical meetings that have helped shape the face of the sport Texans call their religion.

Football got off to a slow start in Big Spring. Nearly 10 years after the first school — a tent — was erected in the community, the students began clamoring to field a football team. In 1906, the request became a movement as members of the Big Spring student body began raising funds to purchase the needed equipment.

One year later, in the fall of 1907, Big Spring football became a reality when the first Steers squad marched onto the field and recorded a 95-0 win over the Sweetwater Mustangs.

Unfortunately for the Steer faithful, the winning ways didn't last. Big Spring, in spite of a 4-1-1 campaign in 1914 under W.A. Mancill, struggled through the pre-World War I years.

Big Spring celebrated its most successful team in 1919 as head coach E.H. Poteet fashioned a powerful squad that went 6-1 in the old T&P Conference. During that season, the Steers outscored their opponents by a staggering 135-33 clip.

Big Spring's only loss in 1919 was 20-0 loss to Sweetwater in Week 4.

The Steers, after an off year in 1920, bettered their 1919 mark by two games, going 8-1-1 under G.C. Cox.

Big Spring's only loss that season came to Lubbock High School. They tied Abilene High 28-28 in the regular season finale.

The Steers' 1921 season was just the tip of the iceberg. Big Spring strung together seven straight winning seasons from there before hitting the skids in 1929 and 1930.

Lakeview Lions capture championship with

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

In the 94 year high school football has been played in Big Spring, the school system has sent 15 players to stardom in the National Football League, created some of the top teams in the state's history and competed in one of the most storied district's in the sport's history.

The one thing, you say, missing on the Big Spring resume is a state championship.

Better think again. Big Spring has a state champion.

When was Big Spring's title?

Not in 1931 — although the Steers' team that year was certainly good enough.

Not the 1980s version of the Big Black Machine — although it, too, was a solid in every respect.

shortly after the end of World War I, the Lakeview Lions — a school — put together a team that ran and captured the Negro State Championship. Only months after Nazi Germany was defeated, the Lions rode the strong arm of Claude Tucker and Crockett to a 5-1 regular season and then a Black Bronco's comeback in the final Negro league.

The Lions, coached by Claude Tucker, dominated almost every game in 1945. They opened with four straight wins from Midland, San Angelo and Odessa before a setback — a 9-6 loss to San Angelo in a game that Tucker

Lakeview's fullback, he rushed for 100 yards in the short game. The Lions rebounded to San Angelo in a game that Tucker

didn't reach .500 in one game and finished with an incredible 11 ties.

From 1936 to 1945, Big Spring's football team was on a .500 plateau 14 times. In the 1945 season, under head coach Claude Tucker, they pounded Odessa and saw them tie Midland en route to match the district's top team.

Fate, however, was not kind to the Steers. They tied the season finale against San Angelo when officials decided by a 5-4 margin in favor of the Steers.

In 1953, Carl Crockett led the Steers back in the Steers' championship game.

Big Spring Steers Highlights/Lowlights

Biggest wins

Opponent	Score	Year	Margin
Sweetwater	.95-0	1907	95
Plainview	.86-6	1962	80
Colorado City	.79-0	1931	79
Roscoe	.71-0	1931	71
Ft. Stockton	.69-0	1921	69
Loraine	.66-0	1927	66
Loraine	.62-0	1926	62
Hobbs, NM	.60-0	1934	60
Pecos	.60-0	1931	60
El Paso Ysleta	.58-0	1953	58
McCamey	.57-0	1931	57

Biggest losses

Opponent	Score	Year	Margin
San Angelo	.77-0	1915	77
Abilene	.76-0	1927	76
Odessa High	.64-0	1950	64
Lubbock High	.64-0	1917	64
Abilene	.59-0	1923	59
Breckenridge	.58-0	1929	58
Abilene High	.56-0	1979	56
Abilene Cooper	.54-0	1978	54
Chapel Hill	.59-6	1989	53
Sweetwater	.60-7	1942	53
Odessa Permian	.53-0	1976	53
Abilene High	.52-0	1984	52



Big Spring fans didn't have long to suffer, though. In 1931 J. Gordon Bristow arrived and assembled one of the best teams in school history.

Led by the hard-nosed style of Bristow, the Steers opened the season by recording eight straight shutouts — which still remains a school record. During the first eight weeks of the season, Dennis and the BSHS gridgers outscored their opponents by a 398-0 margin.

Bristow, who had two years earlier

ventured into the jungles of southern Mexico to barter with local bandits for the release of his father, Prof. J.E. Bristow, saw Sweetwater spoiled Big Spring's bid for perfection in Week 9, taking a 7-0 win.

Still reeling from the loss, the Steers finished the year by battling San Angelo to a 0-0 standstill.

Bristow would coach five years at BSHS and post winning records in four. In his final two years — 1934 and 1935 — his teams combined to post a 13-5-1 mark.

Following 1935 Bristow resigned and left town. With him, went the Steers' winning ways.

Ironically, as successful as Bristow's team had been in the 1930, the Steers

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been their share of history, big wins and more than the better as BSHS heads into the new millenium.

Black Lions capture Big Spring's only championship with win over Black Broncs

Shortly after the world celebrated the end of World War II when the Lake View Lions — the city's black high school — put together an impressive run and captured the West Texas Negro State Championship honors.

Only months after Adolf Hitler's Nazi Germany was defeated, the Lions rode the strong legs of running back Claude Tucker and quarterback Junior Crockett to a 5-1 record during the regular season and then dealt the Odessa Black Broncs a convincing 25-0 setback in the finals of the West Texas Negro league.

The Lions, coached by Frank Miller, dominated almost everyone they faced in 1945. They opened the season with four straight wins, downing teams from Midland, Sweetwater, Abilene and Odessa before suffering their only setback — a 9-6 loss to San Angelo in a game that Tucker missed.

Tucker powered the Lake View offense throughout the year. A bruising 190-pound fullback, he rushed for around 1,000 yards in the short seven-game season.

The Lions rebounded from their loss to San Angelo in grand fashion. They earned a spot in the finals by posting a

didn't reach .500 for the decade, finishing one-game under at 44-45 — with an incredible 11 ties.

From 1936 to 1953 — a span of 15 years — Big Spring failed to reach the .500 plateau 14 times. Their only winning season in that span came in 1940 under head coach Pat Murphy when they pounded out a 5-3-3 record that saw them tie Mineral Wells and Odessa en route to matching El Paso High for the district's top record.

Fate, however, was against the Steers. They tied El Paso in the regular season finale and missed the playoffs when officials declared they had lost by a 5-4 margin in penetrations.

In 1953, Carl Coleman put the bounce back in the Steers' walk. He guided Big

19-13 win over Lubbock.

Against Odessa, Lake View wasted little time in taking complete control. Despite gaining just 55 yards rushing in the entire game, the Lions scored twice in the first quarter and never looked back.

Crockett gave Lake View its first score just minutes into the affair. He capped a short drive by powering his way into the Black Broncs' end zone from 5 yards out.

Edward Wrightsil turned in a defensive gem later in the frame to inflate Lake View's lead to 12-0. Wrightsil stepped in front of an Odessa pass and raced 30 yards for the Lions' second touchdown within a six minute span.

Lake View carried a 12-0 lead into the half.

The Lions defense, which allowed the Black Broncs just 160 total yards, added to Odessa's misery early in the second half. Harry Dooley stretched Lake View's lead to 18-0 midway through the third quarter by returning another errant pass 35 yards for a score.

C.P. Cooper capped the Lions' title effort with an 8-yard touchdown run in the fourth.

Spring to a 10-3 record and a berth in the Texas state championships opposite Port Neches.

Fate, again, spurned the Steers. Port Neches won the state title by a slim 24-13 clip.

In 1957, the Steers gained the dubious honor of joining Odessa High, Odessa Permian, Midland High, San Angelo Central, Midland Lee and Abilene High and Abilene Cooper in forming the "Little Southwest Conference"

Although honored to be a part of one of the toughest districts in the state's history, the Little SWC was anything but good for the Steers' playoff hopes. From 1957 to 1985, despite some solid teams coached by Emmett McKenzie, Don Robbins and future Texas Tech head coach and Texas High School Hall of Famer Spike Dykes, Big Spring failed to advance to the postseason.

Dykes, who coached Coahoma to the state quarterfinals in 1965, spent three seasons in Big Spring (1967-1969), leading the Steers to a 16-14 overall mark.

Head coach Quinn Eudy ended Big Spring's 28-year playoff drought in 1986 by engineering a 9-1 regular season march that gave the Steers the right to face Hereford in the bi-district round.

Big Spring's fortunes really began to change in 1988 when David Thompson took control. With a young assistant named Dwight Butler by his side, Thompson led the Steers to a return trip to the state finals. Big Spring went 10-3 before falling to Chapel Hill, 59-6.

Thompson left a short while later, leaving Butler to fashion the best decade in history for Big Spring. Under Butler's guide, the Steers posted a 60-46 record during the 1990s and advanced to the postseason on four occasions.

Big Spring Steers Decade-by-decade review

Year	W	L	T	Pct.
1920-1929	52	39	4	.571
1930-1939	44	45	11	.494
1940-1949	35	61	4	.402
1950-1959	38	62	3	.380
1960-1969	56	43	1	.565
1970-1979	19	80	1	.191
1980-1989	46	59	0	.438
1990-1999	60	46	1	.566
2000-2001	11	12	0	.478
Totals	361	447	25	.446

Big Spring Steers Year-by-year results

Year	Record
1907	NA
1908	NA
1909	NA
1910	NA
1911	NA
1912	NA
1913	NA
1914	4-1-1
1915	0-3
1916	NA
1917	2-3-1
1918	3-2
1919	6-1
1920	2-5
1921	8-1-1
1922	6-2
1923	5-3
1924	7-5-1
1925	6-3
1926	7-3
1927	4-4
1928	4-5-1
1929	3-8-1
1930	3-7-2
1931	8-1-1
1932	6-3-1
1933	3-4-3
1934	8-2
1935	5-3-1
1936	5-4-1
1937	2-8
1938	0-8-1
1939	4-5-1
1940	5-3-3
1941	4-5-1
1942	4-5-1
1943	3-7
1944	3-7
1945	4-6
1946	1-9
1947	3-7
1948	3-7
1949	4-6
1950	4-6
1951	2-8
1952	4-6
1953	10-3
1954	8-1-1
1955	4-5-1
1956	2-8
1957	2-8
1958	2-7
1959	0-10
1960	3-7
1961	7-3
1962	5-4-1
1963	8-2
1964	7-3
1965	6-4
1966	4-6
1967	5-5
1968	5-5
1969	6-4
1970	5-5
1971	4-6
1972	1-9
1973	1-9
1974	3-7
1975	2-8
1976	1-9
1977	1-8-1
1978	0-10
1979	1-9
1980	3-7
1981	2-8
1982	4-6
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1984	2-8
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1990	9-2-1
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1997	8-4
1998	4-7
1999	7-4
2000	8-5
2001	3-7

Big Spring Steers 1917

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2001 Coach: Dwight Butler Record: 3-7 Table with columns for Game, Opp, BS, Sweetwater, Hereford, Abilene Wylie, Andrews, Lake View, Levelland, Planview, Lub. Estacado, Snyder, Frenship.

2000 Coach: Dwight Butler Record: 8-5 Table with columns for Game, Opp, BS, Sweetwater, Hereford, Abilene Wylie, Andrews, Lake View, Levelland, Plainview, Lub. Estacado, Snyder, Frenship, Canyon, EP Riverside.

1999 Coach: Dwight Butler Record: 7-4 Table with columns for Game, Opp, BS, Frenship, Monahans, Lub. Estacado, Abilene Wylie, Ft. Stockton, Snyder, Andrews, Lake View, Sweetwater, Brownwood.

1998 Coach: Dwight Butler Record: 4-6 Table with columns for Game, Opp, BS, Frenship, Monahans, Lub. Estacado, Abilene Wylie, Ft. Stockton, Snyder, Andrews, Lake View, Sweetwater, Cleburne.

1997 Coach: Dwight Butler Record: 8-4 Table with columns for Game, Opp, BS, Monahans, Ballinger, Lub. Estacado, Snyder, Levelland, Pecos, Lake View, Ft. Stockton, Sweetwater, Andrews, EP Ysleta, C. Randall.

1996 Coach: Dwight Butler Record: 2-8 Table with columns for Game, Opp, BS, Monahans, Ballinger, Lub. Estacado, Snyder, Levelland, Pecos, Lake View, Ft. Stockton, Sweetwater, Andrews.

1995 Coach: Dwight Butler Record: 3-7 Table with columns for Game, Opp, BS, Borger, Sweetwater, Lub. Estacado, Snyder, Levelland, Lake View, Ft. Stockton, Pecos, Monahans, Andrews.

1994 Coach: Dwight Butler Record: 3-7 Table with columns for Game, Opp, BS, Borger, Sweetwater, Lub. Estacado, Snyder, Levelland, Lake View, Ft. Stockton, Pecos, Monahans, Andrews.

Record: 7-5 Table with columns for Game, Opp, BS, Borger, Sweetwater, Lub. Estacado, Snyder, Levelland, Lake View, Ft. Stockton, Pecos, Monahans, Andrews, EP Parkland, Canyon Randall.

1993 Coach: Dwight Butler Record: 7-3 Table with columns for Game, Opp, BS, Levelland, Lub. Estacado, Lub. High, Snyder, Monahans, Andrews, Sweetwater, Lake View, Pecos, Ft. Stockton.

1992 Coach: Dwight Butler Record: 5-5 Table with columns for Game, Opp, BS, Levelland, Lub. Estacado, Lub. High, Snyder, Monahans, Andrews, Sweetwater, Lake View, Pecos, Ft. Stockton.

1991 Coach: Dwight Butler Record: 8-2 Table with columns for Game, Opp, BS, Amarillo Caprock, Lub. Estacado, Lub. High, Snyder, Lake View, Ft. Stockton, Sweetwater, Pecos, Andrews, Monahans.

1990 Coach: David Thompson Record: 9-2-1 Table with columns for Game, Opp, BS, Amarillo Caprock, Lub. Estacado, Lub. High, Snyder, Lake View, Ft. Stockton, Sweetwater, Pecos, Andrews, Monahans, Hereford, Burkburnett.

1989 Coach: David Thompson Record: 10-4 Table with columns for Game, Opp, BS, Hobbs, NM, Lub. Estacado, Plainview, Monahans, Sweetwater, Lake View, Pecos, Andrews, Snyder, Ft. Stockton, Hereford, FW Brewer, Monahans, Chapel Hill.

1988 Coach: David Thompson Record: 4-6 Table with columns for Game, Opp, BS, Hobbs, NM, Lub. Estacado, Plainview, Monahans, Sweetwater, Lake View, Pecos, Andrews, Snyder, Hereford, FW Brewer, Monahans, Chapel Hill.

1987 Coach: Quinn Eudy Record: 2-8 Table with columns for Game, Opp, BS, Sweetwater, Lake View, Pecos, Andrews, Snyder, Ft. Stockton, Levelland, Abilene High.

Record: 6-4 Table with columns for Game, Opp, BS, EP Riverside, Lub. Estacado, Lake View, Sweetwater, Lamesa, Ft. Stockton, Pecos, Monahans, Snyder, Andrews.

1986 Coach: Quinn Eudy Record: 9-2 Table with columns for Game, Opp, BS, EP Riverside, Lub. Estacado, Lake View, Sweetwater, Lamesa, Ft. Stockton, Pecos, Monahans, Snyder, Andrews, Hereford.

1985 Coach: Quinn Eudy Record: 3-7 Table with columns for Game, Opp, BS, Snyder, Lub. Estacado, Lub. Monterey, Odessa Permian, Abilene Cooper, Midland Lee, Odessa High, Abilene High, San Angelo.

1984 Coach: Quinn Eudy Record: 2-8 Table with columns for Game, Opp, BS, Snyder, Lub. Estacado, Lub. Monterey, Odessa Permian, Abilene Cooper, Midland Lee, Odessa High, Abilene High, San Angelo.

1983 Coach: Quinn Eudy Record: 3-7 Table with columns for Game, Opp, BS, Snyder, Lub. Estacado, Levelland, Abilene High, Midland, Odessa High, Abilene Cooper, Midland Lee, Odessa Permian, San Angelo.

1982 Coach: Quinn Eudy Record: 4-6 Table with columns for Game, Opp, BS, Snyder, Lub. Estacado, Levelland, Abilene High, Midland, Odessa High, Abilene Cooper, Midland Lee, Odessa Permian, San Angelo.

1981 Coach: Quinn Eudy Record: 2-8 Table with columns for Game, Opp, BS, Snyder, Lub. Estacado, Sweetwater, Levelland, Abilene High, Midland, Odessa Permian, Midland Lee.

1980 Coach: Ralph Harris Record: 3-7 Table with columns for Game, Opp, BS, Snyder, Sweetwater, Levelland, Abilene High, Midland, Odessa Permian.

Midland Lee, Abilene Cooper, Odessa High, San Angelo.

1979 Coach: Ron Logback Record: 1-9 Table with columns for Game, Opp, BS, Andrews, Hobbs, NM, Snyder, Abilene High, Midland, Odessa Permian, Midland Lee, Abilene Cooper, Odessa High, San Angelo.

1978 Coach: Ron Logback Record: 0-10 Table with columns for Game, Opp, BS, Andrews, Hobbs, NM, Snyder, Abilene High, Midland, Odessa Permian, Midland Lee, Abilene Cooper, Odessa High, San Angelo.

1977 Coach: Don Robbins Record: 1-8-1 Table with columns for Game, Opp, BS, Andrews, Hobbs, NM, Snyder, Abilene High, Midland, Odessa Permian, Midland Lee, Abilene Cooper, Odessa High, San Angelo.

1976 Coach: Don Robbins Record: 1-9 Table with columns for Game, Opp, BS, Andrews, Hobbs, NM, Snyder, Abilene High, Midland, Odessa Permian, Midland Lee, Abilene Cooper, Odessa High, San Angelo.

1975 Coach: Bob Burris Record: 2-8 Table with columns for Game, Opp, BS, Andrews, Hobbs, NM, Snyder, Abilene High, Midland, Odessa Permian, Midland Lee, Abilene Cooper, Odessa High, San Angelo.

1974 Coach: Bob Burris Record: 3-7 Table with columns for Game, Opp, BS, Andrews, Hobbs, NM, Snyder, Abilene High, Midland, Odessa Permian, Midland Lee, Abilene Cooper, Odessa High, San Angelo.

1973 Coach: Bob Burris Record: 1-9 Table with columns for Game, Opp, BS, Lub. Monterey, Hobbs, NM, Snyder, Abilene High, Midland, Odessa Permian, Midland Lee, Abilene Cooper, Odessa High, San Angelo.

1972 Coach: Clovis Hale Record: 0-0-0-0 Table with columns for Game, Opp, BS, Lub. Monterey, Hobbs, NM, Snyder, Abilene High, Midland, Odessa Permian, Midland Lee, Abilene Cooper, Odessa High, San Angelo.

Record: 1-9 Table with columns for Game, Opp, BS, Lub. Monterey, Hobbs, NM, Snyder, Abilene High, Midland, Odessa Permian, Midland Lee, Abilene Cooper, Odessa High, San Angelo.

1971 Coach: Clovis Hale Record: 4-6 Table with columns for Game, Opp, BS, Lub. Monterey, EP Ysleta, Snyder, Abilene High, Midland, Odessa Permian, Midland Lee, Odessa High, San Angelo.

1970 Coach: Clovis Hale Record: 5-5 Table with columns for Game, Opp, BS, Lub. Monterey, EO Ysleta, Snyder, Abilene High, Midland, Odessa Permian, Midland Lee, Abilene Cooper, Odessa High, San Angelo.

1969 Coach: Spike Dykes Record: 6-4 Table with columns for Game, Opp, BS, Lub. Monterey, Midland Lee, Ector, Lub. High, Abilene Cooper, Odessa High, San Angelo, Midland, Abilene High, Odessa Permian.

1968 Coach: Spike Dykes Record: 5-5 Table with columns for Game, Opp, BS, Lub. Monterey, Midland Lee, Ector, Lub. High, Abilene Cooper, Odessa High, San Angelo, Midland, Abilene High, Odessa Permian.

1967 Coach: Spike Dykes Record: 5-5 Table with columns for Game, Opp, BS, Lub. Monterey, Lamesa, Plainview, Snyder, Midland Lee, Midland, Abilene High, Odessa Permian, Odessa High, San Angelo.

1966 Coach: Herman Smith Record: 4-6 Table with columns for Game, Opp, BS, Lamesa, Plainview, Snyder, Midland Lee, Midland, Abilene High, Odessa Permian, Odessa High, San Angelo.

1965 Coach: Don Robbins Record: 6-4 Table with columns for Game, Opp, BS, Lamesa, EP Ysleta, Snyder, Midland Lee, Midland, Abilene High, Odessa Permian, Odessa High, San Angelo.

1964 Coach: Don Robbins Record: 7-3 Table with columns for Game, Opp, BS, Lamesa, EP Ysleta, Snyder, Odessa High, Midland Lee, Abilene Cooper, Midland, Odessa Permian, Abilene High, San Angelo.

1963 Coach: Don Robbins Record: 8-2 Table with columns for Game, Opp, BS, Lamesa, Snyder, Wichita Falls High, Odessa High, Midland Lee, Abilene Cooper, Midland, Odessa Permian, Abilene Cooper, San Angelo.

1962 Coach: Don Robbins Record: 5-4-1 Table with columns for Game, Opp, BS, Plainview, Snyder, Wichita Falls High, Midland Lee, Odessa High, Abilene Cooper, Midland, Odessa Permian, Abilene Cooper, San Angelo.

1961 Coach: Emmett McKenzie Record: 7-3 Table with columns for Game, Opp, BS, Plainview, Snyder, Sweetwater, Midland Lee, Odessa High, Abilene Cooper, Odessa Permian, Abilene High, San Angelo.

1960 Coach: Emmett McKenzie Record: 3-7 Table with columns for Game, Opp, BS, Pampa, Pecos, Snyder, Sweetwater, Lamesa, Abilene High, Odessa High, Midland, Odessa Permian.

1959 Coach: Al Milch Record: 0-10 Table with columns for Game, Opp, BS, SA Edison, Snyder, Sweetwater, Lamesa, EP, Austin.

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Stanton Buffaloes

Tate begins reloading Stanton's machine

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

There are two intriguing story lines coming out of Stanton this year: Larry Tate replacing Mark Cotton as head coach of the Buffaloes and Stanton's effort to prove most preseason prognosticators wrong about their fate.

Sure, the Buffaloes are young. Sure, they're adjusting to a new head for the first time in seven years. And, sure, the team lost 20 lettermen from last year's 2-8 campaign.

Stanton, according to most presea-

son high school publications, is expected to reside in the cellar of the District 3-2A race this year, meaning the 1997 state champions will have finished near the bottom of the heap for two straight seasons. The Buffaloes, who won the district title two years ago in 2002, finished fourth in the loop last year after posting a 1-4 mark in league play.

Despite the losses on the field and the losses to graduation, new Stanton head coach Larry Tate is optimistic about the Buffaloes' chances this year. The team, sparked by a pair of

strong preseason efforts against Kermit and state-ranked Post, feels it can make an impact in district.

"We're going to be young this year," said Tate, who took over the SHS helm in July when former head coach Mark Cotton resigned to become the high school principal. "We lost a lot of seniors last year. We're going to have 12 juniors on the roster this year, but if we can get off to a good start we'll be okay."

"We just need to go out and improve on what we do every week," he added.

Tate, who had masterminded the

Buffalo defense that guided Stanton to the 1997 state title, will be heading into the year with one of the least experienced teams in recent years. The Buffaloes will have just two offensive and



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defensive starters coming back.

"We're going to be young," he said. "We graduated our top rusher, passer and most of our skill positions. We only have 12 lettermen coming back."

What the Buffs lack in experience in the backfield, they may make up for in raw talent. Stanton will feature a trio of the district's top young stars in running backs Eric Hernandez and Tanner Riley and quarterback Victor Hernandez.

Riley, a 5-foot-9, 150-pound junior with good speed, gave Stanton fans a glimpse of his prowess early in the preseason, scoring on a short 2-yard dive that spirited the Buffs to a 1-0 win over Kermit.

Riley will probably benefit from



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After seven years as the Buffaloes' defensive coordinator, Larry Tate assumes total control of the Stanton program.

having Eric Hernandez, a 5-foot-11, 205-pound bruiser, lining up at full-back.

Victor Hernandez is expected to step into the quarterbacking duties this year. He served as the team's backup signal-caller in 2001.

Making life easier in the Buff backfield will be a solid offensive line that is anchored by tackles Jesse De Leon and Lance Kargl. The two senior all-

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Stanton Buffaloes

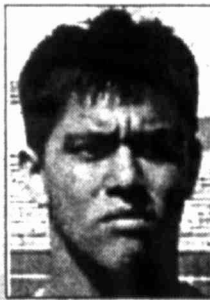


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RETURNING STARTERS (4): T Jesse De Leon, T Lance Kargl, G Billy Salgado

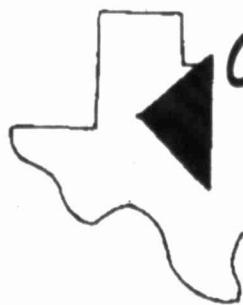
OTHER RETURNEES (3): QB Victor Hernandez, RB Eric Hernandez, RB Tanner Riley, TE Lewis Chapa, C Jaime Juarez, WR Chris Ramos

STATISTICAL LEADERS: Passing - Victor Hernandez. Rushing - NA. Receiving - Chris Ramos. Tackles - Lance Kargl.



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Stanton Buffaloes

Stanton: Full of young talent

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district selections anchor an offensive front that averages more than 210 pounds per man.

The experience up front combined with the rising stock of Riley and Hernandez have Buffalo fans optimistic that the Buffs will be able to generate more offensive firepower this year. Last fall, Stanton averaged just 9.2 points a game.

Joining De Leon, a 6-foot, 205-pound star who is making the switch from fullback to tackle this year, and Kargl in the trenches this year will be guard Billy Salgado (5-foot-10, 215 pounds, center Jaime Juarez (6-2, 190) and guard Dex Allred (5-11, 175). Junior Lewis Chapa (6-1, 180) will also aid the line's play from his tight end position.



DE LEON



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Kargl and De Leon will spearhead a Buffalo defense that has shown tremendous potential this preseason. Stanton, which allowed opposing teams to roll up 357 points last year, allowed Kermit a total of just 58 yards in their season-opening scrimmage.

Kargl and Chapa will provide most of the push up front for the SHS defense. The two will like-

ly open the year as the team's starting defensive ends. Blake Anderson and Alex Schafer should man the defensive tackle positions.

De Leon, the team's top tackler coming back, will team with Allred to anchor the Buffs' 4-2 scheme.

Joey Perez and Tully Louder should get the nod as the starting corners, while Jared Hale, Brandon Ireton and Chris Ramos handle the safety duties.



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A hard-hitting defensive unit that allowed just two touchdowns during the preseason will headline the Buffaloes' efforts this fall.



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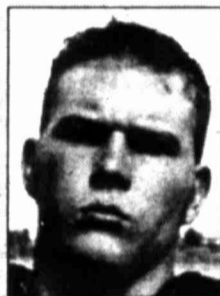


HILLGER

RETURNING STARTERS (6): WR Brian Hillger (moving to QB), LB Adrian Trevino, C Josh Schmitz, RB Drew Plagens, T Pat Randel, LB Donato Gonzales

OTHER RETURNEES (3): G Tm Schniers, TE Blake Chudej, FL Robert Lopez, WR Daniel Martinez

STATISTICAL LEADERS: Passing - Brian Hillger. Rushing - NA. Receiving - NA. Tackles - Drew Plagens.



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2002 Garden City Bearcats Varsity Roster

No.	Player	Pos.	Class	Wt.
2	Cade Doss	TE/LB	Fr.	125
5	Colby Hirt	QB/DB	Soph.	130
7	Jackie Gentry	RB/DB	Fr.	130
10	Mitch Rider	WR/DB	Soph.	120
12	Travis Coats	QB/DB	Soph.	125
19	Brian Hillger	QB/DB	Sr.	150
22	Robert Lopez	RB/DB	Soph.	155
24	Alonzo Talamantes	RB/DE	Sr.	155
25	Emmanuel Colunga	WR/LB	Soph.	145
30	Adrian Trevino	QB/DB	Sr.	170
33	Trey Hillger	RB/DB	Soph.	160
34	Travis Fowler	RB/DB	Fr.	135
35	Donato Gonzales	FB/LB	NA	NA
39	Todd Welshuhn	WR/DB	Soph.	145
45	Erazmo Talamantes	WR/DE	Soph.	135
50	Taylor Willis	OL/DT	Soph.	140
51	Brandon Reyes	OL/LB	Fr.	155
52	Josh Schmitz	OL/DT	Sr.	240
60	Wade Machicek	OL/DE	Soph.	160
61	Grant Schwartz	OL/LB	Fr.	140
62	Garrett Kellermier	OL/DE	Fr.	150
64	Uriel Talamantes	OL/DT	Fr.	245
70	Cory Multer	OL/LB	Fr.	200
71	Drew Plagens	OL/LB	Sr.	225
72	Tim Schniers	OL/DT	Soph.	220
73	Roberto Chavira	OL/DT	Fr.	220
74	Pat Randel	OL/DT	Sr.	205
82	Daniel Martinez	WR/LB	Sr.	155
87	Blake Chudej	TE/DE	Jr.	215
NA	K.C. Smith	OL/DL	Fr.	NA

New district no Eden for Bearcats

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Garden City Bearcats can relate to former Houston Oilers head coach O.A. "Bum" Phillips' comments during his team's "Luv Ya Blue" heyday in the 1980s. After two years of being the best man to the Pittsburgh Steelers, Phillips said his team was looking to "kick" the door in.

In Garden City, after two seasons of near misses, the Bearcats are hoping to end a 10-year playoff drought by kicking their way into the postseason party.

"That's our goal going into the year," said head coach Wade Wesley, who is entering his third year at the helm of the GCHS program. "We've got eight seniors that want to make it to the playoffs."

Garden City, which has posted a mark of 15-5 in its last 20 games, came close to earning an invitation to the postseason party last season.



PLAGENS

Anchored by a bruising rushing attack, the Bearcats rolled into the 2001 season with more force than an runaway train. They reeled off five straight wins to begin the year and finished at 8-2 overall and third in the tough District 7-1A race.

Despite losing seven starters on both sides of the line of scrimmage, Wesley said his team returns enough talent to compete this season, especially if they can manage to avoid injuries.

"As with any Class A team, staying healthy is the key," Wade said. "If we can keep from getting banged up and put some of our key players in different positions at crucial times in the ball game I think we can hold our own."

"We're going to be young overall, but we have a good nucleus coming back, and we have good camaraderie among the players. We're excited about getting started," Wesley added.

One of the key figures in Garden City's plans this season will be tailback Brian Hillger. The 5-foot-10, 150-pound senior is expected to handle the bulk of the Bearcats' rushing duties this season, replacing all-world rusher Curtis Eggemeyer, who rolled

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Iraan, McCamey to battle for 7A title

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

There's only one way to describe District 7A this season: Unforgiving.

To be sure, there won't be any room for mistakes for the five team making up the circuit. The reason for such a prognosis is simple. Every team is a proven commodity capable of winning on any given Friday.

The other reason, and perhaps even more important, is the fact that the district — from top to bottom — may well be the best district in the Class A ranks. Heading into the season, no less than three of the teams in the district, including Iraan, McCamey and Wink, have been ranked among the state's top 15 in various polls.

Just how solid is the district from top to bottom? Here's another fact. The five teams that comprise the district combined to go 40-14 last fall. Three of the five made playoff appearances in 2001.

Coaches' poll

The following is a look at the coaches' preseason poll for District 7-1A.

Place	Team
1	Iraan
2	McCamey
3	Wink
4	Rankin
5	Garden City

"It's a tough district, no doubt," said Garden City head coach Wade Wesley, who is entering his third season as the mentor of the Bearcats' program. "I think with anything that's new, there's a fear of the uncertain. So I'm sure there's a little apprehension there for everyone."

Much of the preseason hype sur-

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Garden City Bearkats

GC: District is one of state's toughest 1As

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up more than 1,500 yards on the ground last year before graduating in May.

Garden City was an offensive juggernaut in 2001. Running out of the I-formation, the Bearkats hammered opposing defenses on the ground averaging more than 250 yards a game on the ground. Overall, the team racked up approximately 340 yards a night.

Hillger should give Garden City a multi-faceted weapon out of the backfield. In addition to possessing good speed, he is a proven receiver. He earned second-team all-district honors as a wide receiver after hauling in 19 passes for 316 yards and three touchdowns.

He will be joined in the backfield by two fellow seniors in fullback Donato Gonzales and quarterback Adrian Trevino. Both will be entering their first season as starters offensively.

Trevino, who started at linebacker last fall, will have one of the better receiver corps in the district to look to when he needs to take the GCHS offense to the air. Back to anchor the receiving group is junior tight end Blake Chudej, a huge target at 6-foot-6.

Sophomore Robert Lopez will likely line up at flanker while Daniel Martinez could get the starting nod as the

team's wideout.

Drew Plagens, a 6-foot-1, 225-pound senior, could also see time at fullback at certain times this year. He was an honorable mention all-district fullback last fall, but is slated to move to offensive tackle this fall to help Josh Schmitz and Pat Randel shore up a young line. Schmitz, a 6-2, 240-pounder, was a second-team all-district selection at center last year.



CHUDEJ

high level a year ago, enters the year at 5-foot-9, 245 pounds.

Defensively, the Bearkats could develop into one of the better young squads in the district. Garden City, which is expected to start four underclassmen on the defensive side of the ball, heads into the year with four all-district performers coming back to lead the way.

Schmitz will key the Bearkats' defensive front. He returns after collecting second-team all-district accolades last year at defensive tackle. Joining him in the trenches will be Schniers, Chudej and Talamantes.

Plagens will headline an experience linebacking corps. He racked up 93 tackles last year.

Gonzales and Martinez also return. Both were backups last year.

The defensive secondary could be the unit's strength. Hillger and Trevino both return to key a secondary that will also feature speedy sophomores Todd Wieshuhn and Trey

Randel, a 6-foot, 200-pound senior, was an honorable mention pick at tackle.

Wesley indicated Freshman Uriel Talamantes and sophomore Tim Schniers would join the trenchmen this fall. Talamantes, a start at the junior



Herald Photo/Tommy Wells

Brian Hillger (19) steps into the spotlight this season for the Garden City Wildcats. Hillger is replacing Curtis Eggemeyer, a 1,500-yard rsher in 2001.

Hillger.

Brian Hillger is the team's top defensive back returning. He was a second-team all-loop selection a year ago after picking off three passes — including one he returned the distance for a score.

Making a run at the playoffs won't be easy for the Bearkats. During the off-season, the University Interscholastic League's bi-annual realignment process placed Garden City into a new — and still brutal — District 7-1A group. The realignment

took perennial state powers Roscoe and Robert Lee off the Bearkats' map, but replaced them with Wink, Iraan, McCamey — a team that posted a 9-2 mark last fall in Class 2A — and Rankin.

Wesley said the realignment process wasn't a major concern for the Bearkats.

"It's just a switch from one tough district to another for us," he said.

Garden City begins its 2002 schedule Friday night at home against rival Sterling City.



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Sands Mustangs

Mustangs are poised for title run

Sands Mustangs



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RETURNING STARTERS (6): C Catlin Barraza, LB Heath Webb, DE Joe Louis Gonzales, RB Nate Looney, QB Jeremy Renteria, E Brandon Woods

OTHER RETURNEES (3): RB Josh Segudo, E Chance Grantham, E Abel Gomez, C Julian Mojica, RB Brady Timmins, E Jon Cluck, DE Antonio Pérez, RB Nedy Perez.



C. BARRAZA

STATISTICAL LEADERS: Passing - Jeremy Renteria (1,500 yards). Rushing - Nate Looney (1,700+ yards). Receiving - Brandon Woods. Tackles - Heath Webb.

KEY LOSSES (4): E Dusty Floyd (Hardin-Simmons).



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JOE GONZALES

By Tommy Wells

Sports Editor

The Sands Mustangs have always been a good football team.

Things, however, may be a bit different this season. Sands probably won't be good ... they'll more apt to be great.

To say expectations are high this season in Ackerly would be a gross understatement. In fact, that statement would be like saying the Mona Lisa is a so-so work of art, or that the West Texas summer is merely warm.

The reason Sands fans are thinking this might be the year for Mustang pleasin' is simple. Sands has enough weapons coming back on both sides of the line of scrimmage this fall to be declared a small army. That fact hasn't been lost on the preseason pollsters, either. The Mustangs are ranked among the top 10 in almost every six-man poll, including second in the United States and Canada, according to Six-Man Illustrated's preseason poll.

Sands is no stranger to success. Last year, under former head coach Clint Lowery, the Mustangs showcased one of the most explosive offenses in the nation en route to

advancing to the state quarterfinals. The team averaged more than 300 yards a night in 2001.

The Mustangs' offense could be even better this fall. Sands welcomes back three of the state's top weapons offensively in quarterback Jeremy Renteria, runningback Nate Looney and end Brandon Woods.

"If things go well, and we can stay away from injuries, it's possible we could become one to be one of the better teams," said head coach Larry Reid. "We have the talent and capability to become one if we continue to work hard and progress."

Improving the SHS offense from a year ago is a scary thought.

Renteria and Looney may well be the best 1-2 combination in six-man football since Arturo Nava and Vincente Ramirez teamed to make Fort Hancock the envy of the entire world. The two preseason all-american selections combined for more than 3,300 yards and 50 touchdowns last year.

Renteria shredded opposing defenses last year as a junior while pulling the trigger on the SHS offense. He passed for more than 1,600 yards and helped former Mustang offensive end Dusty Floyd earn six-man all-american honors and a spot on the Hardin-Simmons University roster.

There won't be any question as to who makes the Sands offense go. Looney, a 4.6 sprinter, deals out more nightmares than Freddy Krueger. Last fall, he developed into one of the premier rushers in the United States, gaining more than 1,700 yards in just 12 games.

Looney's rushing total was the fifth best among six-man rushers in the

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Sands Mustangs

District: GC picked to finish last

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rounding the district has come from Iraan and McCamey. The two teams are the odds-on favorites to take first and second, respectively, in the district race this year. The Iraan Braves, rated No. 4 in Dave Campbell's Texas Football preseason poll, bring back four starters from a team that went 11-1 and advanced to the regional semifinals. McCamey welcomes back eight offensive and defensive mainstays from a team that went 9-2 and qualified for the Class 2A playoffs.

"They're both solid teams," said Wesley, who is no stranger to putting winning teams on the field. "Both of them are probably top 5 teams, and Wink and Rankin are perennial powers, too."

Quarterback Jared Jennings and running back Quincy Pope will key the Braves' efforts this fall. The 5-

foot-10, 175-pound Jennings racked up over 2,000 all-purpose yards last year as a junior. In route to leading Iraan to 10 straight victories in the regular season, he rushed for 1,362 yards and nine touchdowns. He also threw for 635 yards.

Pope contributed to the Braves' 1-2 punch. Along with Jennings, he was the team's second 1,000-yard rusher during the year, gaining 1,244 yards.

Defensively, the Braves' will be led by linebacker Jacob Pechacek and defensive back Mario Rodriguez.

McCamey could be the wild card in the district slate. The Badgers have a veteran-laden roster back to spearhead a drive at a second straight playoff berth. McCamey lost just six lettermen to graduation last May.

District 7-1A Composite Schedule

Aug. 30

Iraan at Forsan; McCamey at Midland Trinity; Irion County at Rankin; Wink at Grape Creek; Sterling City at Garden City.

Sept. 5

Iraan at Rocksprings; Crane at McCamey; Rankin at Sterling City; Fort Hancock at Wink; Garden City at Forsan.

Sept. 13

Irion County at Iraan; Reagan County at McCamey; Rankin at Stanton; Midland Trinity at Wink; Garden City at Robert Lee.

Sept. 20

Stanton at Iraan; Van Horn at McCamey; Eldorado at Rankin; Wink at Plains; Garden City at Irion County.

Sept. 27

Menard at Iraan; McCamey vs.

Coahoma in Midland; Rankin at Forsan; Wink at Van Horn; Midland Trinity at Garden City.

Oct. 4

Iraan at Eldorado; McCamey at Tornillo; Grape Creek at Rankin; Wink at O'Donnell; Garden City vs. Rocksprings in Ozona.

Oct. 11

Iraan at Wink; McCamey at Rankin.

Oct. 18

Rankin at Iraan; Wink at Garden City.

Oct. 25

Iraan at McCamey; Garden City at Rankin.

Nov. 1

McCamey at Garden City; Rankin at Wink.

Nov. 8

Garden City at Iraan; Wink at McCamey.

Sands: Mustangs among best teams in the U.S., Canada

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United States, Canada, Australia and Norway.

Woods, a 5-foot-10, 170-pound junior, will likely become the Mustangs go-to receiver this season now that Floyd has left the fold. Last year, he made several crucial catches that enabled Sands to win the District 5 championship for the fifth time in the past nine years.

Defensively, Sands is just as imposing. The Mustangs welcome back four starters, including a pair of all-state performers in linebacker Heath Webb and defensive end Catlin Barraza. Webb, despite missing a few games with injuries, turned in an outstanding effort as a junior. He led the team in tackles and forced several turnovers.

Webb was an all-state selection.

Barraza, an honorable mention all-state, starred in the trenches a year ago. He teamed with Joe Louis Gonzales and Woods last fall to form one of the top defensive fronts in the state. Barraza, Gonzales and returning lettermen Chance Grantham, Abel Gonzales and Julian Mojica are expected to shine this season in the trenches.

Reid said he will likely make one major change to his defense. He indicated Woods may move from his defensive end position to linebacker, where he will team with Webb to anchor the Mustangs 3-2 set.

"We have a pretty good corps of kids coming back this year," said Reid, who spent two years as the head coach at Ropes before taking control at Groom. "We're going to have to develop some of the younger players, but it seems we have the kids that can be flexible enough to move around

and help us out wherever we need it."

Looney could emerge as the Mustangs safety. He saw considerable playing time in the secondary in 2001.

In addition to the talent Sands brings back, most insiders feel one of the major reasons the school is among the nation's top teams heading into the year is Reid, who is widely regarded as one of the top six-man coaches in the business. Over the past seven years, he is won of the most successful coaches in Texas, winning more than 80 games. In his 6-year tenure at Groom, he guided the Tigers to the state playoffs five times, including to the state finals in 1999.

"That could turn out to be the final piece to the puzzle for Sands," said Joe Nash, co-publisher of Six-Man Illustrated. "He's one of the best six-man coaches around, bar none. You combine that with the talent Sands can run out there and you have a recipe for success."

The Mustangs are hoping it all mixes into a state title.

All Americas could move to Big Spring

The All Americas Bowl, an international six-man football all-star game, may be moving its show to Big Spring next year.

Organizers for the all-star football and basketball games have indicated they are looking at taking the games to either Big Spring or Slaton next year. The All Americas Bowl has been played in Gordon for the past three summers.

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Grady Wildcats

Wildcats could end playoff drought in '02

Tunnell, Springer hoping to lead Grady to 8th playoff berth in the school's history

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

A "new" era has dawned for the Grady Wildcats.

The Wildcats have a new coach. A new philosophy and, most importantly, a new attitude that could help them overcome a lack of depth and size and a five-year playoff drought.

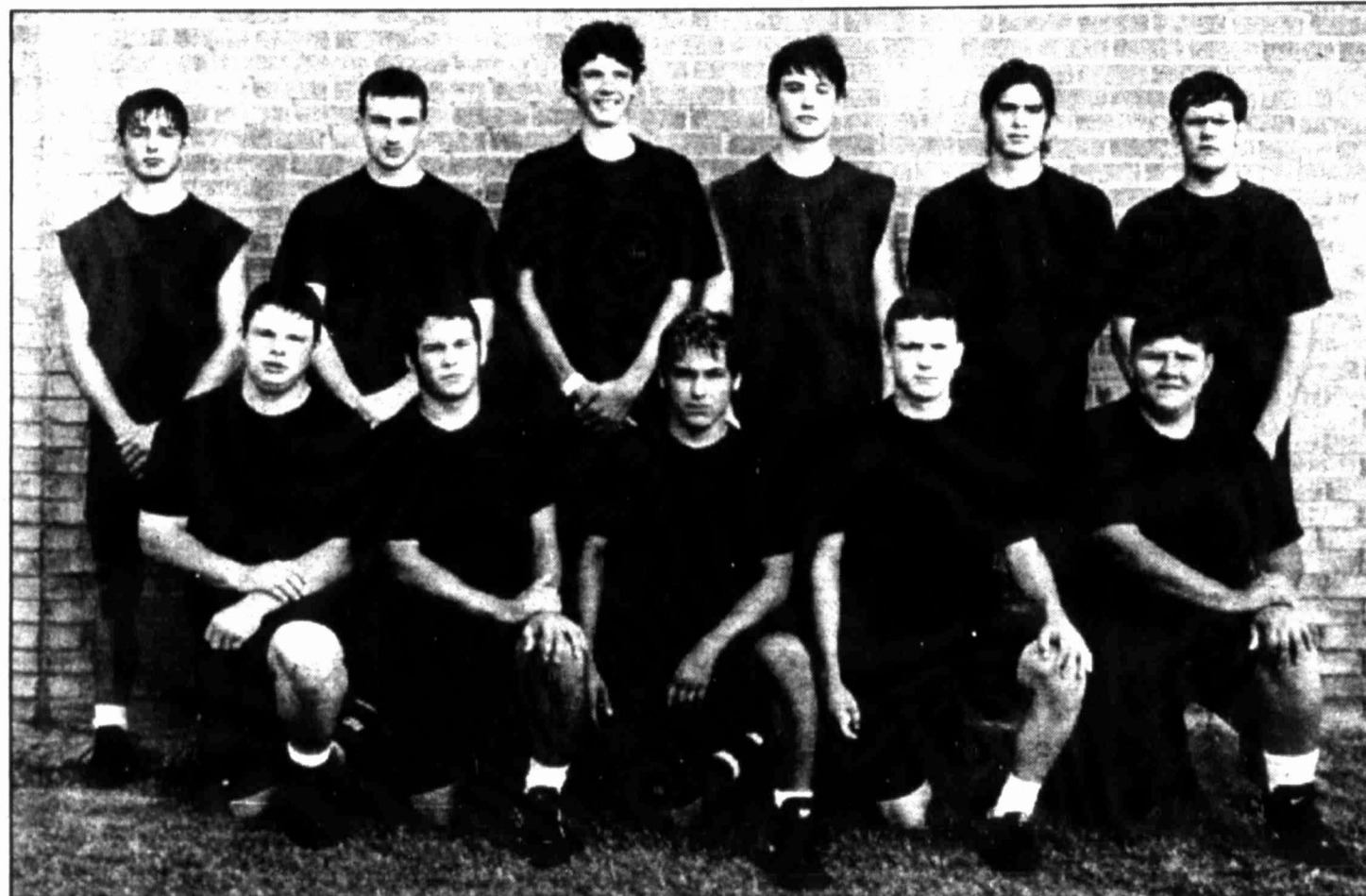
The changes at Grady began taking place earlier this summer when long-time head coach Roger Smith stepped down after 10 years as the school's head coach. To fill the void, Grady school officials turned to Carl Krug, a former Sands coach who was serving as the head coach of the GHS basketball program.

Krug, who led the Wildcats' boys basketball team to the school's first-ever playoff win in any sport last February, inherits an explosive Grady team that returns the heart of a squad that just missed qualifying for the state playoffs last fall. Grady welcomes back four offensive and five defensive starters from last year's team that finished 6-3 overall.

"We've got some guys who can play," said Krug. "We're not real big and we won't run over many people, but they know how to play."

The Wildcats' offensive arsenal begins with running back Eric Tunnell, a 5-foot-9, 160-pound senior. He lit up more than a few defenses last season, rolling up more than 1,100 yards in just nine games.

Tunnell was a first-team all-district



Herald Photo/Tommy Wells

The Grady Wildcats are hoping to end a 5-year playoff drought this fall by using last year's 6-3 effort to springboard them into the postseason.

selection in 2002.

End T. Springer is the only other senior returning to the fold this season. The 6-foot, 160-pounder was an all-district honoree last fall as well.

Trent May is slated to open the season as Grady's quarterback. A 5-foot-8, 150-pounder junior, May passed for 677 yards and seven touchdowns in 2001 despite seeing limited time under center.

Another veteran that will be counted on to help make the Wildcats' offense hit on all cylinders is sophomore fullback Andrew Villa. He started almost every game last year as a freshman.

Junior Kendall Cook will anchor Grady's offensive line at center, while Jason Prybila, a 6-foot-2, 190-pound junior who starred on the GHS basketball team last year, and Springer

line up as the ends. Springer is the team's top returning aerial target. He rolled up 865 receiving yards and scored five touchdowns last year.

Brent Madison, a 6-foot-4 end, could also see plenty of time as a receiver.

Grady should be solid defensively as they return almost every starter from last fall's squad.

Back to headline the GHS unit are

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Grady Wildcats

Grady: New coach hopes to lead 'Cats back to playoffs

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Tunnell and Villa.

Villa is entering his second season as one of Grady's two starting linebackers. He racked up a 104 tackles last fall, including 56 solos.

Tunnell paced the team in interceptions from his safety position.

Springer and sophomore Ben Hirth will key the Wildcats' defensive rush from their defensive end positions. Colter Tate and Madison could start at tackle in Krug's 4-2 set.

Defensively, the Wildcats will have to rely on finesse and good tackling. Grady won't have the size to outmuscle many opponents as their starting six defensive players average just 150 pounds.

The Wildcats' attempt to earn their first playoff trip since 1997 — and the school's eighth overall since it began playing in 1975, won't be easy. Grady will have to battle Sands and Borden County for the district's two playoff berths.

Mustangs rated No. 2 nationally

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Since the Six-Man Illustrated national poll began in 1991, three teams have won multiple champions.

With that in mind, guess who's No. 1?

Panther Creek? Nope.

Amherst? Not even close.

Gordon? Wrong again.

How about last year's national champion, the Whitharral Panthers?

As Austin Powers so aptly puts it — yeah baby, yeah!

In Whitharral, the talk is definitely of another state — and national — title. So what if the Panthers graduated three all-world players to graduation in May? Whitharral still has enough star power coming back to illuminate a small galaxy, beginning at end where Brandon Hoskins, a pre-season all american pick.

"We try to look at it in a positive way," said Whitharral head coach Ken Hoskins. "We know we'll have a target on our backs, but sometimes that can work in your favor. Our kids have worked really hard over the

Past national champions

• The following is a look at the past six-man national champions.

Team	Year
Fort Hancock	1991
Panther Creek	1992
Panther Creek	1993
Amherst	1994
Amherst	1995
Gordon	1996
Borden Co.	1997
Trinidad	1998
Gordon	1999
Panther Creek	2000
Whitharral	2001

summer to get ready."

Whitharral is the No. 1 pick in the Six-Man Illustrated preseason poll. The Panthers own the nation's longest six-man winning streak — 15 games — and are expected to be the straw that stirs the drink this fall. The goal, of course, is to be the last team standing come late December.

Grady Wildcats



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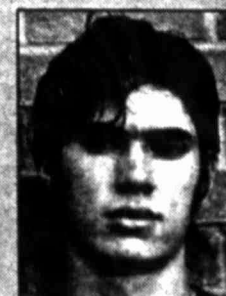
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RETURNING STARTERS (5): RB Eric Tunnell, E T. Springer, E Jason Prybila, QB Trent May, RB Andrew Villa

OTHER RETURNEES (1): E Colter Tate

TOP NEWCOMERS (4): Josh Hinojosa, E Andres Juarez, E Jason Bracken, RB Noel Lopez

STATISTICAL LEADERS: Passing - Eric Tunnell. Rushing - Eric Tunnell (1,100+ yards). Receiving - NA. Tackles - Eric Tunnell.



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VILLA

District 6 Six-man Composite Schedule

Aug. 30	Sept. 28
Loop at Amherst; Ropes at Sands; Wilson at Klondike.	Borden County at Wellman-Union.
Sept. 6	Oct. 4
Sands at Wellman-Union; Borden County at Meadow; Klondike at Westbrook; Grady at Ropes; Loop at New Home; Dawson at Southland.	Highland at Borden County; Wellman-Union at Klondike; Westbrook at Grady; Dawson at Wilson.
Sept. 13	Oct. 11
Sands at Sanderson; Ropes at Borden County; Klondike at Ira; Wellman-Union at Grady; Lopp at Grandfalls-Royalty; Dawson at Cotton Center.	Loop at sands; Klondike at Borden County; Grady at Dawson.
Sept. 20	Oct. 17
Balmorhea at sands; Borden County at Ira; Fort Davis at Klondike; Grady at Buena Vista; Marathon at Loop; Amherst at Dawson.	Sands at Borden County.
Sept. 27	Oct. 18
Sands at Westbrook; Highland at Grady; Hermleigh at Loop; Ropes at Dawson.	Dawson at Klondike; Loop at Grady.
	Oct. 25
	Grady at Sands; Borden County at Dawson; Klondike at Loop.
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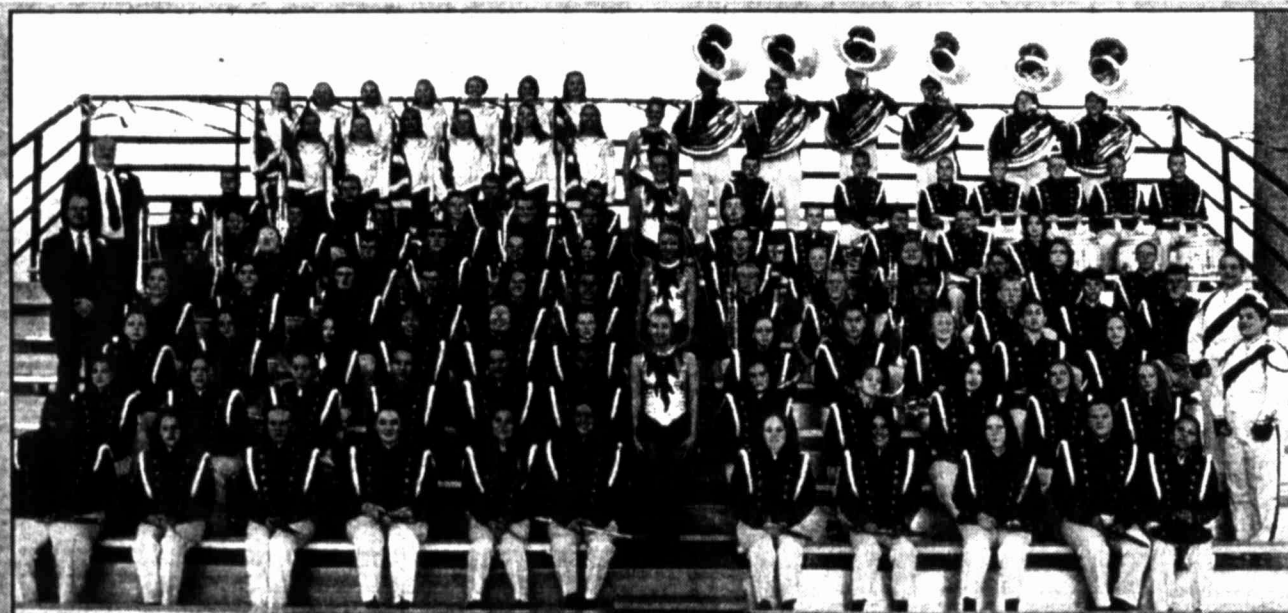
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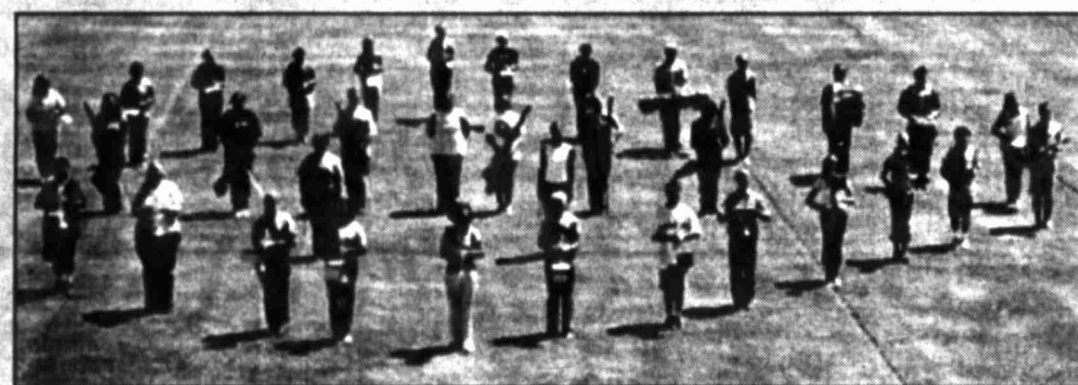
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Big Spring Lady Steers

Lady Steers looking for R-E-S-P-E-C-T

Six all-district picks lead Big Spring into the '02 campaign

By Tommy Wells
Sports Editor

With the return of three starters from last year's squad that ended a 16-year playoff drought, Big Spring High School head coach Traci Pierce can't help but be excited about the 2002 season. For the first time since the mid-1980s, there's genuine hope and excitement crackling in the air in the Big Spring gymnasium.

After more than a decade as a door-

mat, the Lady Steers put themselves on the road to respectability last year. Last fall, Big Spring pounded out a third-place finish in district and advanced to the state playoffs for the first time since 1986.

That brief taste of success, according to the veteran Big Spring coach, has helped fostered a new era in Lady Steer volleyball. An era in which Big Spring believes it can — and will — win.



Herald Photo/Tommy Wells

The Big Spring Lady Steers snapped a 16-year playoff drought last season by taking third in the District 4-4A race.

Lady Steers roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Class
10	.Erica Stewart	DS	Jr.
11	.Sterling Burchett	S	Sr.
13	.Timmi Blackshear	DS	Jr.
14	.Stormie Huff	DS/CH	Sr.
15	.Carli Wise	S	Sr.
20	.Krystal DeLeon	S	Sr.
22	.Lindsay Phillips	S	Jr.
23	.Ka'Rissa Majors	OH	Jr.
24	.LaKenya Wrightsil	MH	Jr.
25	.Shannon Higgins	OH/S	Soph.
30	.Alex Watkins	OH/MH	Soph.
32	.Krystle Long	OH	Sr.
33	.Leina Braxton	MH	Jr.

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"Our attitude coming into the year is much better than in the past," said Pierce, who is entering her seventh year at the helm of the BSHS program. "It's amazing what a little success can do for a team. As a coach, you can stand in front of them and tell them "we can win ... we can win" but until they believe in themselves you aren't going to win.

"Until everyone is on the "believing wagon" it doesn't matter what anyone says. Last year, this team learned to believe in themselves."

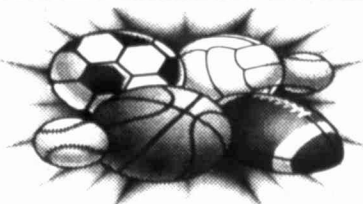
They also learned to beat opposing teams. Big Spring rolled through the regular season, posting a 19-14 record en route to nailing down its first post-season berth since the George Bush — the father of current U.S. president George W. Bush — was in the White House.

Armed with a new confidence, the BSHS machine could be ready to dominate again this season. Big Spring welcomes back six all-district selections and a solid corps of underclassmen.

Back to pave the way for the Lady Steers are two All-West Texas selections in middle hitters LaKenya Wrightsil and Leina Braxton. Both were instrumental to the team's overall success last fall and will likely play major roles in 2002.

Wrightsil, a dominating net player, wreaked havoc on opposing defenses with her ability to spike the ball. She paced the team in kills in 2001. Braxton, also a junior, keyed the BSHS defense, racking up a team-high mark in blocks.

Wrightsil and Braxton are hardly
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Big Spring Lady Steers

Spikers: Big Spring shooting for playoff trip

2002 Lady Steers' Volleyball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
8/20	G'wood/B'ld	Home	TBA
8/23	San Ant. Tny	There	TBA
8/27	Lamesa	There	5:30
8/30	S Angelo Tny	There	TBA
9/3	SA Cent/Water Vly	Home	4:00
9/6	Seminole Tny	There	TBA
9/10	Abilene/Coronado	There	4:00
9/17	Wink	There	5:00
9/21	Lub. Cooper	There	10 a.m.
9/24	*Lakeview	Home	6:00a
9/28	*Levelland	There	2:00
10/1	*Frenship	Home	6:00
10/8	*Andrews	There	6:00
10/12	Lakeview	There	1:00
10/15	*Levelland	Home	6:00
10/19	*Frenship	There	2:00
10/22	*Estacado	There	6:00
10/26	*Andrews	Home	2:00

* = district game

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the only weapons in the Lady Steers' arsenal. Senior Krystle Long and junior Ka'Rissa Magers also return to the court after turning in impressive efforts last year. Both earned second-team all-district honors in

2001 as outside hitters. Also coming back are the team's top three setters in seniors Sterling Burchett, Crystal De Leon and Lindsay Phillips.

Burchett, a senior, and Phillips, a junior, were all-district selections last season.

With six all-district performers coming back and a solid bench that



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includes seniors Stormie Huff and Carlie Wise, juniors Erica Stewart and Timmi Blackshear and sophomores Shannon Higgins and Alex Watkins, Pierce said Big Spring had the potential to survive the brutal District 4-4A schedule and make a repeat appearance in the postseason party.

"If we do what we're supposed to do and take care of business, the future looks good for us.

"Not only are my expectations high for this year, so are theirs (the players). They came in ready to work. This is probably the most focused we've ever come into camp. They know what it takes to succeed now and want to work even harder to get farther than they were last year."

The 4-4A race will again be extremely competi-



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tive. Andrews and Frenship each return a solid corps of players from last season's squad. Andrews is the odds-on favorite to claim the loop title as they, like Big Spring, return most of their team that finished 2001 as the district runner-up.

Last season's champion — the Lake View Lady Chiefs — will probably struggle early. Lake View graduated all but two starters from its team and then watched on as its coach accepted the head job at cross-town rival San Angelo Central.

District 4-4A action is slated to begin on Sept. 24.



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Big Spring Tennis



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The Big Spring Steers' 2002 team tennis team has three sets of family members participating, including cousins Heather Knappe and Mindy Partee and brothers Ryan and Jason Vela and (not pictured) Jay and Vishal Schroff.

Family Tradition

Steers use wealth of family ties to top of the team tennis scene

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

You'll have to forgive Big Spring tennis coach Sarah Corse if she happens to refer to her players as "Hey you." Sometimes it's the best way to handle a situation in which almost half of her team tennis squad is related.

Corse, now entering her third year as the head tennis coach, has plenty of reason to

throw out names this season. Her 2002 squad has taken the family approach to extreme, featuring two sets of brothers and a pair of cousins.

"I think that's the most relatives we've had," said Corse, who led the Steers to the 2001 district title last fall. "It's not that unusual for us to have relatives playing together, but this might be the most we've had at one time."

Spearheading the Steers' drive toward a second berth in the regional tournament are the brother tandems of Jay and Vishal Shroff and Ryan and Jason Vela, and the cousin twosome of Mindy Partee and Heather Knappe.

For Partee and Knappe the arrangement is special.

"It's kind of nice to have someone you know and trust

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BSHS girls will carry load for netters this fall

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Big Spring High School tennis coach Sarah Corse knows how hard it is to repeat as a district champion.

She also knows the Steers, despite a relative young boys roster, have the talent to win it all again in 2002.

"It's going to be a challenge for us, but I think they will step up.

Big Spring edged out Frenship and Andrews last fall to win their first district team tennis title in three years. They advanced to the second round at the regional tournament before falling to Wichita Falls High, an eventual state qualifier.

"We have the talent to repeat," said Corse, who is now entering her third year at the helm of the BSHS program and her 10th overall with the Steers. "On the girl's side, we're loaded so we should be stronger.

"We'll be younger on the boy's side, though. We lost

five of our six players from last year so we're going to need for some of them to step up," she said.

Corse said Andrews and Frenship would again be the Steers' main rivals for the lop crown.

"I know Andrews has a couple of their players back this year and so does Frenship, but I think we have a pretty good chance of repeating if we come together," she said.

The Steers are indeed loaded on the girl's side. Big Spring heads into the fall campaign with every member of last year's squad back in tow, including No. 1 and No. 2 players, Veronica Villarreal and

Heather Parnell. "I think we have a good chance of winning it again," said Villarreal. "We have a lot of players back from last year that know how to win."

Joining Villarreal and

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Big Spring Tennis

Tennis: Steers look to repeat as district champions



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Members of the 2002 Big Spring Steers team tennis squad are (front row, left to right) Gentry Lunsford, Veronica Villarreal, Jessica Rodriguez, Megan Roffers, Lauren Chesworth, Kyle Conley, coach Dennis Smiley, (second row) Amanda Farmer, Natasha Neighbors, Mindy Partee, Heather Parnell, Alex Gariepy, Justin Ferrell, (third row) coach Sarah Corse, Jason Vela, Ryan Vela, Cole Furqueron, Nick Paradez, (back row) Vishal Shroff and Paul Diaz. The Steers will try and nail down their second straight team tennis district championship this season.

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Parnell as veterans on the girl's side are seniors Mindy Partee and captain Megan Roffers.

"I'm expecting a lot of leadership from them," said Corse. "They've been here before so we'll need for them to help lead us."

Also back this fall is three-year veteran Lauren Chesworth, Jessica Rodriguez, Natasha Neighbors, and Amanda Farmer.

The boy's side may be younger than last fall, but that doesn't mean they aren't as talented.

"We're going to be younger overall," said Corse. "But I think these young men will step up and help us repeat. They have the talent to do it."

The main weapon on the boy's side is Jay Schroff, a hard-serving senior. He enters the year as the team's No. 1 player.

He need not look any farther than across the dinner table at night to find the Steers' No. 2 performer. Jay and his younger brother,

Vishal, give Big Spring one of the better duos since Batman and Robin.

The Steers' No. 3 player, Ryan Vela — half of another brother tandem — could be another force to reckon with. He is beginning his fourth year on the varsity roster and his second as a member of the BSHS traveling squad.

Vela's younger brother, Jason, is the team's No. 6 player.

Other members of the Steers' boys roster include Gentry Lunsford, Kyle Conley, Justin Ferrell, Alex Gariepy, Cole Furqueron, Nick Paradez and Paul Diaz.

In order to capture the district's team title, the Steers will face each District 4-4A rival twice during the season. Each 4-4A encounter will consist of 19 separate matches, including six boys and girls singles games, three boys and girls doubles matchups and one mixed doubles affair.

Teams are awarded points on the number of games won. The team that collects 10 of the 19 points wins.

Family: Big Spring netters paced by trio of relatives

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on the team," said Partee, a senior who has spent three years as a member of the BSHS varsity.

The road to the tennis court took different paths for Partee and Knappe.

Partee said her mother pushed her toward tennis when she was young, mainly as a way to keep her daughter away from the contact sports.

"To be honest, my mother wanted me to play so I wouldn't get hurt. I tried out my seventh grade year and decided I like it. I've stayed with it ever since."

For Knappe, the journey was a way to get close to her cousin.

"I always wanted to do what Mindy did so I tried to copy everything she did. Here I am," she laughed.

Whatever it was that

brought them together, Corse is pleased. Partee and Knappe are key components in the Steers' bid to repeat as district champions.

Heading into their season-opening match with Abilene, Partee was the team's No. 5 seed. Knappe, nursing a sore leg, is No. 7.

Keeping family and business on the court can be tough — especially when both want to win.

"The only time it's hard is when you play each other," said Partee. "It's hard to play with someone you know, especially someone you're going to eat dinner with."

"When we're not playing we root for each other. We know each other really well. We can tell when the other gets mad and know how to help. We try and help each other out as much as possible."

"Once we step on the court,

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It's hard to play with someone you know, especially someone you're going to eat dinner with later. You just have to leave it on the court.
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Mindy Partee
BSHS senior

though, we don't know each other," Partee said.

"That's the best way for us to handle it. When the match is over, we leave it on the court and become cousins again," said Knappe.

Being on the same team is no major issue for Ryan and Jason Vela, two of the Steers'

top-rated boys. The two have been playing together for so, it's almost like second nature.

"We've been in band and a lot of other things together so it's no big deal to us," said Ryan, a senior beginning his fourth year on varsity. "On the court, we're just two players. Off the court, we're brothers."

Is there a "big brother" syndrome when Jason is playing.

"Not really," said the younger brother, who is making his debut at the varsity level. "I never listen to him anyway."

Whether he listens or not, The Velas are one of the Steers' top male combinations. Ryan is the team's No. 3 while Jason enters the year as the boys' No. 6 player.

Another brother combination holds down the Steers' No. 1 and No. 2 spots. Jay Shroff and his younger brother,

er, Vishal, are the top two BSHS boys, respectively.

"They're all very good players," said Corse. "I'm glad they've kept the game in the family, and come out."

The Steers have had several other family combinations shine on the court through the years. Among the most successful were Maria and Monica Villarreal and Yuching Li and Hsiao-Hsuan Li. The Villarreals — older sisters to the Steers' current No. 1 female player Veronica — advanced to the state semifinals in doubles in the 1990s.

Yuching and Hsiao-Hsuan Li went to state four years in a row in the late 1990s.

Some of the other family members to play on the BSHS squad in the past were Michael and Megan Roffers (2001), Zack and Jake Smiley (2000) and Kaegan and Kylee Welch (1990s)

BSHS Cross Country/Swimming

Big Spring swimmers ready to splash into '02

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Big Spring Steers head swimming coach Harlan Smith can hardly wait to begin the 2002 high school swimming campaign. You might be antsy, too, if you had one of the state's premier teams just waiting.

"We're going to be pretty strong," said Smith, who is entering his 25th year at the helm of the BSHS swimming program. "We good good leadership, plenty of experience and a lot of speed coming back. Our potential this season is tremendous."

Part of Smith's enthusiasm comes from the fact the Steers return a majority of the team that placed sixth at last year's state meet. The only major loss from last year's District 4-

4A runner-up squad was Cody Clark, who graduated in May.

Back to key the BSHS boys' team is sophomore Mark Sheedy. The Big Spring standout earned spots in the state meet in both the 100-meter IM and the 100-meter backstroke.

Sheedy isn't the only state qualifier coming back. Smith has our other swimmers, including seniors Josh Pike and Michael Carrasco, who have participated at the state level.

Pike, Carrasco, Will Liggett and Justin Petrowski all advanced to the state swimming meet in 2001.

Smith said he had a strong group of underclassmen to help carry the load. He indicated he expected breakthrough years from Jeremy Petrowski, David Brooks, Chris

Stokes, Seth Thomas and freshmen newcomers Steven Lucas, Daniel Pike and Kirk Boubek.

"We should be able to qualify the same five for state if we stay healthy," said Smith. "Hopefully, we can get a couple of the younger swimmers to state, too."

While the future looks rosy for the boys' program, the Big Spring Lady Steers fortunes may not be as bright.

Smith said despite the return of Jessica Hughey, the Lady Steers were in a rebuilding mode.

Hughey is anything but rebuilding. She qualified for the state meet in the 200 IM and the 100-meter backstroke.

"She should be the best swimmer in the district this year," said Smith, noting that the team might not be

able to compete as a unit at meets if their numbers don't begin increasing.

The Lady Steers, who won six straight district swimming championships in the late 1980s and early 1990s, are expecting major contributions from four sources. In addition to Hughey, Smith said Big Spring would need solid performances from Megan Matthews, Kendra Weeks and freshmen Morgan McKinney, Kasey Pontion, Rachel Loftis and Brittany Salazar.

"We're going to be rebuilding this year," said Smith of the BSHS girls' program.

The BSHS swimmers are scheduled to kick off their 2002 season on Oct. 12 when they travel to Lubbock to compete in the Lubbock Relays.

Garza, BSHS harriers hoping to land district title this season

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Daniel Garza and the Big Spring Steers' cross country team have a mission this season. They want to improve on last fall's second-place finish in the District 4-4A standings.

They want a district championship. That goal may not be out of their reach, according to BSHS coach Randy Britton.

"We feel real good about our chances," said Britton, who has coached the Steer cross country squads for the past 22 seasons. "We're not in the condition we want to be in at this point, but if grades and injuries don't hit us, we should be okay."

Garza, who turned in a blazing time of 4:38 in the 1,600-meter run last year

at the district meet, is back to key the BSHS effort.

Other runners coming back are Andy Arguello, Tony Arguello, Andy Suellar, Martin De Los Santos, Nike Flores, David Garza, Patrick Gonzales, Daniel Leos, Jacob Marquez and Rocky Torres.

On the girls' side of the bracket, the sister tandem of Patricia Flores and Priscilla Flores should lead the way for the Herd. Eve Tobar should also compete well.

Priscilla Franco is entering her senior season. Her younger sister is but a sophomore.

Big Spring will host a pair of events in September. They hold a dual meet on Oct. 18 and the host the annual Big Spring Invitational Swim Meet on Oct. 25-26.



Herald photo/Tommy Wells

Members of the 2002 Big Spring Steers freshman cheerleading squad are (back row, left to right) Ashley Phinney, Brenn Swinney, Raegan Ritchey, Ashton Evans, Lynsey Chalker and (front) Kristin Dutchover.

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Big 12 Preview

Questions abound throughout conference

Answers to key questions could decide if UT or OU are No. 1

DALLAS (AP) — With five teams finishing last season in the Top 25 and four teams starting this season in the Top 10, there's no question the Big 12 is among the nation's elite conferences, maybe even the best one.

But there are still plenty of questions surrounding this season. Before the answers are revealed on fields across the league's seven states, here's a Top 12 list of things to consider heading into the openers on Aug. 24.

1) Can Oklahoma QB Jason White be as good in 12-14 games as he was in his two starts last season?

The No. 2 Sooners' season might depend on it. Their theory this fall is basically for White's nimble feet and solid arm to keep afloat their offense, then let the defense do the rest.

White looked great last season in relief stints against Texas and Kansas, then in starts against Baylor and Nebraska after earning the job from Nate Hybl. He must be able to sustain it this season.

OU might not need much from its offense, though, as sophomore Tommie Harris and junior Jimmy Wilkerson could provide so much pressure from the defensive line that opponents don't even realize Roy Williams and Rocky Calmus are gone.

2) Will No. 4 Texas finally win a big game — or two, or three?

Sure, Mack Brown has won at least nine games all four seasons with the Longhorns, has made the Austin THE place for recruits from around the country and has restored the school's

reputation.

But with such success comes higher expectations. That's why so many orangebloods are upset about consecutive losses to Oklahoma and the failure in last season's Big 12 championship game when a berth in the national championship game was there for the taking.

Having the most talent is one thing. Having the best team is another. UT could have both, but it will have to come up big against some big foes to prove it.

3) Can Colorado do it again?

The Buffaloes lived up to coach Gary Barnett's preseason prediction by making it to Texas Stadium for the Big 12 championship game, then beat the Longhorns for the crown. Now No. 7 Colorado has to prove it wasn't a fluke.

QB Craig Ochs, who missed nearly six games with injuries, is back to lead an offense that also has a tail-back rotation featuring Chris Brown. The key may be whether a revamped line can hold blocks and open running lanes.

4) Jammal Lord is no Eric Crouch, but does he have to be?

There's a theory that No. 10 Nebraska's offense will be better because it'll be less predictable without the Heisman Trophy winner at the helm. Lord, though, has to prove he can get everyone involved while remaining a threat himself.

The defense also has some reputation rebuilding to do after giving up

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Colorado woman tries out for NMSU team as kicker

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Football tryouts at New Mexico have a different look this summer. One candidate for the kicker's job has a blonde ponytail and wears makeup.

Katie Hnida, a 5-foot-9, 151-pound walk-on, took the field Thursday alongside the men at practice for newcomers. She played high school varsity football for three years in Littleton, Colo., and suited up for games in college at Colorado.

"I love kicking," the 21-year-old junior said after afternoon practice. "I love the sport of football. I know this is something I can do."

Hnida stopped to wipe away smeared eye makeup and joked that she better be the only person on the field doing that.

Hnida played soccer when she was younger. She was kicking a football one day when someone mentioned that the high school team needed a kicker.

"I never dreamed that this would go so far," Hnida said.

At Chatfield High School, Hnida converted four of five field goal attempts and made 83 of 87 conversion tries. Her longest field goal was 35 yards.

Hnida dressed out for the 1999 season with Colorado, becoming only the second woman to do so for an NCAA Division I-A football game, according to the Lobos' athletic department.

She never played and was released the next year because of illness and

a change in coaching. She took a couple of years off.

New Mexico was one of many schools that received football highlight tapes from Hnida earlier this year. After reviewing them, Lobos special teams coordinator Jeff Conway invited her for a visit. Coach Rocky Long invited Hnida to walk-on.

"We're looking for kickers and punters," Long said. "She looked like she had good enough ability to compete. We had no idea she was a girl when we watched the tape."

Long made it clear that Hnida would be treated like every other potential player and every decision would be based on her ability.

Hnida and Long were disappointed with Thursday's performance. Hnida said it was an off day and she will prove she can do better. School officials said the kickers were working from short range.

Nine kickers are vying for a spot on the team. That includes returning kicker Wes Zunker, who played every game during his freshman year and was awarded a scholarship for this season.

In 1997, Liz Heaston became the first woman to score in a college game, kicking two extra points for Willamette, which was then an NAIA school. Last year, Jacksonville State's Ashley Martin became the first woman in NCAA Division I-AA to score, kicking four extra points.

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99 points in its final two games.

History makes it hard to bet against either problem being solved.

5) Will Texas A&M gain enough yards to be a contender again?

The Aggies were 11th in the conference in offense last season, gaining their fewest yards since 1972. Help could be on the way with freshman QB Reggie McNeal, but the starting job still belongs to 27-year-old Mark Farris.

Like Oklahoma, 23rd-ranked A&M will be led by its defense.

6) Are the Wildcats turning back into Mildcats?

Four-game losing streaks used to be common at Kansas State. Then coach Bill Snyder began an amazing turnaround that made four-loss seasons a rarity.

Now K-State could be at a crossroads. Coming off a 6-6 season, and with questions lingering at quarterback, the Wildcats must reassert themselves.

7) Is Kliff Kingsbury the best quarterback in the conference?

The Tech slinger is sure to put up big numbers, although he's seldom asked to throw deep. Tech is promoting him for the Heisman Trophy and with 13 games he could have really gaudy totals.

But it'll take more than 400-yard games for him to prove himself and his team are for real.

8) Are the Cyclones ready to take the Big 12 by storm or will they be swept away by their schedule?

Iowa State has been third in the North the last two seasons, putting it on the cusp of a breakthrough. And quarterback Seneca Wallace could be the guy to do it, presuming his offensive line holds up.

9) Was Oklahoma State's upset of Oklahoma last season a one-day wonder or the start of something big?

Coach Les Miles could hardly have scripted a better way to end his first season than to upset the cross-state rival, derailing the Sooners' hopes of repeating as conference and national champs.

10) Where is Missouri headed?

The Tigers are entering their second season under coach Gary Pinkel and still learning the systems that helped him excel at Toledo.

At that previous job, Pinkel went from 5-5-1 his first season to 8-3 the next. If this group will make a similar leap following a 4-7 start, expect to see plenty of big plays from WR Justin Gage and RB Zack Abnon.

11) How much of Bob Stoops and Bill Snyder rubbed off on Mark Mangino?

The new Kansas coach knows plenty about the league from stops at Oklahoma and Kansas State.

12) Will Baylor win a league game?

The Bears last did so in October 1998 against Kansas. If they don't beat the Jayhawks in October, the streak might not end this season.

Team-by-Team Capsules

OKLAHOMA

COACH: Bob Stoops, 4th season at Oklahoma and overall (31-7)

2001 RECORD: 11-2 (6-2 Big 12, 2nd in South)

RETURNING STARTERS: 8 offensive, 7 defensive

KEY PLAYERS: QB Jason White, jr; TE Trent Smith, sr; DL Tommie Harris, so; DE Jimmy Wilkerson, jr; DB Andre Woolfolk, sr; CB Derrick Strait, jr; RB Quentin Griffin, sr; LB Teddy Lehman, jr

KEY DEPARTURES: FS Roy Williams, LB Rocky Calmus, OT Frank Romero, K Tim Duncan, P Jeff Ferguson

TEXAS

COACH: Mack Brown, 5th season at Texas (38-13) and 19th overall (124-87-1)

2001 RECORD: 11-2 (7-2 Big 12, 1st in South)

RETURNING STARTERS: 8 offensive, 5 defensive

KEY PLAYERS: QB Chris Simms, sr; WR Roy Williams, jr; WR B.J. Johnson, jr; LB Derrick Johnson, so; DL Cory Redding, sr; DL Marcus Tubbs, jr

KEY DEPARTURES: OL Mike Williams; LB D.D. Lewis; CB Quentin Jammer

COLORADO

COACH: Gary Barnett, 4th season overall (20-16), 13th overall (63-72-2)

2001 RECORD: 10-3 (7-1 Big 12, 1st in North, conference champion)

RETURNING STARTERS: 7 offensive, 8 defensive, punter

KEY PLAYERS: QB Craig Ochs, jr; RB Chris Brown, jr; RB Bobby Purify, jr; RB Marcus Houston, so; FB Brandon Drumm, sr; OT Justin Bates, sr; C Wayne Lucier, sr; DT Tyler Brayton, sr; DE Marques Harris, jr; LB Sean Tufts, jr; LB Drew Wahlroos, sr; LB Kory Mossioni, sr; CB Donald Strickland, sr; S Roderick Sneed, sr

KEY DEPARTURES: TE Daniel Graham; OG Andre Gurode; OT Victor Rogers; LB Jashon Sykes; S Michael Lewis; DT Justin Bannan; QB Bobby Pesavento; RB Cortien Johnson

NEBRASKA

COACH: Frank Solich, 5th season at Nebraska and overall (42-9)

2001 RECORD: 11-2 (7-1 Big 12, 2nd in North)

RETURNING STARTERS: 5 offensive, 6 defensive, kicker, punter

KEY PLAYERS: QB Jammal Lord, jr; RB Dahran Diedrick, sr; RB Thunder Collins, sr; SE Wilson Thomas, sr; C John Garrison, sr; T Dan Vili Waldrop, sr; RE Chris Kelsay, sr; RE Demoiné Adams, sr; CB DeJuan Groce, sr; LB Scott Shanley, sr; LB Barrett Ruud, so; PK Josh Brown, sr; P Kyle Larson, jr

KEY DEPARTURES: QB Eric Crouch; TE Tracey Wistrom; OG Tonlu Fonoti; OT Dave Volk; DT Jeremy Slechta; LB Jamie Burrow; LB Mark Vedral; CB Keyuo Craver; DB Dion Booker

TEXAS A&M

COACH: R.C. Stocum, 14th season at Texas A&M and overall (117-41-2)

2001 RECORD: 8-4 (4-4 Big 12, 3rd in South)

RETURNING STARTERS: 10 offensive, 7 defensive, punter

KEY PLAYERS: QB Mark Farris, sr; WR Jamaar Taylor, jr; WR Bethel Johnson, sr; TB Derek Farmer, so; LB Brian Gamble, jr; CB Sammy Davis, sr; FB Joe Weber, sr

KEY DEPARTURES: C Seth McKinney; DE Rocky Bernard; LB Christian Rodriguez; S Jay Brooks

KANSAS STATE

COACH: Bill Snyder, 14th season at Kansas St. and overall (105-49-1)

2001 RECORD: 6-6 (3-5 Big 12, 4th in North)

RETURNING STARTERS: 3 offensive, 5 defensive

KEY PLAYERS: DB Terence Newman, sr; QB Eli Roberson, jr; QB Marc Dunn, sr; LB Terry Pierce, jr; DT Tank Reese, sr; RB Darren Sproles, so; OL Nick Leckey, jr; TE Travon Magee, jr

KEY DEPARTURES: RB Rock Cartwright; LB Ben Leber; WR Aaron Lockett; RB Josh Scobey; DB Jon McGraw

TEXAS TECH

COACH: Mike Leach, 3rd season at Texas Tech and overall (14-11)

2001 RECORD: 7-5 (4-4 Big 12, 4th in South)

RETURNING STARTERS: 8 offensive, 9 defensive

KEY PLAYERS: QB Kliff Kingsbury, sr; LB Lawrence Flugence, sr; DE Aaron Hunt, sr; WR Wes Welker, so; WR Nehemiah Glover, so; WR Anton Paige

KEY DEPARTURES: TB Ricky Williams; S Kevin Curtis; LB Jonathan Hawkins

IOWA STATE

COACH: Dan McCarney, 8th season at Iowa State and overall (29-50)

2001 RECORD: 7-5 (4-4 Big 12, 3rd in North)

RETURNING STARTERS: 5 offensive, 8 defensive, punter, placekicker

KEY PLAYERS: QB Seneca Wallace, sr; WR Lane Danieisen, jr; OL Zach Butler, sr; OL Bob Montgomery, jr; DT Jordan Carstens, jr; LB Jeremy Loyd, jr; LB Matt Word, sr; CB Atif Austin, sr; FS Marc Timmons, jr

KEY DEPARTURES: RB Ennis Haywood, TE Mike Banks, OL Marcel

Howard, WR Craig Campbell, DE Kevin DeRonde, LB Justin Eilers, SS Adam Runk

2002 SCHEDULE:

OKLAHOMA STATE

COACH: Les Miles, 2nd season at Oklahoma St. (4-7)

2001 RECORD: 4-7 (2-6 Big 12, 5th in South)

RETURNING STARTERS: 8 offensive, 8 defensive, kicker

KEY PLAYERS: WR Rashaun Woods, jr; RB Tatum Bell, jr; QB Josh Fields, so; DL Kevin Williams, sr; LB Terrence Robinson, sr; DB Chris Massey, jr; DB Ricklan Holmes, sr

KEY DEPARTURES: LB Dwayne Levels, P Scott Elder

MISSOURI

COACH: Gary Pinkel, 2nd season at Missouri (4-7) and 12th overall (77-44-3)

LAST BOWL: 1998 Insight.com, beat West Virginia 34-31

RETURNING STARTERS: 8 offensive, 6 defensive, kicker

KEY PLAYERS: RB Zack Abnon, jr; WR Justin Gage, sr; C A.J. Ricker, jr; DT Keith Wright, sr; LB Sean Doyle, sr; QB Kirk Farmer, sr

KEY DEPARTURES: WR Dwayne Blakey, K Brad Hammerich, LB Jamonte Robinson, FS Clarence Jones

KANSAS

COACH: Mark Mangino, 1st season at Kansas and overall

2001 RECORD: 3-8 (1-7 Big 12, 6th in North)

RETURNING STARTERS: 5 offensive, 4 defensive

KEY PLAYERS: RB Reggie Duncan, jr; QB Zach Dyer, jr; QB Bill Whittemore, jr; WR Harrison Hill, sr; LB Leo Etienne, sr; DT Travis Watkins, so; WR Byron Gasaway, sr; PK Johnny Beck, so

KEY DEPARTURES: DB Carl Ivey, LB Algie Atkinson, LB Marcus Rogers, DT Nate Dwyer, OL Justin Hartwig

BAYLOR

COACH: Kevin Steele, 4th season at Baylor and overall (6-27)

2001 RECORD: 3-8 (0-8 Big 12, 6th in South)

RETURNING STARTERS: 6 offensive, 9 defensive

KEY PLAYERS: QB Greg Cicero, sr; WR Reggie Newhouse, sr; RB Anthony Krieg, so; LG Cedric Fields, jr; SS Derrick Cash, jr; DT Kevin Stevenson, sr; DE A.C. Collier, sr; NT Ethan Kelley, sr

KEY DEPARTURES: WR Andra Fuller, C Joe Jackson, SS Samir Al-Amin

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Big 12 Preview

Simms, Longhorns craving a national title

UTEP hopes experience will pull up sophomore offense

EL PASO (AP) — With nearly a dozen sophomore starters, Texas-El Paso coach Gary Nord isn't predicting a big turnaround this fall.

"Everybody that's going to be handling the ball is young," Nord said. "We're going to have some mistakes."

The Miners were 2-9 last season, closing with seven straight losses. What made it so disappointing was that it came on the heels of a Western Athletic Conference co-championship that raised the expectations of fans.

Nord said complacency set in. That won't be the case this fall because so much has to be done.

To shore up a defense that yielded 37.6 points and 415.6 yards per game, the Miners are junking the flex scheme, with its complicated checks and audibles, and are returning to the simpler eight-man front the team used in 2000.

"It lets them play," Nord said. "They don't have to think."

Nord is counting on defensive back D.J. Walker to anchor a defense that features 10 returning starters.

"He and a couple of other key seniors are going to be critical," Nord said.

The offense is being put in the hands of a quarterback who knows the system but has little playing time.

Sophomore Jon Schaper played eight games last season before being lost to a groin injury. He completed only 25-of-60 passes for 232 yards and five interceptions, and ran for two touchdowns.

Nord is high on the athletic abilities of the 6-foot-2, 210-pound Schaper, but is curious to see how he can handle being a leader and reading defenses.

"He's definitely got enough size, enough strength and enough speed to play in the NFL," Nord said. "But you have to be a manager out there."

Sophomore tight end Jonas Crafts will be one of Schaper's favorite targets.

Sophomore receivers Will Smith and Dirk Dillard have shown promise. Smith had 15 receptions for 247 yards with a team-leading 16.5 yards per catch in 2001. In UTEP's spring scrimmage, Dillard had three catches for a team-high 102 yards and two touchdowns.

One of last year's problems was the kicking game, which was manned by two freshmen.

AUSTIN (AP) — The season hasn't even started and Texas fans already seem divided into two distinct camps.

In one, the true believers dream of 14 returning starters leading the No. 4 Longhorns to the Big 12 championship and their first national title since 1969.

In the other, skeptics moan that quarterback Chris Simms' history of choking in the big games and coach Mack Brown's championship-less career are omens of certain doom against one of the toughest schedules in the country.

Besides their annual game against No. 2 Oklahoma the Longhorns also go on the road against Kansas State and No. 10 Nebraska.

Throw in tricky road trips to North Carolina and Texas Tech and the regular season wrapup against archrival No. 23 Texas A&M, and the Longhorns play perhaps the toughest schedule in school history.

But it's no longer good enough to go 11-2, win a bowl game and finish the season ranked No. 5. It's time for a title in Austin.

"The program is walking with a swagger again," Brown said. "We feel like we should be a Top 5 team and now we're at the point that if we do our jobs, there may come a time when the ball bounces right and we could win a national championship."

**2002 SCHEDULE:**

Aug. 31: North Texas
Sept. 14: at North Carolina
Sept. 21: Houston
Sept. 28: at Tulane
Oct. 5: Oklahoma St.
Oct. 12: vs. Oklahoma (Dallas)
Oct. 19: at Kansas St.
Oct. 26: Iowa St.
Nov. 2: at Nebraska
Nov. 9: Baylor
Nov. 16: at Texas Tech
Nov. 29: Texas A&M

The coach must be walking with a swagger, too. Such words are uncharted territory for Brown, who typically likes to downplay talk of titles and championships.

None of this fazes Simms, who returns to the starting role after a four-turnover first-half in last season's 39-37 loss to Colorado in the Big 12 title game. The loss snuffed out a likely berth in the national title game.

"We are extremely confident. We want to be in the Fiesta Bowl," Simms said, referring to the site of this season's Bowl Championship Series title game. "It's a great schedule and this is a completely different team."

The top three receivers — Roy Williams, B.J. Johnson and Sloan Thomas — combined for 1,810 yards and 12 touchdowns all return. So does running back Cedric Benson, who set a UT fresh-

man record last year with 1,053 yards and 12 touchdowns despite starting just seven games.

The defense, which rated among the best in the nation for most of last season, returns five starters but must replace three linebackers and two defensive backs.

The holes on defense could force some freshman into early playing time. Like the 1999 class that included Simms and second-team All American defensive end Cory Redding, this crop of freshmen has been rated the best in the nation by experts.

But big questions remain about Simms, the player who will be expected to make it all work.

Which quarterback will he be: The one who led Texas to its first 10-win season since 1995 while passing for a school-record 22 touchdowns? The one who passed for 2,603 yards and whose 58.3 percent career completion rate it the best in school history?

Or the guy who committed eight turnovers in Texas' two losses last season? The one who sometimes telegraphs where he's throwing for easy pickoffs?

Brown will share the spotlight and the scrutiny with Simms.

Although secure in his job after four years of stellar recruiting and four straight bowl trips, Brown has yet to win even a conference championship.

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Big 12 Preview

Tech hopes Kingsbury's air barrage will carry team

LUBBOCK (AP) — On paper, Texas Tech has a ticket to ride: lots of returning starters and Kliff Kingsbury's passing arm.

But when play gets going for real, the Red Raiders will face a monster 13-game schedule against some tough, proven teams.

Kingsbury is coming off a junior year in which he led the league in passing, thanks partly to coach Mike Leach's air-based offense. That style, based on the short pass, has helped the Red Raiders play in bowl games the last two seasons. They were 7-5 last season, tying for third in the Big 12 South.

"The system is designed to take advantage of what they give you," Kingsbury said. "I know people want to see it chunked down field, but that's not the way it works when they're dropping eight people. We'll take what they give us and be happy with

that." Leach believes that his ideas are becoming second nature to his players. He's hoping that having more players with more experience will translate into more success.

"Some stuff happens more automatic now because everybody has a lot more expertise in what we're trying to do," Leach said. "And I think it rubs off on the new guys faster because the older guys are able to tell the young guys."

The "Air Raid" offense spotlights Kingsbury, who was named the Big 12's pre-season offensive player of the year. Last season, he led the Big 12 in passing with 3,502 yards and 25 touchdowns. He also had league highs with 365 completions and 529 attempts (69 percent).

Those numbers have prompted Tech to produce a Kingsbury CD-ROM and to

create a Web site (www.KliffKingsbury.com) with an eye to the Heisman Trophy finding its way to West Texas.

"I think the whole Bob Knight deal with the basketball team's brought a huge amount of attention to the whole athletic program, which has been great," said Kingsbury, adding that he's a bit embarrassed by the hoopla surrounding him. "And I think they're trying to keep that going with a good football season."

Tech will be without its top receiver from last season, running back Ricky Williams, who pulled in a Big 12-best 92 passes. But the Red Raiders return eight players who caught passes a year ago.

One of those is 6-foot-5 Anton Paige, whose pre-season injury last season limited his contributions early.

"He's definitely going to be a big player this year,"



Kingsbury said. "I just throw it up and he goes and gets it."

Four players want to replace Williams in the backfield: Foy Munlin, who played briefly last season, Taurean Henderson, Loliki Bonga-Wanga, who sat out last season with an Achilles tendon injury, and Johnnie Mack, a junior college transfer.

"All of them have different qualities, but they all can get it done," Kingsbury said. "The running back's got to be able to catch in this offense."

On defense, the Red Raiders have only two new faces on a squad that includes linebacker Lawrence Flugence, who led the Big 12 in tackles last season with 145, and Aaron Hunt, who had a league-best 12 sacks.

Despite losing linebacker Jonathan Hawkins and safety Kevin Curtis, defensive coordinator Greg McMackin said he has more than enough talent to fill those positions.

"We've got more depth than we've ever had," he said. "I feel like we're solid all along."

After opening at Ohio State, Tech has a week off before playing 12 straight, including home games against North Carolina State, Mississippi, Texas and Oklahoma State.

Aggies hoping health translates into more wins this season

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Maybe if Texas A&M had its full complement of players last year, it would have been mentioned in the same breath as Oklahoma and Texas.

Instead the Aggies lost 23 players, including 12 starters, to injuries for at least one game, and closed the regular season with three straight losses. They finished the season 8-4.

Now coach R.C. Slocum is

hoping for immediate results from a group of young players that grew up on the job last season. He's counting on them to close the gap between his 23rd-ranked team and division rivals No. 2 Oklahoma and No. 4 Texas.

Last season's injuries provided the Aggies with a wealth of experience for this season. Texas A&M returns 10 offensive starters and seven on defense.

Offensive coordinator Dino

Babers couldn't fully implement his playbook last seasons, his first in College Station, as injuries at tailback, wide receiver, tight end and left tackle forced the Aggies to start four true freshman at those positions.

The result was an offense that averaged only 305.7 yards a game, 11th in the Big 12 and 106th in the nation (out of 115 Division I teams).

"I need to play better, that's the bottom line," senior quar-

terback Mark Farris said. "The whole offense does. You can make excuses about being hurt or new guys in the offense but you've got to make the best of it."

Farris threw more interceptions (9) than touchdowns (8), and his average passing yards per game fell almost 42 yards, to 190. If Farris stumbles at the beginning of the year, it might not take long for freshman Reggie McNeal to start taking a few snaps.



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Dallas Cowboys

Cowboys have a lot of questions to answer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Forget that quarterback controversy. The Dallas Cowboys have other issues to deal with as the preseason winds down.

Cowboys coach Dave Campo and offensive coordinator Bruce Coslet just want Hutchinson, their 25-year-old rookie, to work with the first team and against a first-team defense.

There is no quarterback controversy for now. Quincy Carter, who will play the second and third quarters, is still No. 1 and will be the starter for the Sept. 8 opener at Houston.

The Cowboys have a lot of questions that need to be answered in the last two preseason games.

— Is rookie receiver Antonio

Bryant indeed ready to take over as the starter for Raghib Ismail, who is out for season after neck injury, or does second-year player Ken-Yon Rambo deserve the starting nod?

— Which cornerbacks are going to distinguish themselves? Eight players are still in the mix, with free agent pickup Bryant Westbrook and Mario Edwards (out with strained right hamstring) the



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likely starters.

— Who will be kicking field goals? Incumbent Tim Seder and rookie Billy Cundiff are both 3-for-3 so far, with Seder hitting a 49-yarder and Cundiff a 52-yarder.

— When will the starting offensive line be together? All five starting linemen have been hurt or held back at some point in camp. Only two or three of them will play Saturday.

— How much of a problem is the snapper position? Jeff Robinson is out with a torn ACL and Campo expects a revolving door there. First in line is Mitch Palmer, who was signed Thursday. He has played for Tampa Bay and Minnesota, but got cut by the

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 Dec. 21: Philadelphia
 Dec. 29: at Washington

Landry almost landed as coach with Oilers

HOUSTON (AP) — For all of Bud Adams' finagling, he couldn't close a deal that would have altered pro football history in both Houston and Dallas.

He couldn't hire Tom Landry.

"We were real close," Adams said.

In 1959, when Landry was defensive coordinator of the New York Giants and Adams was starting to put together the Houston Oilers of the upstart American Football League, the two met in a New York hotel suite.

While they were talking, a player seeking an audience with Adams knocked on the door. Landry, not wanting to be seen, hid until the visitor left.

"Tom had to go into a bathroom and lock the door," Adams said.

Adams worked hard to swing a deal. Noting Landry's wife was from an insurance family, he tried to sweeten the pot with a side offer.

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I don't know if I'd had that many (coaches) if you'd been with me.

”

Bud Adams on trying to hire Tom Landry

"I told him I'd buy all our insurance from them and he could be the agent," Adams said, guaranteeing a healthy commission.

Alas, Landry — who also had been wooed by the Dallas Texans of the AFL — chose another expansion team, the Dallas Cowboys of the NFL.

The Oilers started faster than the Cowboys, winning the first two AFL championships. They soon switched

roles, though, with the Oilers never winning another title and the Cowboys quickly emerging as the "America's Team," reaching eight Super Bowls overall and winning five.

Landry remained coach until his firing after the 1988 season. Adams fired his first coach, Lou Rymkus, five games into the Oilers' second season.

When Cowboys owner Jerry Jones hired Jimmy Johnson as the second coach in team history, Houston was on its 13th, Jerry Glanville.

Adams often reminded Landry of what might've been.

"I'd say, 'Tom, you had a wonderful record.' And he'd say, 'Well, you've had a lot of coaches.' And I'd say, 'I don't know if I'd have had that many if you'd been with me.'"


Landry went on to coach the Cowboys for 29 years, taking the team to two Super Bowl titles.



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Houston Texans

Houston fans eagerly anticipate start of season

HOUSTON (AP) — The breakup between the Houston Oilers and the city they called home for 37 years left fans wallowing in the Luv Ya Blues.

The divorce came in 1996 when team founder Bud Adams fled for Tennessee. Fans were hurt, but most of their anger was pointed toward Adams.

Now the NFL is back and the broken hearts have healed. The nation's fourth-largest city has begun a new love affair with the Houston Texans.

"It's not like you go from being an Oilers fan to a Texans fan. There's no sense of betrayal," said Vicki Stalter, who lives in nearby Baytown. "You are a Houston fan."

"When I was a little child, I was an Oilers fan," adds her husband, Dean Stalter. "Now I get to be part of the beginning of a new team, and that makes it better."

The Texans have been in the making since the Oilers left five years ago. Even though they've yet to play a regular season game, fans are already rabid.

When owner Bob McNair christened the team the Texans in September 2000, more than 2,000 people attended the downtown rally. A year later, when the Texans unveiled their uniforms at another rally, about 12,000 fans watched it happen.

In late July, when the Texans held their first evening training camp session, about 1,500 wide-eyed, jersey-wearing fans attended the practice session, which at times simply consisted of players stretching on the field.

A sellout crowd of 27,536 fans on Aug. 2 attended the team's first scrimmage — basically a glorified practice session against the Dallas Cowboys. Many showed up nearly four hours early to tailgate.

Ben de los Santos said he attended the Texans' first evening training camp session with his 3-year-old son and his wife because he wanted to be part of anything related to the Texans.

"We weren't happy when (the Oilers) left but, we have something bigger and better now," said de los Santos, 28, a machine shop worker from Houston. "We've been waiting for football to return. This is Texas. Football is in our blood."

As with the start of any new relationship, where flowers and candy are tokens of appreciation, Texans fans have showered the object of their affection with such gifts as thousands of dollars in merchandise sales and the purchase of nearly 60,000 season tickets.

"It's like dating a woman for the first or second time. There is a little you know, but a whole lot you don't know. People don't know how this is going to unfold and it's a little exciting," said Arnold LeUnes, who teaches sports psychology at Texas A&M.

LeUnes said while there might still be some lingering resentment over the Oilers' departure, that chapter in Houston football history is closed.

"The break is pretty clean by now," said LeUnes, who grew up an Oilers fan. "Let the past be the past. I think the thing the Texans offer is something we all like in general: A fresh start. How many times do we get a fresh start?"

Texans management has worked hard to differentiate the NFL's newest franchise from the Oilers, said Texans senior vice president Jamie Rootes.

"This is a new birth, a new beginning," he said.

Part of the Texans' strategy to make their own connections with

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Dec. 21: at Washington
Dec. 29: Tennessee

fans has included an award-winning and hard to miss advertising campaign that uses famous Houston-area natives such as pitcher Roger Clemens and the R&B group Destiny's Child sporting eye black and asking, "Got tickets?"

The team also pulled in former Oilers defensive lineman Ray Childress as a minority owner and hired Andre Ware, a Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback for the University of Houston, as the color analyst for radio broadcasts of games.

In April, Texans players embarked on an eight-day tour of six cities in southeast and central Texas to reach out to fans. During the week of the season opener on Sept. 8, the team will host a variety of events leading up to the game, including a clinic on

how to tailgate, which was not allowed during Oilers' home games at the Astrodome.

"We're an NFL team built for our fans," Rootes said. "The numbers that we have seen (for season ticket sales) are remarkable for a team that several months ago was just a logo. The fans have been incredible."

It shouldn't be too surprising. In the Oilers' heyday, especially the "Luv Ya Blue" era in the late 1970s, Houstonians were fervent in their support. They nearly filled the Astrodome after playoff losses — in consecutive years.

"A lot of (Oilers' fans) were really loyal, good football fans," said Ken Houston, a safety for the Oilers in the late 1960s and early 1970s. "But they have taken to the Texans. It's not a new fan, but a new breed of fan."

The first-class manner in which the Texans franchise has been created and introduced to the public by McNair has gone a long way to winning over fans, Houston said.

"I really don't think (the Texans) will be in the shadow of the Oilers," said Houston, who now works as a counselor with the city's school district.

Whether the Texans have the same loyal, long-term relationship the Oilers enjoyed with their fans remains to be seen, said Ric Sweeney, who runs houstonprofootball.com, a fan-based Web site.

"Have I embraced the Texans? Yes, but it lacks a certain passion. Could be that I'm older, that I lost a bit of the bug after the Oilers left," said Sweeney, who grew up in Houston but now lives in Dallas. "But I'm from Houston and they're representing Houston, and as far as I'm concerned, it's unconditional."

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