

Welcome Cardinals Go Lobos

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Sophomore runningback Maurice Stephens (14) broke two school and one conference pass receiving records as he pulled in 14 receptions for 134 yards

and a touchdown in the Lobos' 49-7 TIAA win over Lubbock Christian College.

by SRSU

Lobos open national championship quest with William Jewell here Saturday at noon

And then there were eight.

When the 1982 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division II race started there were 97 teams vying for a playoff berth. That race is down to eight, including the number four ranked Sul Ross State University Lobos. And there hasn't been as much excitement in the air since the first train came through.

It's been 17 years since the Lobos were in a playoff game and they've never won one. But come Saturday at high noon SRSU Coach Joe George will try and improve on that record. Sul Ross and Alpine will host the number six ranked Division II team, the William Jewell Cardinals from Liberty, Mo.

The Cardinals will arrive in Alpine about 4 p.m. tomorrow after a flight to Midland. They will be staying at the Sunday House and will head straight for Jackson Field

for a workout after arrival.

Tomorrow night a banquet is planned at Mountainside Cafeteria for players, coaches and officials from both schools. A limited number of tickets are available to the public for the banquet. The tickets cost \$10 each and can be purchased at the Student Life office in the Administration Building on the Campus.

Some general admission tickets for the game were still available at presstime Wednesday but all reserve seats were sold. If any tickets are available at the gate Saturday they will be sold for \$6 each.

The banquet and game are both conducted by the NAIA. Wally Schwartz, who is associate executive director of the NAIA, is the game coordinator. Tarleton State Coach Buddy Fornes will be in charge of the game itself. Fornes will be representing the NAIA coaches association.

The three other quarter-final games being played this weekend pit St. John's (Minnesota) against Northwestern in Orange City, Iowa; California Lutheran versus Linfield Oregon in McMinnville, Oregon and Wilmington (Ohio) against Westminster in New Wilmington, Penn.

The quarter-final winners will pair off on Dec. 4. The national final will be played Dec. 11.

George is looking for a game that will pit finesse against power as the Lobos take on the Cardinals.

"William Jewell is a physical team and that's the type of offense they run. They rely on the run and will try to beat you on the long pass. Sul Ross is more a finesse team, relying on the high percentage pass plays combined with a balanced running attack," George said.

The statistics seem to back him up. The Cardinals run slightly more than two running plays for every pass, rushing this season 443 times and passing 215 plays. The Lobos have thrown the ball 320 times and rushed for 313 plays.

The game will feature two of the top quarterbacks in the nation in the Lobos' Larry Hill, a 6-1, 190-lb. senior, and Cardinal signal caller Kelly Groom, a 6-0, 175-lb. senior.

Hill is ranked in the top 10 in the nation in total offense, averaging 243.6 yards a contest and is No. 6 in the nation in passing

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City seeks airport FBO bids

Although most of about 75 persons who packed Alpine City Council chambers Tuesday did not know it until the meeting, a decision on the future of fixed based operations at Alpine Municipal Airport had been reached some time ago.

Reading from prepared notes, councilmen moved and voted unanimously to seek bids on the position of principal FBO at the airport. Many in the large audience had come to either argue for or against current FBOs Charlie and Marguerite Blankenship, but Alpine Mayor Paul Pierce put an abrupt halt to almost all of the discussion with the explanation that the city had no legal alternative but to offer the FBO position to bid.

In a council workshop two weeks ago a large group of persons spoke for and against putting the FBO office out for

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School district discovers \$62,000 loss after tax calculation error

What may have been a breakdown in communications between the Alpine school district and the county tax appraisal district has resulted in an error which could cause a \$62,000 deficit for the school district.

The error, discovered this past week and unclaimed by either entity, will mean the district will have to either dip into a special \$70,000 reserve account or begin cutting items from the 1982-83 budget.

At Tuesday's school board meeting Superintendent Dr. Doug Brown said the district "is going to have a problem with taxes. We've just now found a \$3 million error in our tax roll and it will mean we'll bring in \$36,000 less than we thought. We will probably have to put off buying the station wagon and setting aside the \$25,000 for the building fund at the junior high and maybe shelve some maintenance and repairs."

On Wednesday he said he would prefer to use some of the reserve fund

rather than take all the needed dollars from the year's budget. Although the special reserve fund is not shown in the budgets of recent years, Brown said he has been building it for special needs.

At Tuesday's meeting Trustee Bill Leavitt asked Brown who had made the error and Brown said the tax appraisal office. He said the tax roll had just come back and the error was found last week.

"I've heard another rumor that there might also have been an error of \$5 million made by this district. That rumor says we didn't subtract all of the exemptions from our total tax roll and that we used the total figure to come up with our budget. This shortage would amount to \$61,000 or so," said Leavitt.

"No, I don't think that's correct," said Brown. Jerry's (Ratcliff, chief appraiser for the Brewster County Tax Appraisal District) calculation was incorrect. He didn't study this well enough," said Brown.

On Wednesday Brown

said the error was \$62,000 and not \$36,000.

Contacted Wednesday Ratcliff said he mailed a letter to the district Nov. 11 stating the district had failed to deduct exemptions of \$5 million from the total taxable value of \$84.7 million and thus had used the wrong figures to compile the

school budget. That error, he said, would result in a \$62,000 deficit. Brown did not mention the letter Tuesday.

Brown and district Tax Assessor Idolina Reyna said the tax appraisal district gave them figures of \$2.5 million for exemp-

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Hospital rates go up by 12 percent

Big Bend Memorial Hospital directors voted unanimously to raise charges 12 percent on a temporary basis until a critical cash flow problem is resolved.

The increase comes on the heels of an eight percent hike in room rates Oct. 1, the date BBMH has traditionally raised rates during the last decade or so of rising costs.

Directors chose the 12 percent course over several offered by BBMH Administrator Ed Rodgers, but fell short of

voting to approach county officials in Brewster and surrounding counties for funding to offset the losses BBMH is incurring in treating indigent patients.

The cash flow problem, which has caused BBMH to borrow \$80,000 the last two months, is one caused according to members of the administration and the Medical Staff by the failing nationwide economy. The problem is being felt in most hospitals with cash patients paying less

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Fort Davis High School Volleyball Team

Fort Davis vies for state volleyball crown

The Fort Davis Indians girls volleyball team, fresh from winning the regional crown in Levelland, will play Lago Vista High School at 10:15 a.m., Friday, in the first round of the Class A State Championship.

The Indians, 22-5 on the year, will be gunning for

their second state championship in three years, having won the crown in 1980. Lago Vista, near Austin, is 29-1 on the year.

The two other teams in the Class A Final Four are Bronte, at 27-7 on the year, and Leon Jewett, near Waco and 33-1 on the

year.

After downing Tornillo in bi-district play, Fort Davis traveled to Wink last Tuesday to play the Wildcats for the area trophy and the right to advance to the regional tourney. The Indians lost the first game 9-15, but came back to win the last

two and the match with scores of 15-8 and 15-5.

In Levelland Saturday the girls beat Knox City in the first round 15-6 and 16-14 and then topped Sierra Blanca 15-11 and 15-6 for the chance to return to Austin.

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A reminder...

A reminder to all Avalanche correspondents and anyone wishing either stories or ads to appear in the Thanksgiving issue—we want turkey too.

So do the folks at the post office, and we will publish a day early next week in order for our employees and those at the post office to take off Thanksgiving Day.

Please have all copy and advertising in the Avalanche office by 5 p.m., Monday or otherwise arrange for delivery before Tuesday morning.

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often and in fewer numbers, insurance companies taking 90 days and sometimes longer to complete claims and reimburse BBMH, and government programs such as Medicare and Medicaid paying less in dollars and less regularly on time.

At the same time directors and the Medical Staff have made a commitment over the past year to upgrade the number of professional employees as well as improve services and add equipment as well as repair other equipment.

The 12 percent increase, Rodgers said, would be temporary at least until next July, when the \$80,000 note will be paid and the BBMH cash position should be back in good shape.

Still at least one board member, President Sanford DeVoll, argued BBMH was not doing enough to cut expenses and should try to cut back on the number of employees when the patient load permits.

Rodgers said nurses are taking more time off when the number of patients drops in the hospital.

"I'm saying that in the last year the cost per patient day here has gone up from \$201 a day to \$408. Are we cutting expenses?" asked DeVoll.

"That's the price we're paying for better patient care. It's costing \$60,000 for emergency care, something we just didn't have much of, and we've put about \$100,000 into more professional personnel. In the past four months there was only a weekend or two when we had questionable staffing. Before that it was three out of four weekends," said Director Dr. Bart Pate.

"Well, I'd like to know why this hospital has almost twice the number of nursing hours a day as is the state average. The average is five a day and ours is eight or 10," said DeVoll.

Pate said that average is compiled from a variety of sources and that such services as radiology and respiratory therapy make the figure higher in a small hospital. A radiologist in a large hospital might see 100 patients, while here he'd see just 20 or 25.

"I also think many hospitals like Fort Stockton for instance would like to have more nurses and just can't get them," Pate said.

"I just wonder what we're going to do about collections," said Director Virginia Granger.

"It's tough. Everybody's having the same problem," said Pate. "You'll still haven't told me one place we could cut a dime. I'm for an increase, but I need to be shown where we can cut, too," said DeVoll.

"This hospital has been on rock bottom with the budget for years," said Pate. "I'd like to know why we're afraid to raise rates when they are still the lowest in the area. How come we're afraid to go down to the county and ask for some help? I think we should raise rates and go to the counties and ask for help in caring for the indigents."

The increase was approved with another look to be taken in July for possible reduction in charges.

In other business the Medical Staff proposed that one director be named to the board who is also on the staff. That proposal was tabled for legal study.

Finally the board approved Dr. John Young as a member of the Medical Staff with full staff privileges.



Alpine Youth Against Cancer have some interesting plans for Smokeout

Brewster joins Great American Smokeout

Scores of Brewster County residents will join in the nationally observed Great American Smokeout today, an effort to stop smoking for just one day. Members of the Alpine High School Youth Against Cancer took to the streets of Alpine last Saturday morning to secure pledges from many area residents.

Jimmy Kim, president of the Youth Against Cancer, headed up a 25-student contingent of YAC members who visited practically every business in the downtown Alpine business community searching for residents who would commit themselves to a 24-hour attempt to do without cigarettes.

The Yough Against Cancer are sponsored by the Alpine Unit of the American Cancer Society.

Phyllis Brown, president of the American Cancer Society unit here, was on hand for the send-off of the students from The Sunshine House Saturday morning, and she stressed the importance of the involvement of the students and the serious nature of the attempt to get smokers to quit for a day.

"We're hoping for a good list of pledges," she stated, adding, "and we're certainly looking for those who make the pledge to make every effort to hang on for the 24 hours."

Last year's effort by the YAC group secured pledges from over 50 smokers and the showing was considered a tremendous success.

The showing from Saturday's campaign for

pledges indicates the 1982 Great American Smokeout will be an even better project than in recent years. Jimmy Kim's comment that "We've done all we can and the people of Alpine responded," sums up the group's feelings.

Larry Hagman, the villainous J. R. Ewing of TV's Dallas, returns for

Marathon school board learns protest succeeds in windfall

Marathon school trustees learned Nov. 9 an appeal to the State Property Tax Board will result in a \$13,800 windfall to the district and roofing repairs on the elementary school have begun.

Superintendent Alvis Teague reported the state has agreed to lower the district's assessed index value of all property based on a protest filed by the district Tax Collector Billye Wilson. Because of the lowered value, the district will receive an additional \$13,800 in state monies.

Teague also reported a Roofing Committee of school trustees and administrators had agreed to hire Cassell Roofing of Pecos to repair the elementary school roof, damaged by weather earlier this year. Cost of the repairs will be paid by the district's insurance carrier.

Trustees voted unanimously to accept the Textbook Committee of Margarita Gonzales, Patricia Roberts, LaVerne Avery, Linda Garner, Tomagene Weathered, Catalina Salas, Isabel

an encore as national Great American Smokeout chairman. Hagman, a reformed smoker, again will invite smokers to follow his example and quit.

This year the Great American Smokeout will celebrate its sixth anniversary and all indications are for another immensely popular day. During last year's

Smokeout three out of 10 cigarette smokers either cut down or cut out smoking for the day, according to a Gallup study. Close to five million actually quit for the day.

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Garcia, Angelica Cantu, Don Macon, Oscar Villa, Mrs. Chambers, and Alvis Teague.

The board also heard complaints from four residents on the video games in the Mustang Corral. Those games, coin-operated, were installed this year along with a jukebox and a pool table. Trustees voted 4-3 to allow a Sanderson man to install them. The pool table was installed and no charge is required. Half

the proceeds of the two video machines and the juke box goes to the school.

Mrs. Lee Roberts, representing her husband, and Mr. and Mrs. Ike Roberts spoke in opposition to the games because she said students in a desire to find the quarters to play the game might resort to theft instead of working for the money. The board took no action on the complaint.

Valentine trustees hear computer, insurance reports

Valentine school trustees heard Sunday a report on the district's insurance coverage and suggestions on beginning a micro-computer program for students next semester.

Ike Livingston of Marfa, who handles the district's insurance policies, met with trustees, who voted to increase coverage for the board and for the school buildings now that two new classrooms have been added.

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with a 257.4-yard average.

While Groom is not ranked nationally in passing, he is 14th in total offense, averaging 210 yards a contest. He has passed for 1,615 yards on the season.

The Lobos' running attack will be led by fullback Andrew Hill, a 6-0, 210-lb. Lockhart junior, while runningback Steve Hodges, 5-10, 200-lb. junior, is the Cardinals' leading ground gainer.

A. Hill has carried the ball 158 times this season, picking up 575 yards for a 3.6-yard per carry average. Hodges has carried the ball 166 times for 760 yards for a 4.9 average.

The Lobos' top receiver is Maurice Stephens, 5-11, 170-lb. Liberty Hill sophomore. He has pulled in 56 catches on the year

for 643 yards and eight touchdowns and is ranked as one of the top three receivers in the nation. For WJC, 6-3, 195-lb. junior wide receiver Jimi Reed is the leading receiver with 38 catches for 769 yards and two touchdowns.

The Lobos are averaging 404.9 yards a game total offense, and the Cardinals have 386.4 yards a game total offense. The Lobos have averaged 273.4 yards in passing and 127.7 yards rushing. The Cardinals average 203 yards through the air and 184 yards rushing.

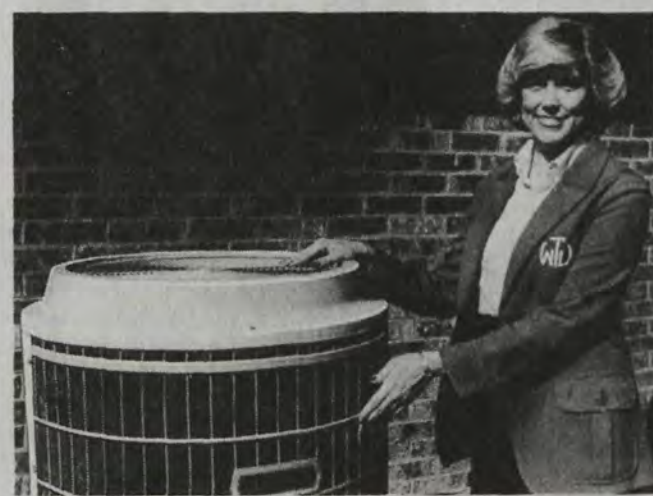
Both teams are ranked in the top 10 in the nation in scoring offense with only one and a half points separating the two teams. Sul Ross is averaging 32.1 points a game, and WJC is averaging 33.6 points a contest.

Defensively, the two teams are well matched in rushing-yard prevention. Both defenses are ranked in the top 10 nationally against the rush. The Cardinals are allowing 68.8 yards a game on the ground while the Lobos have held their opponents to 70.1 yards a game.

The pass defense could make the difference in the game. William Jewell has allowed 132 yards a game through the air while the Lobos have given up 203.2 yards a contest to the pass.

Sul Ross rolled to its second Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association title this year with an 8-0 record. William Jewell, winners of the Heart of America Conference, has an 8-1 record with their only loss coming to Mid-America Nazarene 9-7.

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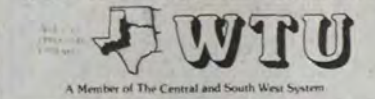
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