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**AUSTIN COLLEGE**

**1981 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS**



*1981 Austin College Kangaroos*

# 'Roos will be tough in TIAA clashes

Perhaps the Austin College Kangaroos should wear a darker shade of crimson-colored football jerseys because Coach Larry Kramer's crew has been picked as having no better than a dark-horse chance to win the Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association football crown in 1981.

Although the offensive line is a question mark, and a number of players from the 1979 championship team and the 1980 runner-up team have graduated, it would be a grave strategic error to take the Kangaroos too lightly this year.

"We lost heavily through graduation of our 1980 team but we return some experienced, skilled athletes who will compete well this fall," Coach Kramer said. "We are picked third or fourth by various pre-season journals but I have a

feeling our players don't agree with these writers. The offensive line is the big question mark with only one returning starter."

Don't panic if you are a Kangaroo supporter because there's a lot of good news too.

"Returnees Larry Shillings, Chris Luper, Rory Dukes, Gene Branum, Clay Oliphint, Rickey Turner and David Simmons give us fine skilled athletes," Coach Kramer said. "Mark Sartain, Larry Hickman, Don Parnell, Randy Sims and Jeff Robbins give us solid experience up front. I look for a good group of young players to push our older guys and possibly become starters. Transfers David Adams at tackle, Greg Carson at center, Kenny Kirby at corner and Jimmy Vice at quarterback will help."

Luper won All-American honors as a safety in 1980 as did Branum who compiled a 41.2 yard average as a punter last season. Branum also holds the school and conference record with a 55-yard field goal against Tarleton State last year. Luper hauled down seven interceptions during the season.

Other outstanding players returning include Shillings, who was voted offensive player of the year in the TIAA last year at quarterback, and Dukes, who received NAIA All-District 8 acclaim as a wide receiver.

Don't count the Kangaroos out from reclaiming their TIAA championship. "We'll have a scrappy bunch who will give it all they've got, and we're looking forward to a good year," Coach Kramer said.



Chris Luper



Gene Branum



Larry Shillings



Rory Dukes



Larry Hickman



Mark Sartain

## Fall sports schedules

### Football schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Sept. 12	Lubbock Christian	Home	2 p.m.
Sept. 19	Sul Ross	Away	7:30 p.m.
*Sept. 26	Tarleton State	Home	2 p.m.
Oct. 3	Trinity	Away	2 p.m.
Oct. 10	McMurry	Home	2 p.m.
Oct. 17	Lubbock Christian	Away	2 p.m.
**Oct. 24	Sul Ross State	Home	2 p.m.
Oct. 31	Tarleton State	Away	2:30 p.m.
Nov. 7	Trinity	Home	2 p.m.
Nov. 14	McMurry	Away	2 p.m.

\*Parents Weekend  
\*\*Homecoming

### Soccer schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Sept. 9	U. of Dallas	Sherman*	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 12	Eastfield	Dallas*	2 p.m.
Sept. 19	Bethany Nazarine	Oklahoma City	2 p.m.
Sept. 23	U. of Tulsa	Tulsa	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 25	U. of Dallas	Sherman	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	Eastfield	Sherman	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 3	Dallas Baptist	Dallas	2 p.m.
Oct. 6	LeTourneau	Sherman	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 9	U. of Tulsa	Sherman	5 p.m.
Oct. 14	Texas Christian	Fort Worth	5 p.m.
Oct. 17	John Brown	Siloam Springs, Ark.	2 p.m.
Oct. 22	Dallas Baptist	Sherman	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 28	U. of Dallas	Dallas	4 p.m.
Oct. 31	Eastfield	Dallas	2 p.m.
Nov. 2	Texas A & M	Sherman	1 p.m.
Nov. 6	Friday — District 8 N.A.I.A. Tournament to be held in Sherman		7:30 p.m.

\*Scrimmage Game

### Volleyball schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Sept. 17	Dallas Baptist	Dallas	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 19	Oklahoma Baptist	Sherman	11 a.m.
Sept. 21	Richland JC	Sherman	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 25-26	TIAA Invitational	Ablene	
Oct. 1	Cedar Valley JC	Irving	2 p.m.
	Northlake JC		3 p.m.
Oct. 6	LeTourneau College	Sherman	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 8	East Texas State	Commerce	6:30 p.m.
	Wiley		7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	Dallas Baptist	Sherman	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 17	Tarleton State	Sherman	1 p.m.
Oct. 20	East Texas State	Sherman	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 22	LeTourneau	Longview	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 26	Northlake JC	Sherman	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 29-30	TIAA Championships		
Nov. 3	Richland JC	Richardson	4 p.m.
Nov. 5-7	TIAAW		

# Austin College whips LCC

By Fred Graham

Special to The News

SHERMAN, Texas — Mike Ritchie's 99-yard return of a pass interception enabled Lubbock Christian College to score a touchdown Saturday, a feat the Chaparrals didn't accomplish in eight of 10 games last year.

But not surprisingly, it wasn't enough as Austin College posted a 31-6 victory in the opener for both Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association members.

Austin College's Kangaroos are ranked 13th nationally among NAIA Division II schools. That's uptown class compared to Lubbock Christian's career mark of 1-20.

The NAIA doesn't recognize the Chaparrals' triumph in the third game of their first season in 1979 because it was against a Mexico college. The Chaps were big in Monterey, if not Sherman.

Junior quarterback Larry Shillings threw three touchdown passes as Austin built a 24-0 halftime lead. LCC managed just 21 yards offense and no first downs in the half.

Austin College coach Larry Kramer cleared his bench in the second half, playing more than 60 players, including four quarterbacks.

"We played pretty well in the first half but things got sloppy in the second," Kramer said. "But LCC is a lot better than it has been."

Whatever respect the Chaps gained, first-year coach Don Carthel was not pleased. "We didn't execute worth a flip," he said after his first game as a head coach.

Carthel, unburdened by the Chaps' previous records, did sound an optimistic note if not an outright challenge. "We'll get 'em next time and you can put that in the paper," he said.

Since the five members of the TIAA play 10 conference games in a round-robin slate, there will be a rematch in Lubbock Oct. 17.

Shillings, the senior quarterback from Bryan, Texas, riddled the LCC defense in the first 30 minutes with nine of 15 for 122 yards.

The first two drives were carbon copies from 52 yards. And both times Shillings hooked up with split end Clay Oliphant, a junior from Dallas. Mark's Oliphant beat cornerback Less Harlin on the scoring plays of eight and 23 yards.

In the second quarter, Shillings directed the Kangaroos on a 55-yard march. A 29-yard gain on a screen pass to running back Greg Garrison of Dallas Hillcrest offset a major penalty. Shillings then went to freshman Van Hargis on a 12-yard pass.

Gene Branum, who did not miss on four extra-point attempts, added a 32-yard field goal just before intermission.

Shillings went to the sideline in the third quarter after getting the final Austin touchdown on a 24-yard run on an option play.

Lubbock Christian untracked its offense enough for eight first downs, but the scoring came from the defense.

Richardson Pearce freshman Bart Aldridge, the third quarterback, moved the Kangaroos into scoring position midway through the fourth quarter.

With the ball at the 10, Aldridge tried to hit a receiver at the flag on the goal line. Up popped Ritchie, a sophomore from Lubbock. The left cornerback made the interception on the run, barely missed the out-of-bounds line and outran everyone on a 99-yard jaunt.



## *Kangaroo on a roll*

Tailback Greg Garrison slips away from a would-be Lubbock Christian College tackler en route to a nice gain in Austin College's 31-6 victory here Saturday in the Kangaroos' season opener. Garrison gained 59 yards in 14 carries. (Staff photo by Edward Ramos)

# Austin College falls to Sul Ross

ALPINE, Texas — The air was filled with footballs Saturday night and when the last pass had been thrown, the Sul Ross Lobos had escaped with a 17-7 victory over the Austin College Kangaroos in a Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association game.

The Lobos led 10-0 in the first half before Austin College got on the scoreboard on Van Hargis' 1-

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yard run and Gen Branum's PAT. Sul Ross scored its final touchdown in the third quarter.

In all, Austin College passed for 246 yards as quarterback Larry Shillings completed 20 of 41 passes, but he was intercepted three times. Sul Ross threw 28 passes, completing 13 for 170, and had one interception.

# Austin rips Tarleton, 50-7

By Rick Mann  
Special to The News

SHERMAN, Texas — The Austin College Kangaroos turned what was supposed to be a close game into a rout Saturday afternoon as they flew past the Tarleton State Texans, 50-7.

The game was a pivotal TIAA contest as the Texans were coming off a big victory over McMurry and Austin a 17-7 loss to Sul Ross. But the combination of a sacking Kangaroo defense and a well-balanced offense was more than Tarleton could handle.

"The kids got after it in practice this week," AC coach Larry Kramer said. "After last week they realized they were going to have to work to get mentally ready. They concentrated and worked extremely hard all week."

The defense limited Tarleton to only 116 total yards, while the offense rolled up 394.

The Kangys jumped out in front 10-0 after the first quarter and by halftime were ahead 33-0. An 82-yard punt return by Les Garcia helped blow the game open for Austin in the second period.

Senior kicker Gene Branum had a big game, scoring field goals of 37, 29 and 39 yards and consistently kicking off out of the end zone.

Quarterback Larry Shillings got the AC offense on the move as he hit Clay Oliphant with a 16-yard strike. Branum converted and then added a 37-yard field goal. Branum picked right up in the second quarter with his 29-yard field goal, fullback David Simmons followed with a 2-yard plunge and Garcia stirred up the Parents Day crowd with his exciting punt return.

With 24 seconds left in the half, the Kangaroos scored again as the Shillings-Oliphant connection was good for 26 yards and a touchdown.

Tarleton got on the scoreboard in the fourth period when Mike Lanzalico ended a 25-yard drive with a 1-yard plunge. David Creek booted the PAT. That fired up the AC offense as it responded with 17 more points. Branum kicked a 39-yard field goal, Simmons scored his second touchdown and second-string quarterback Jim Vice hit Marty Secord with a 33-yard scoring toss.

## Austin 50, Tarleton 7

Tarleton	0	0	0	7	-	7
Austin	10	23	0	17	-	50
						<b>Tarleton Austin</b>
First downs						9 25
Rushing yds.						32-30 49-170
Passing yds.						86 224
Passes						5-24 1 20-39-2
Punts						11-31.6 2-42.5
Fumbles lost						7-3 5-2
Penalties-yds						6-69 11-110

AC—Clay Oliphant 16 pass from Larry Shillings (Gene Branum)

AC—Branum 37 FG

AC—Branum 29 FG

AC—David Simmons 2 run (Branum kick)

AC—Les Garcia 82 punt return (kick blocked)

AC—Oliphant 27 pass from Shillings (Branum kick)

T—Mike Lanzalico 1 run (David Creek kick)

AC—Branum 39 FG

AC—Simmons 1 run (Branum kick)

AC—Marty Secord 33 pass from Jim Vice (Branum kick)

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**RUSHING**—Tarleton, James Richardson 3-24, AC, Van Harps 17-84, Greg Garrison 9-48.

**PASSING**—Tarleton, Kevin Petty 2-4-0-52, AC, Larry Shillings 19-30-2-184.

**RECEIVING**—Tarleton, Wade Wilson 3-34, Darrel Piske 2-52, AC, Clay Oliphant 8-77, Greg Garrison 2-30.

# **Austin College 50,**

# **Tarleton 7**

**SHERMAN, Texas (AP)** — Senior quarterback Larry Shillings tossed for 190 yards and two touchdowns while fullback David Simmons pounded for two rushing touchdowns to lead Austin College to a 50-7 romp over Tarleton State in a Saturday afternoon Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association football game.



# Kangaroos blister Texans 50-7

by JEFF FINCHER

The Tarleton State Texans, still savoring the sweetness of a 22-12 upset win over McMurtry College last week, died a slow and painful death this Saturday in the lingering 50-yard punt of Calder Stadium.

Simply put, the Texans were "backtracked" 507 by their own ballhandling (seven, count 'em seven fumbles), sub-par punting (11 for a 31.6 average) and an improved Austin College kicking game—courtesy of return specialist Les Garcia.

Junior transfer Garcia kept the Kangaroos in Tarleton territory for the better part of the afternoon with 108 yards on nine returns, including a nifty 83-yard touchdown return at 8:04 of the second quarter to give AC an embarrassing 26-0 lead.

The return was enough to turn even the heads of an already bored AC crowd as Garcia wriggled his way through the middle of Tarleton's return coverage and then quick-stepped towards the left sideline, pulling up blockers and breaking his ankles along the way to the end zone.

"We worked on the kicking game last week," said Garcia after the game. "I took a tip from Ricky Turner, an old running back—hit up the middle of the field—and then break for the wedge. When I broke (to the left) I had three blockers in front of me. It was perfect."

AC coach Larry Kramer praised his team's performance in the total turnaround from last week's 17-7 loss at the hands of Sul Ross. The return team's performance was just the most obvious difference.

"Lesley (Garcia) and the entire kicking team just turned things around on their own. Last week the coaches made mistakes. This week the players did a good job."

"Our kids worked hard all week, had good practices and decided they would go after it this week. They proved they could play good football. The main thing now is to get focused for next week (Trinity University)."

The 50 points were the most scored by an AC team since a 50-21 shellacking of Colorado College in 1958.

Senior quarterback Larry Shillings, two-time Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association Elijer of the Year, confided with his own aerial obsession in the blowaway. "He put the ball in the air 38 times in the

three-hour game, hitting half of them for 190 yards and two touchdowns.

In previous games, the 'Roos' young offensive line had been questionable, but such was not the case Saturday. Shillings had adequate (one sack) and linemen opened up enough holes in the supposedly tough Texan defensive line to let AC runners gallop for 224 yards.

"We knew we had to throw a lot to win," Shillings said, "and they (the offensive line) did a great job. In that scoring series (the Kangaroo's next-to-last touchdown) we ran 43-power three times in a row. They just blew them out."

"We had a good week of practice, executed and played like we should."

Shillings scrambled out of the AC backfield in the second half after dropping back to pass, and took a hard shot on the ensuing Tarleton tackle. Although he said he thought he suffered a pulled groin and bruised kidney after the game, he smiled. "It doesn't hurt when you win."

Defensive back Jim Curry recovered two more fumbles in the game, giving him four in two games. Curry's second recovery at 10:53 came following a Shillings interception by Tarleton defensive back Kevin Pope, setting up a 16-yard play action scoring pass from Shillings to split end Clay Oliphant running towards the flag in the right corner of the end zone.

Senior kicker Gene Branum booting two field goals—37 and 29 yards—to push AC's lead to 13-0 just 10 seconds into the second quarter.

Following another Garcia punt return, AC set up shop on its own 42. Shillings put the ball up six times in the following drive, connecting three times to move the 'Roos to a first and goal situation at the 2. Fullback David Simmons squirmed over on the first play and Branum added the PAT to boost AC to a ho-hum 20-0 lead with 10:40 still left in the second quarter.

After Garcia's 83-yard return TD, AC found itself with the ball again after a poor Texan punt and Garcia's return put them at the 37.

Freshman tailback Van Hargis took the punt this time around, ripping off runs of 13, 9, 1, and 2 to

compliment Shillings' tosses. Shillings rolled to his right and found Oliphant on the right sideline. The junior receiver stole the ball from a Texan defender and Oliphant sprinted untouched down the sideline for the 27-yard score with 24 seconds left in the half.

Branum popped in another chip shot from 39 yards and Simmons added another one-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter to give AC a 43-7 lead (Texan running back Mike Lanzalaco slipped in a 1-yard touchdown run between Kangaroo scoring jaunts).

Sophomore Marty Secord nailed down the Kangaroo's final touchdown of the much-too-long afternoon, hauling in a 36-yard touchdown pass from sophomore quarterback Jim Voss with 5:46 remaining.

The Kangaroos (2-1) travel to San Antonio next Saturday to meet Trinity at 2 p.m.

# Late pass leads USC past Sooners 28-24

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Quarterback John Mazur threw a 7-yard scoring pass to tight end Fred Cornwell with just two seconds remaining and tailback Marcus Allen rushed for 209 yards Saturday as top-ranked Southern Cal came from behind to beat No.2 Oklahoma 28-24.

Mazur's dramatic pass to Cornwell was the only reception of the contest for the junior tight end and just his second ever for the Trojans. The pass play, with Mazur rolling left, then finally finding Cornwell open in the end zone, capped a 76-yard march by USC in the waning moments of a contest it had trailed almost all the way.

Allen, a senior who had rushed for 215 and 274 yards, respectively, in Southern Cal's first two games this fall, tied an NCAA record by going over 200 yards in three consecutive games. He carried 39 times against Oklahoma and scored twice, on a 27-yard dash in the opening period and a 3-yard burst that brought the Trojans back from a 24-14 deficit by the trail by three points with 6:37 remaining.

The Trojans, 3-0, were behind 17-

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Team	Points	Yards	TDs
Tarleton	50	438	10
AC - Oliphant	1 pass from Shillings (Lanzalaco kick)		
AC - Branum	37 field goal		
AC - Shillings	28 field goal		
AC - Branum	2 run (Branum kick)		
AC - Garcia	83 yard return (Kick blocked)		
AC - Oliphant	27 yard return (Shillings (Branum kick))		
AC - Branum	38 field goal		
AC - Lanzalaco	1 run (Kick kick)		
AC - Simmons	1 run (Branum PAT)		
AC - Secord	36 yard run (Voss (Branum kick))		

Team	Player	Yards	TDs
First down		35-36	10-19
Second down		38	31-39
Passing yards		38	39-41
Rushing yards		304	28-28-2
Punt		11-0	3-4-0
Time of possession		27	5-3
Penalties		6-10	11-10

Player	Points	Yards	TDs
RUSHING	AC: Hargis 30-185, Garrison 14-104, Lanzalaco 1-25, Bush 1-14		
PASSING	AC: Shillings 19-21-199-2; Voss 1-1-21; USC: Mazur 1-1-2-6, Petty 1-0-0-0		
RECEIVING	AC: Oliphant 6-77, Dukes 1-25, Voss 1-21, Garrison 1-26, Tarleton: Voss 1-23, Pike 1-23		

at the intermission. After a scoreless third quarter in which USC's Frank Jordan missed a pair of long field goals, the Sooners extended their advantage to 24-14 on a 7-yard run by Darrell Shepard early in the final period.

But USC drove 74 yards to draw to within three points, and won the game on a third-and-goal play in the final seconds.

Mazur, a sophomore in his first year of collegiate competition, completed 13 of 25 passes for 149 yards and two touchdowns.

The Sooners, 2-1, opened the scoring on their first possession when quarterback Kelly Phelps capped an 11-yard march with an 11-yard touchdown run eight minutes into the contest. Allen's first scoring jaunt evened the count before the opening quarter ended.

Oklahoma fullback Stanley Wilson, who gained 89 yards on 17 carries, made his 147 on a 3-yard punt return in the second period. Michael Keeling hit a 37-yard field goal to make it 17-7.

Southern Cal cut the deficit to 14-7 before halftime.

# Kangaroos collect No. 19 ranking

by JEFF FINCHER

The Austin College Kangaroos will carry a No. 19 national ranking into their heated rivalry with Trinity University at 2 p.m. Saturday in San Antonio.

The 2-1 Kangaroos are coming off a 50-7 shellack-

'Roos' coach Larry Kramer is trying to keep his team from falling back into the same mental rut when AC fell 17-7 to the Lobos in Alpine.

"That's something we can't afford (overconfidence)," Kramer said. "We'll just have to wait and see."

If the general attitude of a week's practice is a fair barometer of things to come, however, the Kangaroos could be looking at another runaway in San Antonio where AC meets the 1-2 Tigers.

The 'Roos are having their second straight week of good workouts, Kramer said, after a lack of mental preparation and subsequent mistakes cost AC the Sul Ross game.

However, the Roos go to San Antonio as the total offense and defense lead-

ing team in the conference against a team that ranks next-to-last in both categories.

AC's Larry Shillings led offense is currently rolling at a 377.6 yards per game clip with their stingy defense allowing just 159.3 yards per contest.

Kramer points out that Trinity is "somewhat comparable to Tarleton" although he's not counting on another 50-point 'Roo outburst.

"They're pretty physical — a lot of defensive looks and real good size. They average 6-3...240s on the offensive line. They're probably the biggest in the

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line of any team in our conference."

But regardless of superior size on their defensive line, the fact remains that they have been giving up huge chunks of real estate (714 yards in three games) making the Tigers dead last in that category.

beefing up opponent's stats to the tune of 4.3 yards per carry.

Trinity's secondary is a different story, however, where the Tigers have demonstrated an air tight pass defense.

Sophomore cornerback Dennis Carafoil was a big play man in Trinity's 23-19 loss last week to McMurry

with one interception and one fumble recovery. The rest of the secondary is full of experience with two seniors and a junior rounding out the top defense against the pass in the conference.

Keeping that in mind, Kramer is looking for AC to throw "a fairly balanced offense" at the Tigers, but not speculating on the number of passes Shillings, the TIAA passing leader, will throw into Trinity's so far tough secondary.

Don't be surprised to see AC's backfield duo of Van Hargis and David Simmons utilized considerably more than in past games.



ing over Tarleton State to knock the Texans from the unbeaten ranks in the Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association. Sul Ross, the only undefeated conference team, is presently ranked No. 7 nationally.

# Austin College rolls on, 24-13

Special to The News

SAN ANTONIO — Austin College overcame a 13-0 Trinity University lead here Saturday with three straight second-quarter touchdowns to beat the Tigers 24-13 in a Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association game.

The Kangaroos, now 3-1 in the TIAA, had come off a 50-7 win last week against Tarleton State — a team that beat Trinity, now 1-3, 20-0 earlier in the season.

A sparse Trinity crowd, outnumbered by fans from Sherman, were on their feet early when Trinity scored on its second and third possessions to jump to a 13-0 lead early in the second quarter.

The Kangaroos got rolling in the second quarter when Trinity tailback Allen Fowler fumbled on the Tiger 34.

Austin quarterback Larry Shillings then began working on the young Tiger secondary, hitting a 13-yard pass to tailback Greg Garrison and sending Garrison outside on a 14-yard burst.

Fullback David Simmons went up the middle for a TD with 10:23 to play in the half and Gene Branum booted the extra point to pull the Kangaroos within 6. After the kickoff, Austin's defense swarmed quarterback Greg Kohnke for 19 yards in losses on the next Tiger possessions, forcing Trinity to punt from its six and setting the Kangaroos up on the Trinity 40.

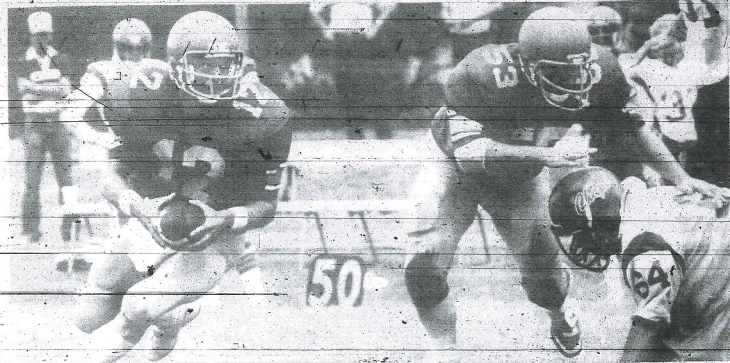
Five plays later slotback Rory Dukes scooted around left end on a reverse for seven yards and a touchdown and Branum's extra point put Austin College on top for good, 14-13.

Shillings started the Kangaroos' last TD drive with a 33-yard screen to Clay Oliphant. Van Hargis popped a 20-yard run and Shills lofted a 10-yard scoring pass to Oliphant with 1:37 to play in the first half.

Branum's PAT gave the Kangaroos a 21-13 half-time lead.

He closed out the scoring with a 27-yard field goal midway through the fourth quarter.

Trinity got on the board early with a 68-yard scoring drive featuring passes of 28, 20 and 80 yards by Kohnke and a 1-yard sneak by the quarterback for the TD.



## *AC roll*

Austin College quarterback Larry Shillings rolls out against Lubbock Christian in a game earlier this season. The Kangaroos, 3-1, will meet rival McMurry College at 2 p.m. Saturday at Calder Stadium. (Staff photo by Edward Ramos)

# Austin College faces must win game

by JEFF FINCHER

Austin College ends the first half of the Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association's 10-game round robin schedule Saturday when the Kangaroos, 3-1, kick off at 2 p.m. against the McMurry Indians, 2-2, at Calder Stadium.

The last time these two played it was for the conference title with both offenses erupting for 86 points and 1,886 yards total offense — including 351 yards and six touchdown passes by Indian quarterback Mark Cox.

Although Cox has since graduated, replaced by Rickey Sells, his counter-



part on the other side is still at AC and presently leading the conference in passing.

Quarterback Larry Shillings nearly rallied the Roos back from a 47-14 deficit against McMurry in last season's thriller, completing 25 of 58 for 404

yards and five touchdowns.

Although this Saturday's game won't quite pack the tension of last year's season finale (McMurry's weak 2-2 start will make it difficult for them to make a serious challenge for the title), the game is a must win for AC if they hope to stay within striking distance of the still undefeated Sul Ross Lobos.

Coach Larry Kramer remarked earlier this week the Roos can't count on anyone else knocking off the Lobos. "We have to take care of our own business."

Number one on that list of business is to take care

of McMurry, this week. The Indians have already encountered problems early in the season, opening with two losses and the loss of starting quarterback Sells against Tarleton, but Sells is supposed to be ready tomorrow for AC.

"I think he'll be ready to go — but he won't be 100 percent," McMurry coach Spud Aldridge said Friday morning. Even with his top signal caller back in the lineup, however, Aldridge isn't counting on any aerial shows in tomorrow's game.

"Oh no. We lost 18 kids from last year and we're

not nearly as strong as we were last year."

And Aldridge is hoping his running game and big offensive line will be able to dominate the Roos defense which is tops in the conference against the run.

McMurry will also have a rugged backfield to matchup against Austin College.

"Dudley Woodard is a real good open field runner — not big, but real fast and quick and he bench presses 370. Lester Lavalais is more of a power runner — he has real strong legs and he's just hard to tackle.

"We feel like we've got to control (Austin College). If they get the ball many times they are going to score. We'll try, but you can't stop an outstanding passing attack. What we're trying to keep him from is hitting the big one."

Although the Indians have won the last two games in Sherman, Aldridge has no explanation.

"We just hope we can spit with them this year, but they may beat us twice.

"I think I'm more worried about this week's workouts — they were real rainy, muddy conditions."

# Austin College sinks McMurry

*From Wire Reports*

SHERMAN, Texas — Greg Garrison ran for 74 yards, including one touchdown, as Austin College scored a 30-7 win over McMurry College Saturday afternoon.

Gene Branum's 42-yard field goal put AC on the boards in the first period, while Garrison and David Simmons ran for TDs in the second. The hosts added scores in the third, on a 3-yard run by David Simmons, and fourth, on Clay Oliphant's 24-yard pass from Larry Shillings.

Dudley Woodard scored from 15 yards out for McMurry's only touchdown in the second period.

# Austin College trips LCC;

**TIAA**

*From Wire Reports*

**LUBBOCK** — Quarterback Larry Shillings completed 20 of 34 passes for 241 yards and one touchdown as Austin College held off Lubbock Christian 17-7 Saturday.

Lubbock Christian, winless on the year, limited Austin College (5-1) to 91 yards rushing.

Greg Garrison scored Austin's first TD with 33 seconds left in the opening period on a 1-yard run. In the second, Gene Barnum booted a 23-yard field goal.

Shillings hit Ricky Turner with a 52-yard pass in the fourth period to complete Austin's final score.

LCC, which has lost 22 straight games, got on the scoreboard with just 72 seconds left when quarterback Freddy Palacias hit Clay Powell from 15 yards out.



## *Garrison gallups*

Austin College tailback Greg Garrison, a sophomore from Dallas, tries to break a McMurry tackle Oct. 10 in Sherman. The Kangaroos won that game 30-7. AC hosts Sul Ross 2 p.m., Saturday for their homecoming at Louis Calder Stadium. (Staff photo by Edward Ramos)



# Kangaroos take shot at Sul Ross, champions

by JEFF FINLHER

If there is a team in the Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association that can knock off undefeated Sul Ross, presently No. 1, the Lobos will find out soon enough. Chicks Lobo coach Joe George.

They go head-to-head against Austin College, 3-1, at 2 p.m. Saturday at Calder Stadium. It's the Kangaroos' homecoming game.

"Austin College is the team that can do it (beat the Lobos)," George said Thursday in a telephone

interview. "They can score a bunch of points. We've been letting our defense play a lot for us this season, but if we get the wind against them — we may have to take some chances."

For George's team, tied for sixth place in this week's National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics poll, it has had a few weeks since that team has seriously challenged. They are averaging a half-win per game in 10 games.

"I know Austin College has improved since the first game when we played them. What happened then doesn't matter (AC lost 17-7 in Alpine). It's been a while since we've given up many points. For the second game we were ready (against AC) and for the seventh game we're just as ready as we can be at this point," George added.

Quarterback Larry Hill, presently a strong candidate for Player of the Year honors, leads the Lobos' conference-leading of-

fense. Although AC's Larry Shillings is officially the leading passer (185.7 yards average per game) and total offense leader (185.3 average), Hill is close behind with 185.2 and 184.2 yards, respectively, in both categories and leads in touchdown passes with 11. Shillings has eight TD strikes.

Sul Ross is ahead in the only statistic that really counts — wins and losses — and after six straight victories, George doesn't have much to complain

about.

"We feel like we'll play as good a game as we can play. It will be more of a situation where the defense dominates the game. I don't anticipate the type of game like last year. It won't be anything like 49-35."

"We do like to throw, but we've rushed for over 200 yards in each of the last three games. We certainly want to throw — last game we threw 30 — but we try to get a balance between running and passing," George said.

Kangaroo senior quarterback Shillings draws most of opponents' respect and George doesn't take exception.

"I don't know if it's possible to shut him down. We've looked at films and I don't know if anybody can stop him. But you've got to stop Shillings. He's a great thrower and he has fine receivers."

An Austin College victory Saturday will throw the TIAA into a deadlock for first place, with the Lobos and Ross each boasting 5-1 records. Despite talk of

party in the non-championship conference, it is doubtful either team would suffer another loss in the remaining three games.

To this, the conference's sixth season since formation in 1976, there has yet to be a first place tie for the conference title and the Lobo coach is not aware of any provisions to settle it.

"We'd just be co-champs," he said.

The possibility of a post-season playoff berth is presently a very real one

for Sul Ross. "I don't think one team would keep either the Lobos or Ross from a shot at the Division II title."

"It hasn't kept the (schools with single losses) out in the past. It really depends on what the other schools are doing."

In this week's NAIA Division II rankings, however, there are still eight undefeated teams occupying the top eight spots. The NAIA extends playoff bids to eight schools.

# AC gets final shot at No. 6 Sul Ross

by JEFF FINCHER

A possible Texas Inter-collegiate Athletic Association championship and National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics play-off berth rest on Austin College's homecoming clash with undefeated Sul Ross Saturday in Sherman.

Kickoff is 2 p.m. at Calder Stadium.

Another loss for No. 14 ranked Austin College, now 5-1 and one game back of Sul Ross, 6-0, would effectively shut the book on their 1981 football season while a victory over the No. 6 ranked Lobos would throw the TIAA into a first place tie between the two with only three games remaining.

"I hope we're fired up," AC head coach Larry Kramer said Wednesday. "Obviously this is the biggest game up to this point. They've got to get up."

AC is fresh from a near disaster in West Texas where conference cellar dweller Lubbock Christian College frustrated the 'Roos all afternoon, picking off four Larry Shillings passes before finally succumbing, 17-7 to preserve the Chaps' infamous 22-game losing streak.

"It's possible we were looking ahead," Shillings said. "It's just a matter of executing, though. We could have capitalized on some things but we didn't and we got a little frustrated — starting asking ourselves, 'Why aren't we beating them by more?'"

"We all feel we have as good a team or better than Sul Ross, but we just made some costly mistakes the first time (a 17-7 loss to the Lobos). I expect a lot more points for us, certainly more than the first time."

Shillings is still the top ranked passer in the conference, averaging 185.7 yards passing per game

for 1,114 yards and eight touchdowns. His counterpart for the Lobos, however, is the TIAA's only other rocket-arm quarterback — Larry Hill. The Sul Ross signal caller leads the conference with 11 touchdown throws and a sharp .535 completion percentage.

Kramer expects Hill to put the ball in the air in excess of 35 times against the 'Roos defense which has given up just two touchdown passes all season.

"Hill times his cuts extremely well with his receivers. They send out five receivers on most plays. Our cornerbacks will be extremely challenged by Hill, although they did fairly well the first time," he said.

A chief defensive concern of Kramer against Sul Ross' pass-happy offense is, the play of his own linebackers.

"They usually send out two backs on flare control. Our linebackers are going to have to get after it this week."

A new bright spot for AC's offense will be senior tailback Rickey Turner who saw his first action of the season last week after recuperating from knee surgery that has kept him out of the first half of the season. Turner nabbed 52-

yard scoring strike from Shillings in the final quarter against LCC and has looked impressive running from AC's I-formation. "He's done fine," Kramer said, although he hasn't decided whether Turner will start Saturday.

Turner's presence at tailback, along with Van Hargis and Greg Garrison, gives the 'Roos three solid runners with three different looks, said Shillings.

"We should be able to take advantage of a few things (against the Lobos' defense). After looking at films, we found some things, the senior quarterback said.

Physical preparation aside, however, the 'Roos are concerned about the mental factor which, admittedly, cost them their only loss of the season.

This week's practice has left a little to be desired, said Kramer, especially considering the importance of Saturday's game. If there is a problem it is the uncertainty of the team's emotional level at the week's midway point.

Shillings offers the explanation, however, that the team may simply be trying too hard.

"Against Tarleton we had a good week of practice and had a good game. This week we want to have a good week of practice but everybody might be a little too tight."

# Cardiac Kangaroos edge Lobos, 17-14

**Luke Johnson**

*Special to The News*

SHERMAN, Texas — The Austin College Kangaroos put together a pressure drive in the last quarter of their homecoming contest here Saturday, scoring with 1:08 to play, then staved off a Sul Ross rally for a 17-14 victory.

The win evened the records of the Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association rivals at 6-1 and gave the Lobos, ranked sixth in TIAA Division II, their first loss of the season.

The Kangaroos missed a golden opportunity to score earlier in the final period when Austin quarterback Larry Shilling's pass to Clay Oliphint was tipped away in the end zone with 2:54 on the clock. But the Kangaroos' defense kept Sul Ross pinned deep in its own territory, stopping Lobos' running back Joey Caceres twice for no gain and batting down a pass, and began their winning drive on the Lobos' 38 after a 32-yard punt.

The Kangaroos took four plays to score, with Shilling throwing 22 yards to Oliphint, who muscled past two defenders at the goal line for the score.

After overthrowing Roy Dukes in the end zone, Shilling teamed with Greg Garrison for a four-yard screen pass completion before connecting with the 170-pound junior wide receiver for the score.

Following the Shillings-to-Oliphint scoring pass, Sul Ross moved the ball to the Kangaroos' 17-yard line. Mitch Pritchett came on to attempt the 35-yard field goal which would give Sul Ross a one-game conference lead. His boot had the distance but not the accuracy as a 15 mph wind swung the ball wide of the goal post with six seconds to play.

The Lobos, who trailed 10-7 at halftime, got the go-ahead touchdown about midway through the third period when Steve Hummel took Gene Branum's punt and carried it all the way to the Kangaroos' 1-yard line. On the next play, Andrew Hill scored with a 1-yard blast off the right side to push the Lobos in front 14-10.

Kangaroos' head coach Larry Kramer praised the composure shown by his offensive unit in the game-winning drive and handed out plaudits to the defense as well.

"The defense went out and got the ball back, giving us a chance to win," said Kramer, "and the kids just did a tremendous job.

"I thought we were going to score on the drive where we turned the ball over to them on the six," Kramer added, "but someone got a hand in and tipped the ball away at the last minute."

## Austin College 17, Sul Ross 14

Sul Ross	0	7	7	0-14
Austin Col.	10	0	0	7-17

AC—Branum 37 yrd FG			
AC—Shillings 1 run (Branum kick)			
SR—Stephens 13 pass from Hill (Pritchett)			
SR—Hill 1 yrd run (Pritchett kick)			
AC—Oliphint 22 yrd pass from Shillings (Branum kick)			
	Sul Ross	Austin Col	
First Downs	12	19	
Rushes-Yards	49	110	
Passing Yards	139	124	
Passes	10-27-0	10-23-2	
Punts	8-35.6	4-32.7	
Fumbles-Lost	1	2	
Penalties-Yards	9-73	7-68	

## Kangaroos jump into share of TIAA lead

### Oliphint snares winning TD in last-second AC comeback

by JEFF FINCHER

Realizing that homecoming fairy tales must have a happy ending, Austin College spun its most Walt Disneyish of all endings this season to whip Sul Ross 17-14 in the final minute of play Saturday.

On fourth down and six at the Lobos' 22-yard line, 'Roo wonderback Larry Shillings found Clay Oliphint crossing over the middle all, and promptly hit him with a perfect strike inside the 10. The Dallas senior dove through two Sul Ross defenders for the winning touchdown with 1:08 left in the final period.

"Rory (Dukes) picked for me and they all followed him and left me open," Oliphint said following the game.

"We didn't use that play too much in the game," Shillings said, "but Coach (Larry) Kramer made a great call—(on the touchdown). He said it would be open and Clay did a great job of sticking it in there (the end zone). I was confident we'd score."

AC's four previous scoring threats had ended with two interceptions, an incomplete pass on fourth down, and a Shillings fumble. Despite the obvious frustration, however, he knew the defense would give the 'Roo's offense another chance to score — and it did.

Stunned by the prospect of the first loss of the season following Oliphint's winning catch, Sul Ross quarterback Larry Hill moved the Lobos an amazing 53 yards in 62 seconds following the kickoff to momentarily shut down AC's early celebration. The San Antonio junior riddled the 'Roo's' secondary for completions of 25, 10, and 28 yards on the last-chance drive to give the Lobos a first down at the 17 with 45 seconds left.

Hill missed three straight passes from there, however, bringing on placekicker Mitch Pritchett for a 37-yard field goal attempt against the stiff wind. Pritchett had plenty of distance but the ball drifted to the left with six seconds left — ending Sul Ross dreams of a perfect season.

Following the game, a dazed Kramer said they decided to let the Lobos have the wind in the third quarter, giving the 'Roo's that advantage in the final quarter.

Neither offense scored against the wind during the game.

AC scored on two of its first three possessions of the game with the wind, utilizing excellent field position which gave the 'Roo's first downs on the Lobo 36 and 39 following short punts.

Fullback David Simmons and tailback Greg Garrison popped for five and six-yard gains to move AC to the 19 before Gene Branum kicked a 37-yard field goal at 11:09.

Garrison set up another Branum field goal attempt with a 15-yard scamper on a second down draw play, but this time the All-American kicker's 42-yard attempt was low.

Sophomore AC linebacker David Bowen gave early indications the game was going to be a runaway when he pounced on a Larry Hill fumble at the Lobo 11-yard line. Successive dive plays by Garrison and Ricky Turner gave AC a quick first down on the one and Shillings took it in himself, giving the 'Roo's a 10-0 lead at 3:22 following Branum's extra point kick.

The game was just the second this year for Turner, who is coming off knee surgery of last May. "It (the knee) is about 97 percent well. Last week it felt better than today, but I just wanted to do whatever to look to win," the senior said. "It's very possible both teams (AC and Sul Ross) could go to the playoffs."

The Lobos scored in the second quarter after linebacker Chris Zavala recovered an AC fumble on the 'Roo's 18. Hill found Maurice Stephens wide open on the 5-yard line and the freshman danced in for a 13-yard touchdown reception.

Trailing 10-7 in the third quarter, Sul Ross punched in an easy go-ahead score at 8:41 after Henry Paige weaved through AC's punt return coverage for 58 yards to the one. Lobo fullback Andrew Hill, 210, punched it in for the touchdown on the next play from scrimmage.

The game was the No. 6 Lobos' first loss of the season, throwing a serious kink in that school's undisputed bid for a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics playoff berth.

AC and Sul Ross, both 6-1, are now tied atop the Texas Intercollegiate Athletics Association heap with three games remaining.

The 'Roo's travel to Tarleton State next Saturday.

AC	10	0	0	7	-17
Sul Ross	0	7	7	0	-14
AC — Gene Branum 37 field goal					
AC — Larry Shillings 1 run (Branum kick)					
SUL — Maurice Stephens 13 pass from Larry Hill (Mitch Pritchett kick)					
SUL — Andrew Hill 1 run (Pritchett kick)					
AC — Clay Oliphint 22 pass from Shillings (Branum kick)					

Stats	AC	Sul Ross
First downs	10	12
Rushes-Yards	53-110	40-49
Passing yards	124	139
Passes	10-23-2	10-27-0
Punts	6-35.6	4-32.7
Fumbles-lost	3-2	2-1
Penalties	7-68	9-73

#### Individual Stats

**RUSHING** — Austin College, David Simmons 11-45, Greg Garrison 10-40, Van Hargis 4-17, Ricky Turner 11-21. Sul Ross, Joey Caceres 21-69, Michael Williams 10-31, Andrew Hill 2-2, Larry Hill 17-53.

**PASSING** — Austin College, Shillings 10-23-124-2, Sul Ross, Hill 10-27-139-0.

**RECEIVING** — Austin College, C. Oliphint 5-72, Rory Dukes 2-29, Garrison 2-13, Turner 1-9. Sul Ross, Henry Thompson 3-34, Stephens 2-41.



Hargis hops

Austin College tailback Van Hargis flips through Sul Ross defense in the 'Roo's 17-14 victory over the Lobos Saturday at Sherman's Calder Stadium. The teams are now 6-1 and tied for the Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association lead. (AC photo)

# AC advances to No. 9

by JEFF FINCHER

After seven games of scrapping its way up the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics ladder, Austin College finally broke into the Top 10-Division II rankings this week on the strength of their 17-14 ousting of Sul Ross Saturday.

The Kangaroos are presently No. 9 while the Lobos dropped down to No. 13.

Despite the new ranking, however, AC would find itself absent from the post season playoffs if they were selected today.

The NAIA playoff system decrees that the top ranked team from each of four geographical regions is automatically selected for the playoffs (providing they are ranked in the top 12) and the next four highest-ranked teams, regardless of geographic area, complete the eight-man field.

AC is situated in Area 2 along with No. 6 Panhandle State of Oklahoma. Presently ranked No. 9, the 'Roo's are short one place of a playoff spot with eight higher teams already there including Area 2's representative Panhandle, No. 11 ranked Baker, Kan. has a 6-1 record and is in Area 2.

With three conference games remaining, AC's playoff hopes rest on two

two points: (1) they must win their final three games and (2) another higher ranked team must drop below them in the rankings.

AC coach Larry Kramer is presently more caught up in preparing for Saturday's clash with Tarleton State in Stephenville, however, than entertaining thoughts of the playoffs.

The Texans carry a 5-2 record into the game and are the only conference team who still has a shot of overtaking AC and Sul Ross. Tarleton has one game remaining with both AC and Sul Ross.

"I hope that we've come down from the Sul Ross game," Kramer said Wednesday, "because I'm sure they (Tarleton) remember the score from the last one."

The 'Roo's destroyed the Texans 30-7 in Sherman at their first meeting.

"That score wasn't indicative of the kind of game it was and this one is obviously going to be a big one."

Complicating AC's situation this week are injuries to three Roo starters from the Sul Ross game. Left guard Don Parnell will be absent this week from the young offensive line with a strained knee and will be replaced by junior Eddie Shuttlesworth. Freshman line-

backer Forrest Wylie also suffered a strained knee in the homecoming game and will be replaced this week by sophomore Don Tafelski.

Rounding out the Roo's injury list is starting tailback Greg Garrison who has missed practices this week with chest congestion and Kramer lists him as a questionable starter for Saturday. Fortunately AC has plenty of quality depth at that spot in Van Hargis and Rickey Turner.

A worried Kramer also points to a sub-par week of practices as a major concern.

"It reminds of the Lubbock Christian thing all over again," Kramer said. "There's just so many things that could happen that we'd just be happy with a win. Our offense has to get cranked up, I'm concerned about not scoring the points. We'll just stay with what we've been doing and do it better, though."

Tarleton's major offensive weapon will be conference rushing leader Ricky Bush (907 yards, six touchdowns, and a 5.2 yards per carry average). AC's defense shut down Bush in their first meeting, holding him to just five yards on ten carries — far and away his weakest showing of the season.

## Beat up Hogs prep for Rice

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP)—Arkansas has one quarterback sidelined with a sprained knee and another out with the flu.

Coach Lou Holtz, said after Wednesday's workout that he was worried about his team's physical ability to play the Rice Owls, Arkansas' Southwest Conference foe Saturday.

Starting quarterback Tom Jones, who injured his knee last week against Houston, won't make the trip to Houston for the Rice game, Holtz said.

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## **Austin College 30, TS 21**

**STEPHENVILLE, Texas**  
**(AP) — Austin College quar-**  
**terback Larry Shillings threw**  
**for 195 yards and three touch-**  
**downs Saturday as the**  
**Kangaroos beat Tarleton State**  
**30-21.**

**Austin now is 7-1. The Tarleton**  
**Texans are 5-3. ,**

# AC's Luper paces 30-21 victory

STEPHENVILLE — All-American Austin College safety Chris Luper set a Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association record by intercepting three passes to lead the 'Roos to a 30-21 victory over Tarleton State University here Saturday.

Luper's first interception set up AC's initial touchdown of the game as he lateralled the ball to Kenny Kirby who quickly raced down to the Texans' 10-yard line.

Senior quarterback Larry Shillings nailed wide receiver Russ Roden with a 10-yard touchdown pass on the first play to give AC a quick 7-0 lead after the Tarleton turnover.

AC's next ten points were also set up by Tarleton turnovers as Les Garcia recovered a loose ball on the Texan 10 following an AC punt, which set up a 20-yard field goal by Gene Branum, and Don Tafelski also recovered a Tarleton fumble in

the second quarter to set up a 32-yard scoring strike from Shillings to Roden again.

Tarleton managed three points in the first half on a 25-yard field goal by kicker David Creek in the second quarter.

AC fullback David Simmons led the 'Roos in rushing with 51 yards on nine carries and also capped a 7-play, 62-yard scoring drive at 1:06 in the third quarter with a three-yard plunge.

A Shillings-to-Oliphint pass for 36 yards helped set up the touchdown.

The 'Roos rushed for only 36 yards on 47 carries against the tough Texan defense which frequently sacked Shillings, leaving the senior with minus 46 yards rushing for the day.

AC split end Clay Oliphint continued to dominate TIAA airways as

the St. Marks senior nabbed eight passes for 75 yards.

The TIAA's leading rusher Rickey Bush also had a lucrative afternoon, rushing for 141 yards including one 8-yard touchdown run.

The Texans rallied for 42 points in the final quarter as Bayless connected with Floyd Beasley for a 43-yard scoring strike and Darrell Piske with a 30-yard touchdown toss.

Luper halted another Tarleton scoring drive with a fourth quarter interception on the Texan 42.

AC's Dyke McMahan had ten tackles, including seven solos.

Luper also had 10 solo tackles in the game.

The 'Roos, now 7-1, host Trinity Saturday at Calder Stadium in Sherman.

Kickoff time is 2 p.m.

Tarleton	0	3	6	12	—21
Austin College	10	7	6	7	—30
AC — Russ Roden	10	pass	Larry Shillings		
(Branum kick)					
AC — Branum	20	field goal			
TAR — David Creek	25	field goal			
AC — Roden	12	pass	Shillings (Branum kick)		
TAR — Rickey Bush	8	run	(kick failed)		
AC — David Simmons	3	run	(kick failed)		
TAR — Floyd Beasley	43	pass	Bill Bayless (kick failed)		
AC — Clay Oliphint	17	pass	Shillings (Branum kick)		
TAR — Darrell Piske	30	pass	Bayless (pass failed)		

Stats	Austin College	Tarleton
First downs	13	17
Rushes-Yards	47-36	37-150
Passing yards	195	203
Passes	16-31-3	13-36-4
Punts	10-43-3	9-34-4
Fumbles-lost	0-0	4-2
Penalties	4-43	6-36

#### Individual Stats

RUSHING — Austin College, Simmons 9-51, Bobby Fowler 8-21, Tarleton, Bush 30-141.  
 PASSING — Austin College, Shillings 16-31-195-3, Tarleton, Bayless 13-34-203-3.  
 RECEIVING — Austin College, Oliphint 8-76, Roden 4-75, Tarleton, Beasley 4-73, Wade Wilson 2-31.

# Upsets pave way for Austin's No. 7 rank

by JEFF FINCHER

Austin College moved to the No. 7 spot this week in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division II poll, giving the 'Roos their highest national ranking of the season and virtually assuring them of a place in the post-season playoffs — barring a loss in the final two games.

AC moved up, with a little help from Anderson of Indiana and Missouri Valley of Missouri, previously No. 3 and 8 respectively in the nation, who both suffered losses last week. Previously unbeaten Anderson fell to No. 10 with Missouri Valley falling to No. 17.

Despite their rise in the rankings, however, AC is trying to keep the celebrations to a minimum. "Right now it doesn't excite us that much," head 'Roo coach Larry Kramer said Wednesday. "It's something that's nice for the next couple of days but we've got to forget about it come Saturday."

The 7-1 'Roos host Trinity University Saturday at Calder Stadium. Kickoff is 2 p.m.

Escaping last week with a nine-point victory over Tarleton State in Stephenville, 30-21, the 'Roos were pressured by a fired up Texans team that sacked quarterback Larry Shillings 10 times for minus 46 yards. AC embarrassed Tarleton 50-7 in their first meeting and Kramer thinks the revenge factor had a lot to do with their renewed intensity.

"That's the tough thing about playing everybody twice. And that's obvious

in the way the scores are the second time around. They're emotionally up and better prepared for us the second time around.

"Tarleton whipped us more than once or twice (Saturday). But we made an adjustment at halftime there to give our tackles some help. They got up for us and were emotionally ready — they didn't like what we did to them up here," he said.

The 21 points given up

by the AC defense was the most allowed all season by the normally stingy 'Roos. Still, they continue to lead the conference in total defense, scoring defense, and rushing defense.

All-American safety Chris Luper, from Denison, has played a relatively quiet role in the defense until Saturday when he ripped Tarleton's passing game, picking off three interceptions and setting a Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association record in the process. Kramer quickly pointed out that Luper is the leading tackler on the team and has been a leader from his free safety position all season.

"Luper played a great game. It was one of the best games I've ever seen him play," Kramer said of the four-year starter. "He made the tackles at the right time and was always around the football. Two of his interceptions set up scores."

The 'Roos have suffered another injury setback late in the season as Tom Bean fullback David Simmons suffered an abdom-

inal muscle strain in the Saturday game. Kramer lists him as doubtful for this week's game and expects Stu Oliphint to see considerable duty at the fullback spot.

Linebacker Randy Sims also twisted an ankle Tuesday in practice and won't play this week along with Larry Fedora who bruised a kidney Wednesday diving for a loose ball.

"We're just keeping our fingers crossed," Kramer said.

## Sherman gets Kimball, White

For those who thought facing Irving, Highland Park and Plano on the road for three straight weeks was tough, guess who the Sherman Bearcats meet the first five weeks of the 1981-82 season.

Thanks to the UIL putting Sherman in one of four six-team Class 5 districts in the state, the Bearcats went to District 11 to find some worthy opponents for the fourth and fifth

weeks. They're Kimball and W.T. White, who combined post a 15-2 record this season.

The dates and sites haven't been set for those two games, but the rest of the schedule is complete including a home game with Plano at Bearcat Stadium.

"I told 'em we wouldn't play them again unless it was home-and-home," Sherman athletic director Kent Lashley said.



# Shillings shines as Austin bombards Trinity, 42-20

By Luke Johnson

Special to The News

SHERMAN, Texas — Austin College quarterback Larry Shillings closed out his home-field career Saturday on a high note, completing 20 of 29 passes for 374 yards and four touchdowns to lead the Kangaroos past Trinity University, 42-20.

Shillings tossed scoring passes to split end Clay Oliphant and three times to wide receiver Rory Dukes. Dukes had five receptions for 153 yards and Oliphant pulled in seven for 128 yards.

Trinity's Chise Nicholson led all receivers as he tied the TIAA reception record held by Austin's Dick Hill, hauling in 15 of quarterback Doug Kohnke's passes for 183 yards and a touchdown.

"We felt our passing game could be successful against Trinity and we worked on it all week," Shillings said. "Rory was open today on single coverage because in our other games we've hit Clay on a lot of curl routes and quick outs and Trinity was double-covering him."

"Rory ran some great routes today and with his speed it's nearly impossible for a defense to cover him one-on-one," said Shillings.

Trinity opened the scoring with a balanced ground and air attack that moved to the Austin 32. From there, Kohnke found Richard Williams open at the goal line for a touchdown.

AC moved in front to stay in the second quarter on a 5-play, 68-yard drive that began with a 27-yard scamper by sophomore tailback Greg Garrison who then put together back-to-back 3-yard rushes. An offside penalty moved the Kangaroos to the Tigers' 32 and Oliphant who pulled in a Shillings pass that was deflected by defensive back Mark Hoarak.

Two plays later, AC was back on the scoreboard following a Kohnke fumble at his own 18. Dukes worked his way open in the end zone for the score.

On their next possession, the

Tigers moved to the AC 18, but the drive died at the 21 after Kohnke was run out of bounds and the Kangaroos marched 79 yds in 6 plays. Shillings moved the ball to the 43 on a 24-yard scoring pass to freshman Van Hargis, then drove the Kangaroos into scoring territory with a 25-yard pass to Dukes.

A pass-interference penalty gave the Kangaroos first and goal at the two and Ricky Turner scored from there to make the score 21-6 at half-time.

Dukes got his second touchdown in the third period, culminating a 5-play scoring drive. A 30-yard Shillings-to-Oliphant completion set the Kangaroos up at Trinity's 25 and two plays later, Dukes got free at the flag in the right corner of the end zone for a touchdown.

Kohnke attempted to rally his team and moved the Tigers to the AC 26 before Kenny Kirby intercepted a pass intended for Nicholson and ran it back 80 yards for a score. Kirby's score was tarnished when his taunting of a trailing Trinity player drew a 15-yard unsportsmanlike conduct penalty on the ensuing kickoff.

The Tigers took advantage of the gift to put together a 12-play 67-yard effort. Alan Rousseau got the score from one yard out, but the 2-point conversion attempt failed, leaving the Kangaroos in front, 35-12.

## Austin College 42, Trinity 20

Trinity . . . . . 0 0 0 0-00  
Austin College . . . . . 21 14 7-02  
T—Richard Williams 26 pass from Doug Kohnke (Dick Hill) kick  
AC—Cee Glenel 22 pass from Larry Shillings (Gene Brannum kick)  
AC—Rory Dukes 18 pass from Shillings (Brannum kick)  
AC—Ricky Turner 2 run (Brannum kick)  
AC—Dukes 26 pass from Shillings (Brannum kick)  
AC—Kenny Kirby 80 punt return (Brannum kick)  
T—Alan Rousseau 1 run (pass failed)  
T—Chise Nicholson 7 pass from Kohnke (Alan Fowler run)  
AC—Dukes 41 pass from Shillings (Brannum kick)

	Tri	AC
First downs . . . . .	16	24
Rushes-yards . . . . .	41-122	25-155
Passing yards . . . . .	278	124
Passes . . . . .	25-29-1	25-29-1
Punts . . . . .	3-41.7	3-26.7
Fumbles-lost . . . . .	1-1	2-2
Penalties-yards . . . . .	3-29	15-114

## INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING—AC, Hargis 28-183, Trin, Kohnke 18-117.  
PASSING—AC, Shillings 20-29-1-274, Trin, Kohnke 25-29-1-278.  
RECEIVING—AC, 1-152, JTD, Trin, Nicholson 15-183, 1 TD.

# Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association

	W	L	T	Pct.	PP	PA
Sul Ross	8	1	0	.888	268	104
Austin College	8	1	0	.888	248	112
Tarleton	5	4	0	.555	174	196
McMurry	3	6	0	.333	135	176
Trinity	2	7	0	.222	149	224
Lubbock Christian	1	8	0	.111	81	221

## LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Sul Ross 30, Tarleton 17

Austin College 42, Trinity 20

Lubbock Christian 13, McMurry 7

## THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Lubbock Christian at Tarleton, 2;  
 Austin College at McMurry, 2; Sul Ross at  
 Trinity, 7:30 p.m.



### *Dukes jukes*

Austin College wide receiver Rory Dukes takes off for his third touchdown of the day against Trinity in the 'Roos' 42-20 victory over the Tigers Saturday in Sherman. (AC photo)

# 'Roos bounce Trinity, 42-20

by JEFF FINCHER

The Kangaroos' touchy aerial offense finally found itself in the second quarter and blew the lid off Trinity University with 21 points as No. 7 Austin College continued its drive for a playoff bid, ripping the Tigers 42-20 here Saturday.

Larry Shillings, the TIAA player of the year in 1980, led an offense that rolled up 529 yards in total offense, including 374 yards passing by the AC quarterback, against a Tiger secondary that couldn't make up its mind who should get double coverage.

Senior slot back Rory Dukes burned Trinity for three touchdown catches on five grabs for 153 yards. "Their coverage was different than what we've seen in the past," he said. "Clay (Oliphint) was getting double coverage, which gave me single (coverage) — leaving me wide open. Plus our running game is a lot better."

Complementing the aerial show of Shillings, Dukes and company was a solid running attack which saw eight different AC runners accumulate 155 yards on 35 carries. Senior tailback Van Hargis picked and weaved his way for 80 yards on 10 trips, leading all runners behind an offensive line which seemed to have its way most of the day.

Almost overshadowed by AC's offensive antics was a conference tying 15-reception performance by Trinity wide receiver Chise Nicholson. The Gainesville senior picked up 183 yards and a 7-yard touchdown from quarterback Doug Kohnke, mostly on short to medium sideline routes.

Kohnke had trouble setting up to throw most of the afternoon in the Tiger pocket, however, with 'Roos

defensive linemen Larry Hickman, Rex Baker and Ed Holt applying enough pressure to sack him three times for 22 yards and force three interceptions — one an 80-yard interception return by cornerback Kenny Kirby for a touchdown well after the game had been decided.

Kirby's sideline snare and subsequent dance down the sideline earned him a 15-yard unsportsmanlike conduct penalty on the ensuing kickoff for waving the ball at trailing Tigers in his wake.

Sophomore defensive tackle Baker got to Kohnke for two quarterback sacks in addition to two other solo tackles, but he was reluctant to praise the play of the defensive line.

"The quarterback (Kohnke) was scrambling all over us and we gave up a lot of yardage. We just tried to line up and whip them," he said.

After Kohnke hit Richard Williams with a 26-yard touchdown pass at 2:09 in the first quarter and the subsequent kick failed, AC began its second quarter scoring blitz. Clay Oliphint grabbed a tipped pass from Shillings (by way of Tiger defensive back Mark 'ormak) for 32 yards and the first touchdown at 8:30. All-American kicker Gene Branum booted the extra point, giving the 'Roos a 7-6 lead.

Shillings also threw scoring strikes of 18, 30, and 41 yards to Dukes to complete his four-touchdown passing day. Tailback Rickey Turner capped a 79-yard AC drive in the second quarter with a two-yard scoring dive.

The Tigers' second score came at 2:21 in the third quarter on a one-yard run by Alan Russeau, narrowing AC's margin to 35-12 at that point. Nicholson's 7-yard touchdown grab from Kohnke came with 6:14

left in the final period and was followed by a 2-point run by Allen Fowler to give the Tigers momentary illusions of overcoming AC, trailing 35-20 after that score.

A Trinity onside kick attempt was booted straight into the arms of Clay Oliphint at the AC 47, however. Shillings completed a 10-yard pass to Hargis on first, down before Hargis ran for three on the next play. Shillings was chased out of his pocket on a straight drop-back pass on first down at Trinity's 41 and after scrambling to the sideline and back again, located Dukes open over the middle for the final touchdown.

Austin College, now 8-1 for the season, travels to Abilene Saturday to meet McMurry College in the regular season finale.

- AC 9 21 14 7-42
- Trinity 6 0 6 8-20
- T — Richard Williams 28 pass Doug Kohnke (kick failed)
- AC — Clay Oliphint 32 pass Larry Shillings (Gene Branum kick)
- AC — Rory Dukes 16 pass Shillings (Branum kick)
- AC — Rickey Turner 3 run (Branum kick)
- AC — Dukes 36 pass Shillings (Branum kick)
- AC — Kenny Kirby 90 interception return (Branum kick)
- T — Alan Russeau 1 run (pass failed)
- T — Chise Nicholson 7 pass Kohnke (Fowler run)
- AC — Dukes 41 pass Shillings (Branum kick)

Stats	Trinity	AC
First downs	16	24
Rushes-Yards	41-127	35-155
Passing-Yards	278	374
Passes	20-37-3	20-29-1
Punts	3-41-7	3-26-7
Fumbles-lost	1-1	2-0
Penalties	3-39	10-111

**Individual Stats**  
**RUSHING** — Austin College, Hargis 18-80, Garrison 7-41, Henderson 3-22, Turner 3-29, Trinity, Kohnke 18-37, Fowler 11-24, Russeau 10-33.  
**PASSING** — Austin College, Shillings 20-26-274-1, Trinity, Kohnke 20-26-273-1.  
**RECEIVING** — Austin College, Oliphint 7-128, Dukes 5-153, Hargis 3-24, Trinity, Nicholson 15-183, Williams 2-43, Darnell 2-40.

# No. 6 Austin College ready for playoff clincher

by JEFF FINCHER

Austin College moved into a tie for No. 6 in the Division II polls in the last week of regular season play, virtually assuring the 8-1 'Roos of a playoff berth if they can notch a victory over McMurry College Saturday.

AC kicks off against the Indians at 2 p.m. in Abilene.

Should AC gain a playoff bid, that first round game would be played Nov. 21. The opponent and game site will not be determined until after Saturday's game.

McMurry dashed AC playoff hopes last season in a wild regular season

finale, edging the 'Roos 47-39 to capture the conference championship and earn a playoff bid, but this week's game is not likely to feature that kind of offensive explosion.

Senior Indian quarterback Mark Cox smoked AC's secondary for six touchdowns and 351 yards passing in his final regular season performance, but he won't be on the field this week to help a struggling McMurry team.

This season the 'Roos have won seven straight since their 17-14 loss to Sul Ross Sept. 19 in Alpine and coach Larry Kramer is faced with a watered down version of the Mc-

Murry team that AC beat 30-7 in October.

The disappointing Indians have taken a nose dive in the last half of the season, breaking Lubbock Christian College's 25-game losing streak last week with a 13-7 loss to the Chaps, due to the absence of six starters.

Five were dismissed from the team two weeks ago by McMurry coach Spud Aldridge for "disciplinary reasons" and starting quarterback Ricky Sells quit the team two days prior to that incident.

Despite an obviously weakened Indian squad, Kramer stands steadfast

on his season-long maxim of looking no further than the next Saturday.

"This week I've talked to the team about what we have to do, and I'm not real concerned with what McMurry is doing. The only game we lost all year we beat ourselves (against Sul Ross) — we have to respect McMurry.

Senior 'Roos signal caller Larry Shillings doesn't look for the Indians to lay down against AC, either — with or without key starters.

"I'm not sure how McMurry will react. They've always been one of the top



teams in the conference and I feel that they'll be ready," Shillings said.

McMurry's lone offensive threat is senior running back Dudley Woodard, the conference's second leading rusher

with 936 yards and a sharp 5.3 yards per carry average.

The 'Roos defense has constantly shut down the TIAA's best runners this season, holding Woodard to a scant 39 yards on 15 carries in AC's 30-7 win in Sherman.

Defensive tackle Larry Hickman, a four year starter for the 'Roos, anchors that defensive line which has given up just 72.2 yards rushing per game and is looking to put the clamps to Woodard in their final regular season outing.

Frisco sophomore Jim

Vice, AC's backup quarterback and holder for kicks, suffered a broken toe this week off the field, putting senior-wide receiver Rory Dukes into service to hold for kicker Gene Branum on field goals and extra points. Vice will be out for at least one week.

The 'Roos defensive alignment should see two changes against McMur-

ry. Sherman sophomore Mark Richards will start at outside linebacker in place of Don Tafelski, and junior Les Garcia is slated to start at cornerback for Darrell Belcher.

Kramer also expects Tom Bean senior David Simmons to be back at his starting fullback spot after a week's absence with a pulled stomach muscle.

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# 'Roos need win to clinch playoff

by JEFF FINCHER

The McMurry Indians, conference champions last season following their 47-39 victory over Austin College in the last game of the regular season, have no dreams of equalling that classic game with the rival 'Roos this time around.

Kickoff time for the game is 2 p.m. Saturday in Abilene.

The 3-6 Indians are just trying to get through this final game as quickly and painlessly as possible, says McMurry head coach Spud Aldridge.

"We're just counting the hours and minutes left this year — not the days," said Aldridge Wednesday in a phone interview.

"We're struggling now — just going through the motions," he said in the aftermath of a mass house

cleaning in Abilene which saw five starters kicked off the team by Aldridge two days after starting quarterback Ricky Sells decided to leave the team.

He said the two incidents were unrelated.

McMurry's latest vacancy was created last week when linebacker Gary McAdams pinched a nerve in his neck, making him the fourth defensive starter to be out of action for one reason or another.

Outside linebacker Armando Morales, defensive tackle Bryan Mirau, and cornerback David Spencer were dismissed from the team along with the conference' third leading runner — fullback Lester Lavalais — and wide receiver Brad Woods. Two other non-starters were also dismissed.

The Indians showed immediate proof of their new-found lack of talent last week, dropping a 13-7 decision to Lubbock Christian College to end the Chaps' national acclaimed 25-game losing streak.

Aldridge remarked LCC should have scored two more touchdowns "but they stumbled around", despite amassing a season-high 387 yards total offense against the thin Indians.

The business at hand for the No. 6 nationally-ranked Kangaroos, 8-1, is closing out the regular season with a victory, a virtually assuring the 'Roos of their second playoff appearance in three years.

The playoff pairings will be released Sunday at noon.

The NAIA takes the top 12 teams in the nation into consideration for the playoffs with the top ranked teams from each of the respective regions gaining bids.

In this week's rankings, the respective leaders in each of the regions are Pacific Lutheran (Wash.), Panhandle State (Okla.), William Jewell (Mo) and Westminster (Pa).

The NAIA presents bids to the next four teams regardless of their area.

Austin College athletic director Dr. Bob Mason said if all the ranked teams win he expects the matchups to be: Pacific Lutheran vs Dickinson (ND), Panhandle vs Austin College, William Jewell vs Concordia (Minn) and Westminster vs Anderson (Ind).

Although McMurry doesn't have much to boast about going into their final game with a 3-6 record, Indian fullback Dudley Woodard is closing in on a 1,000-yard season in his final collegiate game.

"He's got a great attitude about all this," Aldridge said. "He's just an outstanding player. When all of this (player dismissals) happened, he came to me and said 'just put me on all those specialty teams, coach.'"

McMurry will start five freshmen on defense and three on offense, including two freshmen — Darrel Harris and Paris Watson — who Aldridge plans to shuttle.

# Austin College wins, gains NAIA playoffs

By Rich Dymond  
Special to The News

ABILENE — Seconds after Austin College defeated downtrodden McMurry College, 26-13, Saturday afternoon to wrap up a share of the 1981 Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association title and a trip to the NAIA Division II playoffs, the Kangaroos lifted coach Larry Kramer into the air and carried him to the center of the field on their shoulders.

"This feels great," yelled quarterback Larry Shillings, who passed for one touchdown and ran for another for the Kangaroos (9-1). "We went to the playoffs before (two years ago Austin lost in the first round to Bethany, Kan., 35-24), but now we are more experienced. We feel we can go all the way."

Austin College, which likes to refer to itself as the Big Bad Bunch From Sherman, led 23-7 at halftime against the 3-7 Indians, but could manage only a 25-yard field goal by Gene Branum in the second half.

The Kangaroos, who lost to McMurry last year, 47-39, in a game that decided the outright TIAA title, tied the game at 7-7 on a 1-yard run by Shillings in the first quarter. Branum tacked on a 37-yard field goal as the first quarter closed to put the Kangaroos ahead, 10-7.

Shillings threw a 25-yard touchdown pass to

wide receiver Clay Oliphint early in the second quarter to give the Kangaroos a 17-3 lead. Rickey Turner later burst over from the one and Austin had a 23-7 advantage at halftime.

After the Kangaroos had swarmed into their dressing room at game's end, McMurry coach Spud Aldridge asked Kramer if he could speak to the winning team. In an unusual scene, Aldridge addressed the kneeling Austin College players,

telling them he hoped they would go on to win the NAIA championship.

"Three teams from this conference have gone to the first round of the playoffs, only to stumble," Aldridge said. "We did last year, Tarleton did one year and you all fell two years ago. But now you know what it's like, and it'll be much easier."

## Tarleton whips Lubbock, 26-0

Associated Press

STEPHENVILLE, Texas — Rickey Bush rambled for 144 yards and scored two touchdowns Saturday as Tarleton State whipped Lubbock Christian, 26-0, in a Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association football game.

Quarterback Bill Bayless lofted two touchdown passes, 34 yards to Bush and 18 yards to Floyd Beasley, and Kevin Petty kicked two 27-yard field goals.

Tarleton's defense sacked the Lubbock Christian quarterback six times for 57 yards in losses and

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held Lubbock Christian to a minus 10 yards rushing and 111 total yards.

Tarleton finished the season with a 6-4 record, Lubbock Christian fell to 1-9.

### Sul Ross 48, Trinity 0

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — Andrew Hill ran for three touchdowns and quarterback Larry Hill tossed for two more to guide Sul Ross past Trinity University.

### Austin College 26, McMurry 13

Austin Col. . . . 10 13 0 3-26  
McMurry . . . . . 7 0 0 6-13

AC—Larry Shillings 1 run (Gene Branum kick)  
M—John Hendrix 3 run (David Lynn kick)

AC—Branum 37 FG  
AC—Shillings 25 pass to Clay Oliphint (Branum kick)

AC—Rickey Turner 1 run (kick failed)  
M—Dudley Woodard 36 run (run failed)

AC—Branum 25 FG	AC	CM
First downs . . . . .	19	12
Rushes-yards . . . . .	41-141	55-262
Passing yards . . . . .	174	-3
Passes . . . . .	12-25-0	1-7-2
Punts . . . . .	6-44	5-39.8
Fumbles-lost . . . . .	3-1	1-1
Penalties-yards . . . . .	6-72	8-83

#### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING—AC, Rickey Turner 14-69, McMurry, Dudley Woodard 13-147

PASSER—AC, Larry Shillings 25-42-174, 1 TD, McMurry, Paris Watson 0-4-1-0

RECEIVER—AC, Clay Oliphint 3-49, 1 TD

# Austin College wins; awaits bid

ABILENE — Austin College clinched their second consecutive co-championship title plus a probable playoff invitation from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, defeating McMurry College, 26-13, Saturday behind a 23-point first half effort.

NAIA playoff bids are expected to be announced Sunday afternoon.

Senior AC quarterback Larry Shillings set two conference records and tied another, in his final regular season college game.

The 'Roo quarterback completed 12 of 25 passes for 174 yards and one touchdown, giving him the TIAA record for most completions in a season — 149, and the most passing yards in a season — 1,981. He also tied his own conference touchdown pass record of 17 which he set last year.

Conference pass reception leader Clay Oliphant caught three passes for 49 yards and one touchdown, giving him 51 catches for the season.

## NAIA scores

1. Pacific Lutheran, no score
2. Panhandle, no score
3. William Jewell, 38, Culver-Stockton 12
4. Westminster 30, Thiel 21
5. Dickinson, no score
6. Austin College 26, McMurry 13
7. Concordia 17, Gustav Adolphus 3
8. Anderson 28, Hanover 23

The 'Roos, now 9-1 in regular season, scored 23 unanswered points in the first half after McMurry popped out to an early 7-0 lead.

Shillings scored AC's first touchdown, running over from one yard out to tie the game 7-7 in the opening period.

All-American kicker Gene Branam booted a 37-yard field goal on another AC drive to give the 'Roos a 10-7 lead, an advantage they never gave up.

Shillings' only touchdown pass against the Indians was a 25-yard scoring dart to Oliphant in the second quarter which extended AC's lead to 17-7.

Tailback Rickey Turner, the Kangaroos' leading rusher in the game with 69 yards, scored their last touchdown on a 1-yard run before the half to give them a 23-7 advantage. Branam's extra point try was wide.

AC's offense was halted by a stubborn McMurry defense in the third quarter as neither team was able to score.

The 'Roos mounted an impressive 16-play, 78-yard drive in the final period, however, which used up 8:38 of the clock, giving AC a first-and goal at McMurry's one.

A bobbled pitch from Shillings to tailback Van Hargis on first down resulted in the 'Roos losing seven yards back to the eight-yard line. Branam successfully kicked a 25-yard field goal on fourth down.

The Indians' final points came on a 36-yard touchdown run by 1,000-yard rusher Dudley Woodard who picked up 147 yards on 13 carries, giving him 1,096 in his final collegiate season. Woodard also gained over 1,000 yards last season for McMurry.

Defensive tackle Larry Hickman paced a tough AC defense with 14 tackles including 11 solos. All-American safety Chris Lupér and linebacker Jeff Robbins each added 11 tackles. Robbins also had one interception.

Sherman sophomore Mark Richards was also impressive in his first start for AC with 11 tackles, including two for losses.

McMurry	7	0	0	6	-13
Austin	10	13	0	3	-26

M — Hendrix 3 run (Lynn kick)  
AC — Shillings 1 run (Branam kick)  
AC — Branam 37 field goal  
AC — C. Oliphant 25 pass (Branam kick)  
AC — Turner 1 run (kick failed)  
M — Woodard 36 run (run failed)  
AC — Branam 25 field goal

	Austin	McM
Stats	19	12
First downs	41-14	59-262
Rushes-yards	174	-3
Passing yards	12-25	1-0
Plays	6-44	5-30-8
Fumbles-loss	3-1	1-1
Penalties	6-72	5-83

### Individual Stats

RUSHING — Austin, Turner 14-69, Shillings 10-48, McMurry 13-147, King 8-50.

PASSING — Austin, Shillings 12-25-174-0, McMurry, Watson 1-7-3-2.

RECEIVING — Austin, Oliphant 3-49, Turner 3-54.



# Kangaroos in playoffs

## AC draws Panhandle

Austin College is back in the playoffs.

For the second time in the last three years and only twice in the school's history, the Austin College Kangaroos have been invited to play in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics' Division II football playoffs.

The No. 6 nationally ranked 'Roos will travel 430 miles to Goodwell, Okla. to meet the Panhandle State Aggies at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Wooten Field.

The other semifinal playoff matchups have defending national champion Pacific Lutheran pitted against William Jewell at Liberty, Mo.; Anderson, Ind. versus Westminster at New Wilmington, Pa. and Dickinson versus Concordia at Morehead, Minn.

Austin College wrapped up the bid with a 26-13 victory over rival McMurry Saturday in Abilene while Panhandle State defeated Langston, 24-0, to improve its record to 8-0.

Panhandle has been beaten once this season but was awarded a forfeit victory against Southwestern, Okla. because Southwestern used some ineligible players.

The Kangaroos, 9-1, with their only loss to Sul Ross State, moved to an undisputed No. 6 ranking in the final regular season poll by sweeping two games over McMurry for the first time since the Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association was formed in 1976.

The 'Roos share their conference title with Sul Ross, who finished up its season with an impressive 48-0 win over Trinity. This

year's crown marks the third straight championship for the Kangaroos, who won the title outright in 1979 and were co-champs with McMurry last year.

Panhandle State is No. 5 in the nation.

"We're real pleased," Austin College athletic director Bob Mason said. "We were thinking it would be Panhandle State or William Jewell. It came down right to the end. Our goal now is to get one step closer.

"This is a different type of team because they've been there before," he said.

Thirteen Kangaroos off this year's squad were on the playoff team of two years ago which lost 35-24 to No. 1 ranked Bethany, Kan. in a game AC led 17-0 in the first half.

The key returners are record-breaking quarterback Larry Shillings, who has guided the Kangaroos to 26 victories in 31 starts and two playoff bids since transferring to AC three years ago; wide receivers Clay Oliphant and Rory Dukes; safety Chris Luper and tackle Larry Hickman.

Other returners who were on the '79 team are Jimmy Curry, Arlington senior; David Norman, Big Sandy junior; Don Parnell, Fort Worth junior; Jeff Robbins, Bonham junior; Eddie Shuttlesworth, Arp junior; David Simmons, Tom Bean senior; Randy Sims, Bryan junior and Rickey Turner, Mount Pleasant senior.

Van Alstyne's Mark Sartin, who went down with an injury earlier this year, played on the '79 playoff team.

# Kangaroos gain host spot in semifinals

by JEFF FINCHER

GOODWELL, Okla. — Austin College used Chris Luper's three interceptions, Larry Shillings' three first half TD passes, the record-breaking kicking of Gene Branum and the hard running of Van Hargis to record its first-ever NAIA football playoff victory — a 27-16 decision over Panhandle State University Saturday.

The NAIA Division II quarterfinal victory marks the first time a Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association team has won in four tries in the playoffs and gives AC its winningest record (10-1) in the school's 88-year football history.

The impressive win allows AC to host a semifinal match with No. 2 ranked William Jewell, a 19-14 upset winner over top-rated and defending national champion Pacific Lutheran. The game will be played at 1 p.m. Dec. 5 at Calder Stadium.

The No. 6 'Roos used the passing of three-year starter Shillings, the offensive player of the game, to take a commanding 24-0 lead before AC had to fight off a strong second half rally.

Unlike two years ago in AC's 35-24 loss to Bethany of Kansas, the 'Roos had enough to fight off the hometown Aggies. AC blew a 17-0 lead in that '79 game, and was on its way to letting a big lead slip away Satur-

day before Branum booted a record 53-yard field goal with 4:31.

The kick squelched a second half fire led by Panhandle quarterback Tim Barker, who was 18 of 35 passing for 229 yards, mainly in the second half.

Shillings, a prime candidate for All-America honors, completed 15 of

NAIA Division II scores  
**AUSTIN COLLEGE 27, PANHANDLE 16**  
 William Jewell 19, Pacific Lutheran 14  
 Westminster 21, Anderson 6  
 Concordia 13, Dickinson 9

Semifinal playoff matches:  
 William Jewell (11-0, ranked No. 2) versus Austin College (10-1, ranked No. 6), 1 p.m., Dec. 5, Louis Calder Stadium.  
 Concordia (10-0-1, ranked No. 2) versus Westminster (10-0, ranked No. 3)  
 Finals: Dec. 12 at one site of semifinal winners

31 passes for 208 yards and hit three TD strikes, including Rory Dukes' only two catches of 55 and 18 yards.

"We planned on airing it out from the beginning," Shillings said. "I knew if our offensive line could hold them we'd find the receivers. We had Rory (Dukes) isolated on their strong safety on his two touchdowns."

The 5-9 Kilgore slotback ripped the Aggies' secondary in the first half, catching TD passes of 21 and 51 yards to give AC a 14-0 lead with nine minutes left in the second

quarter.

Luper, a two-time All-American from Denison, was voted defensive player of the game. He led a charged-up AC defense with three interceptions and barely missed a fourth on a collision with teammate Les Garcia in the end zone. Luper suffered bruised ribs on the fourth quarter play and was forced to leave the game. The Denison senior had only four interceptions in the TIAA co-champions' 9-1 regular season.

"I'm on top of the world right now," Luper said.

Two of his interceptions were made in the end zone to halt Aggie drives.

The AC defense limited run-oriented Panhandle to only 37 yards on the ground.

The 'Roos' first TD came with nine seconds left in the opening period, with Dukes' TD catch capping a 70-yard drive.

Hargis, a freshman from Commerce, kept Panhandle's defense honest with hard-nose running on draws and power dives to gain 128 yards on 20 carries. Hargis' consistent running pushed AC to the 21 before Shillings found Dukes open deep in the middle of the end zone.

Two possessions later the 'Roos needed just four plays to extend their lead to 14-0 when Shillings

again found Dukes on a 55-yard bomb.

The Aggie offense almost scored on its next possession with the help of two concurrent unsportsmanlike penalties on AC, before Luper picked off a Kenny Hughes pass on the goalline and returned it to the 20.

The 'Roos immediately put together an impressive 80-yard scoring march to hint of a possible early blowout.

"We've been getting a lot of big plays on offense all year," AC coach Larry Kramer said.

Hargis had five attempts on 14-play drive including a 20-yard scamper on third down and eight on the AC 16.

On the Aggie 18-yard line, Shillings hit his favorite receiver Clay Oliphint for a touchdown pass. The Dallas junior, who had five catches for 59 yards, dove over the front end zone marker to give the 'Roos a 21-0 lead at half.

Panhandle was able to generate less than 100 yards in the first half while AC dominated play.

Barker threw two passes on their first possession of the second half before AC's Garcia intercepted the team's fourth of five thefts for the day.

With 4:33 left in the third quarter,

Plano sophomore Don Tafelski stormed through on fourth down to block Aggie punter Larry Welch's kick on the Aggie 37. Noseguard Ed Holt recovered the bouncing ball on the four to set up a 19-yard Gene Branum field goal.

The Aggie offense finally managed a scoring drive late in the third quarter with Barker abandoning the run in favor of short to medium range passes to receivers Joel Haley and brother Steve Barker.

Haley finished with 11 catches for 142 yards.

The Aggie brother combination teamed up for an 18-yard score with 14:54 left in the game and immediately connected again on the conversion pass.

Two possessions later, Panhandle forced AC to punt and Aggie Thomas Rollison took a 52-yard Branum punt and returned it 43 yards to AC's 21. Six plays later, Glen Quimby dove over from one yard.

Albert Griffin hauled in the 2-point conversion for a 24-16 count and Panhandle was back in the game with six minutes to play.

Oliphint recovered an onside kick attempt on the ensuing kickoff and AC picked up one first down by

penalty before Branum booted his decisive 53-yard kick. The previous best record in 12 years of NAIA division playoff games was 48 yards by Max Mourglia of Missouri Southern versus Doane in 1972.

AC was the only NAIA Division II team to win on the road Saturday. Westminster defeated Anderson 21-6; William Jewell beat Pacific Lutheran, 19-14; and Concordia handled Dickinson, 13-9.

**Austin 27, Panhandle 16**

Panhandle	0	0	0	16	-16
Austin	7	14	3	3	-27
AC — Dukes 21 pass from Shillings (Branum kick)					
AC — Dukes 55 pass from Shillings (Branum failed)					
AC — Oliphint 18 pass from Shillings (Branum kick)					
AC — Branum 19 FG					
P — S Barker 18 pass from T Barker (Barker to Barker pass)					
P — Quimby 1 run (Green pass from Barker)					
AC — Branum 53 FG					

Stats	Austin	P'handle
First downs	18	20
Rushes-yards	45-134	29-37
Passing yards	208	277
Passes	15-31-1	23-44-5
Punts	6-45	6-30
Fumbles-lost	2-0	2-0
Penalties	14-146	8-70

Individual Stats  
 RUSHING — Austin, Hargis 20-128, Turner 7-26, Garcia 4-15, Panhandle, Barker 11-41, Clay 5-15, Dowd 3-11  
 PASSING — Austin, Shillings, 15-31-208, Panhandle, T Barker, 18-35-229-3  
 RECEIVING — Austin, Oliphint 5-59, Roden 3-35, Dukes 2-76, Panhandle, Haley 11-142, S Barker 7-93.

# Kangaroos get chance to rest

Austin College made history Saturday and the 10-1 Kangaroos will have a week to enjoy it.

The Kangaroos' 27-16 victory over previously undefeated Panhandle (Okla.) State marked the first time the TIAA representative has advanced into the semifinal round of the NAIA Division II

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playoffs. Next on the playoff trail is second-ranked William Jewell in Sherman on Dec. 5.

Quarterback Larry Shillings, who passed for 200 yards and three touchdowns, got the Kangaroos an early 21-0 lead. But it wasn't until a playoff-record 53-yard field goal by Gene Branum in the fourth quarter that Kramer felt comfortable.

All-American safety Chris Luper — who suffered two broken ribs and is questionable for the semifinal game — led the defense with three interceptions.

The Movin' Mavs of UT-Arlington thrashed Lamar 31-7 to capture the Southland Conference title — their first in 14 years — and finish 6-5 after an overmatched non-conference schedule. UTA finished 4-1 in the SLC, the only loss coming against Arkansas State in the rain in a game the Mavs won everywhere except the scoreboard.

UTA coach Bud Elliot was rewarded with a 2-year contract extension.

Meanwhile, NAIA Division I playoff hopes ended for East Texas State. The 10th-ranked Lions were upended 44-32 by Angelo State to finish 7-4.

Bishop College also finished 7-4 after running into a season-ending 42-14 buzz saw named Cameron.

— Mike Jones.

# Shillings an All-America

By Mike Jones

Staff Writer of The News

When Larry Shillings contemplated his collegiate future, football wasn't a part of it, even though he'd quarterbacked his Bryan High School team to a 7-3 record in one of the tougher AAAAA districts in the state.

In part because of his size — Shillings now is only 5 feet 11, 178 pounds — the football offers came from Texas junior colleges and a few small 4-year institutions. But Larry had his mind on playing baseball anyway and as a good-fielding shortstop took a scholarship offer from nearby Blinn JC.

It wasn't what he wanted, so he transferred to Texas A&M for a semester, then began to reconsider his decision to discontinue his football career. He remembered the interest Austin College coach Larry Kramer had shown in him and he'd liked the atmosphere around the Sherman campus. Though athletes frequently receive help in the form of grants-in-aid, there are no athletic scholarships per se offered at schools like Austin College, who compete athletically in the NAIA's Division II.

"You can play football and still have time to do other things," is the way Shillings puts it.

"We'd tried to recruit Larry out of high school," Kramer confirmed. "But I'll tell you, I'm glad we had him the three years we have."

Shillings, who this season has set Austin College records for total offense (an average of 199.5 per game), passing completions (149 of 284), passing yardage (1,981) and tied the touchdown passing mark of 17, Tuesday was named the Kodak College Division II All-America quarterback by the American Football Coaches Association. Saturday in Sherman, Shillings and his Kangaroo teammates host 11-0 William Jewell in the semifinal round of the Division II playoffs.

No other TIAA team has ever won a playoff game. Two weekends ago, Austin College whipped unbeaten Panhandle (Okla.) State, 27-16, as Shillings threw for 208 yards and three touchdowns.

"It's all been pretty exciting," Shillings said. "I suppose this game Saturday (1 p.m.) is probably the biggest game any of us have ever been involved in — to be able to go on and have a

chance at winning the national championship. Being named All-American is a good way to end a season, but winning the national championship would be even better."

As long as Shillings is back there flinging, Kramer's got to figure his 10-1 'Roos have a chance.

"The No.1 thing about Larry Shillings is his competitiveness," said Kramer, whose teams have gone 18-3 the past two seasons.

"He's durable, tough, throws the ball well, understands defense, hard work and knows the implications of what you have to do to win," Kramer summed up. "But No. 1 is his competitiveness."

"I think all of us this year have felt like we had something to prove. I really think everyone's expectations of us were actually higher last year and though we were 8-2, I think we felt like we could have accomplished more. We've been more relaxed this year."

Shillings said another key to the success of the AC passing attack is the fact that he has worked with receivers Clay Oliphant, Russ Rhoden, Kevin Dukes and Roy Tarver for at least two years each.

"We've all put a lot of work into it," Shillings said. "That includes summer and before and after workouts. We have a lot of confidence in each other. We think we can attack anybody with our passing game."

The Kangaroos will have a chore against undefeated William Jewell, which advanced to the semis with a 19-14 victory over top-ranked Pacific Lutheran.

"A very tough offensive test," Kramer predicted. "One of the keys to any defense is its interior. In the middle — the two defensive tackles, an All-America middle linebacker and back to the safety — Jewell is very strong."

Shillings called it an aggressive defense. "They'll play off the ball sometimes, but they read and flow to the ball really well."

Kramer said the Kangaroos' defense must be ready. "They also have a really versatile offense," Kramer said. "This just might be one of those games, though we've played well defensively, where we might have to outscore 'em."

Kramer's betting a Shillings that just might be possible.



Austin College quarterback Larry Shillings hopes for another playoff victory Saturday against William Jewell.

## Clemson now No. 1

From Wire Reports

The Clemson Tigers are on the hot seat. They have one chance to stay there. It's make it or break it for coach Danny Ford's team.

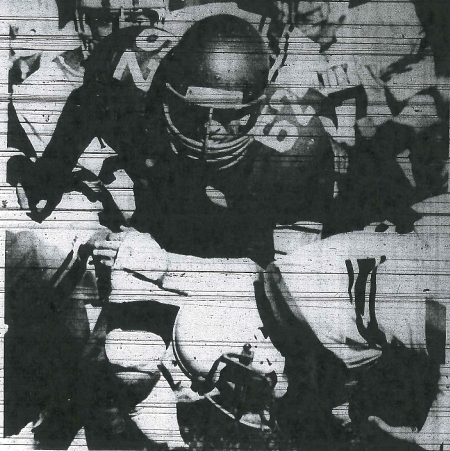
As expected, Clemson Tuesday became the seventh team this season — the old record was five — to take over the No. 1 position in the Associated Press and United Press International col-

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lege football polls. Michigan, Notre Dame, Southern California, Texas, Penn State and Pitt all failed to hold it.

Clemson, 11-0, which has not played since a 29-13 victory over South Carolina Nov. 21, is the only undefeated club among the NCAA's 137 Division I-A teams.

Georgia, the defending national champion, moved up to second and Alabama third in both polls. SMU, the Southwest Conference champion, is ranked fifth by AP. The Mustangs are not ranked by UPI because they are on NCAA probation.



## *Magers charges*

Sherman freshman Bill Magers (82) has his eyes set on a Trinity running back in the Saturday in an NATA semifinal playoff game. 'Roo's 42-20 victory November 7th at Calder Stadium. AC hosts Willtam Jewell at 1 p.m.

(Staff photo)

# Austin College gains NAIA final

By Mark Goodson

Special to The News

SHERMAN, Texas — The Austin College Kangaroos earned the right to host the NAIA Division II national championship game by defeating the No. 2-ranked William Jewell Cardinals, 33-28, in a semifinal battle Saturday before a crowd of 2,417 at Calder Stadium.

All-America quarterback Larry Shillings led the way with three touchdown passes and scored another on a run to lead AC to a school-record 10th consecutive victory.

"It was a good offensive show," Shillings said. "The defense had a super effort, too. I'm ready for another super effort next week."

The victory was only the second in the NAIA playoffs by a Texas intercollegiate Athletic Association team and allows the Kangaroos to host undefeated Concordia (Minn.) in the national championship game at 1 p.m. Saturday at Calder Stadium.

"If they didn't get their money's worth, they can come back next week," Austin College coach Larry Kramer said. "They (the players) proved they can play with anybody. They've proven to the fans and people at the college that football is vital."

Concordia made the finals with Saturday's 23-17 semifinal victory over Westminster (Pa.).

Shillings completed 15 of 26 passes for 234 yards to give the senior from Bryan 442 yards and six touchdown tosses in two playoff games.

The Kangaroos and Cardinals racked up 684 yards total offense for the day, with AC moving the ball by combining Shillings' passing with the tough running of Van Hargis, a freshman from Commerce. Hargis finished with 69 yards rushing and added another 68 by catching three screen passes.

Clay Oliphant, a junior from Dallas St. Mark's, grabbed eight passes for 125 yards and caught one touchdown pass to complement the attack.

"We knew what they were going to do, and a lot of the credit goes to coach Kramer," Oliphant said. "He knew where the seams were."

AC clinched the see-saw game when Mark Richards of Sherman recovered a fumble with 4:42 remaining. That set up the second of two 23-yard field goals by Gene Branum. Branum's second field goal ended an 8-play, 47-yard march and lifted the 'Roo to the final 33-27 margin with 1:27 left.

Austin College 33		William Jewell 28			WmJ	AcC
William Jewell	..... 7 7 7 7-28	First down	..... 14		30	20
Austin College	..... 10 2 11 14-33	Rushes-yards	..... 42-291		50-341	50-341
		Passing yards	..... 40		24	24
WJ—Steve Hodges 4 run (Larry Burch kick)		Passes	..... 11-28-1	10-24-1	10-24-1	10-24-1
AC—Van Hargis 28 pass from Larry Shillings (Gene Branum kick)		Punts	..... 8-22.4	7-22.8	7-22.8	7-22.8
AC—Clay Oliphant 14 pass from Shillings (kick failed)		Fumbles-lost	..... 2-1	2-1	2-1	2-1
WJ—Cody Green 3 run (Burch kick)		Penalties-yards	..... 3-10	7-25	7-25	7-25
AC—Branum 22 FG						
AC—David Sherman 13 pass from Shillings (Branum kick)						
WJ—Hodges 4 run (Burch kick)						
AC—Branum 22 FG						

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS	
RYING—AC, Van Hargis 29-68	
WJ, Steve Hodges 17-95	
PASSING—AC, Shillings 11-28-1-24	
WJ, Green 10-24-1-14	
RECEIVING—AC, Clay Oliphant 8-125	
WJ, Mark Hensley 4-65	

## **NAIA Division II**

**Concordia 23, Westminster 17**

**NEW WILMINGTON, Pa.** — Jim Klug scampered for two touchdowns and Doug Berglund booted three field goals to lead Concordia College of Minnesota to a 23-17 win over Westminster in the semifinals of the NAIA Division II.

**Austin 33, William Jewel 28**

**SHERMAN, Texas** — Larry Shillings threw three touchdowns and ran for another to guide Austin College to a 33-28 victory over William Jewel in a NAIA Division II semifinal.

# Austin downs William Jewell

**SHERMAN, Texas (UPI) — Austin College quarterback Larry Shillings completed 15-of-26 passes for 234 yards and three touchdowns Saturday to lead the Kangaroos to a 33-28 win over William Jewell (Mo.) in an NAIA Division II playoff game.**

**Austin, ranked No. 7 going into the playoffs, will meet Concordia College (Minn.) next week in Sherman for the division championship.**

**Shillings' primary target was Clay Oliphant. The Austin College receiver caught eight passes for 125 yards and one touchdown.**



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## 'Roos bring national game to Sherman



### *Like a loaf of bread*

Austin College cornerback Les Garcia carries the ball like a loaf of bread on a punt return during the Kangaroos' 33-28 victory over William Jewell Saturday. Garcia earned defensive player of the game honors for leading the 'Roos with 12 tackles.

Garcia, a junior from Thompson, Texas, transferred here from Navarro Junior College, where he didn't make the team. The Kangaroos will host Concordia, Minn. in this week's national championship. (AC photo)

# Offensive show ends with Kangaroos on top

by MARK GOODSON  
Sports Editor

All-America quarterback Larry Shillings guided Austin College's high-powered offense up and down the field all day and the defense came through when necessary Saturday as the Kangaroos bounced the William Jewell Cardinals, 33-28, before 2,417 boisterous fans at Calder Stadium.

The playoff victory boosted the Kangaroos into the host position for next week's NAIA national championship game with undefeated Concordia, Minn., at 1 p.m. Saturday at Calder Stadium. Concordia defeated Westminster, Pa., 23-17 to gain the national finals for the second time. Concordia won the national championship in 1977 by defeating Findlay, Ohio, 7-0.

"It's the kids' finest hour," nine-year Austin College coach Larry Kramer said. "The kids have really responded to me and responded to what we've asked them to do."

"They just keep coming back. It was an offensive show, but our defense held 'em the last two possessions."

Shillings, recently selected to the Kodak All-America team, put in a strong bid to claim the NAIA first-team All-America quarterback honors Saturday by completing 15 of 26 passes for 234 yards and three TDs. Shillings also scored the clinching touchdown on a 1-yard dive to cap a performance that earned him offensive player of the game honors.

The Bryan senior's favorite receiver was Dallas junior Clay Oliphant, who burned the William Jewell secondary with eight catches for 123 yards, including one touch-

Sherman's Mark Richards helped put the clincher on the game with a fumble recovery at the William Jewell 47 to set up Gene Branum's second of two 22-yard field goals.

"That's the only one. The first one in my life," Richards said of his fumble recovery. "It just shut 'em down one more time. They've got a real quality football team. They've got a lot of speed and trick plays and sometimes they worked."

Richards' recovery with 4:22 left in the game allowed AC to grind out some yardage behind the running of Commerce freshman Van Hargis, who finished as AC's leading rusher with 20 attempts for 67 yards. Hargis also finished in three pass receptions including AC's opening score on one of numerous screen passes in the game by both teams.

From the 47, AC needed seven plays to get to the five and Shillings overshot Rory Dukes in the end zone on third down before Branum booted his field goal for a 5-point margin.

"We were needing a touchdown so we'd have more than a TD advantage," Shillings said. "But with the field goal I felt good because they had to drive the length of the field."

William Jewell, which lost 31-17 to Wilmington, Ohio, in last year's semifinals, made only eight yards on eight plays on its last possession as the Kangaroos held off the threat.

Les Garcia, the game's defensive player of the game, had an interception wiped out on the possession but the Kangaroos held on to take over on downs at the William Jewell 32 with 16 seconds left.

Shillings fell on the ball twice and AC had moved its winning streak to 10, the longest in the schools' 88-year football history.

bolting over from six yards out. Jerry Burch's kick made it 7-0 with just 1:48 gone in the game.

Austin College rebounded quickly when Shillings connected with Hargis on a perfectly executed 32 yard screen pass to Hargis to knot the game. Findlay Woodruff set up the score with a recovery of a fumbled punt.

Jason Schiflett, one of two freshmen starters for the Roos, came through big in replacing injured All-America free safety Chris Luper when he blocked a punt to set up AC's go-ahead score.

AC needed just two plays to go the 17 yards, with Shillings hitting Oliphant on a 14-yard post pattern. Gene Branum's extra point kick was wide right, leaving the score at 13-7.

"I was missing my shoestring to hold back my toe on the first one, but the second one I was ready. I just missed it," Branum said.

Branum was a big factor in the Roos' efforts with his booming punts and his out of the end zone kickoffs with the 10-15 mph wind. Branum had one 66-yard punt and booted kickoffs out of the end zone three times.

William Jewell unveiled its trick plays early in the second quarter, using a reverse and two long pass completions to go 80 yards in five plays.

Groom scored from one yard out with 10:39 showing and Burch booted the Cardinals to a 14-13 lead.

AC took the lead for good with 5:04 remaining when Branum kicked his first field goal after a drive stalled at the William Jewell six.

The second half kickoff was a reversal of the game's opener as Kilgore senior Rory Dukes returned it 45 yards to the William Jewell 49 to provide good field position for the Roos 10-play march that ended with David Simmons' TD on a 13-yard screen pass:

"I just lucked out," the Tom Bean senior said. "I got great blocks from (Greg) Larson and (Russ) Roden downfield and all I had to do was run. We worked on it in practice. We ran it and it worked the first time with Hargis."

The screen was an effective play for both teams and AC used the play to take pressure off Shillings, who was sacked four times in the game.

AC's final TD by Shillings ended a 7-play, 46-yard march with 18:37 showing and a 30-21 bulge.

## Austin 33, William Jewell 28

W. Jewell	7	7	7	7	-28
Austin	13	3	7	10	-33
WJ — Steve Hodges 6 run (Jerry Burch kick)					
AC — Van Hargis 31 pass from Shillings (Gene Branum)					

AC — Clay Oliphant 14 pass from Shillings (kick failed)

WJ — Kelly Groom 2 run (Burch kick)

AC — Branum 22 FG

AC — David Simmons 13 pass from Shillings

WJ — Mike McGill 8 pass from Groom (Burch kick)

AC — Shillings 1 run (Branum kick)

WJ — Hodges 6 run (Burch kick)

AC — Branum 22 FG

Stats	Jewell	Austin
First downs	20	30
Burch's yards	40-201	50-84
Passing yards	165	234
Passes	11-28-1	15-26-2
Punts	7-32-6	7-42-8
Fumbles lost	5-2	4-1
Penalties	9-93	5-25

### Individual Stats

RUSHING — Austin, Hargis 20-69, Simmons 7-26, Shillings 17-9, Garrison 4-9, Turner 1-1, Dukes 1-9, William Jewell, Hodges 17-102, Gillespie 12-57, Groom 7-41

PASSING — Austin, Shillings 15-26-234-2. William Jewell, Groom 11-28-165-1

RECEIVING — Austin, Oliphant, 8-126, Hargis, 5-68, Simmons 1-13, Dukes 1-9, Roden 1-9, Turner 1-8, William Jewell, Hensley 4-84, McGill, 4-56, Davolt 2-19, Gillespie 1-6



## *Airborne*

Austin College wide receiver Rory Dukes pulls in a Larry Shillings pass while a William Jewell defender takes a nose dive at Calder Stadium Saturday in the 'Roos' 33-28 NAIA semifinals victory. (Staff photo by Mark Goodson)

# Austin's 'final, final' Saturday

by MARK GOODSON

Sports Editor

Austin College students have been taking final exams all this week, but the "final, final exam" for the nationally-ranked Kangaroo football team comes at 1 p.m. Saturday at Calder Stadium.

"Yea, the final, final is Saturday." All-America quarterback Larry Shillings said following Wednesday's last hard workout in preparation for the NIAA Division II national championship game with Concordia College of Moorhead, Minn.

"I hope everybody gets through with 'em (finals) and gets ready to play," the business major said.

The Kodak All-America quarterback has rewritten most of the single season Austin College passing records and will have an excellent shot at erasing some of the NIAA Division II championship game marks come Saturday.

The likely throwing marks to fall are completions (24), attempts (41) and TD passes (3) against a team which has allowed just 106.6 yards passing per game.

Concordia has a winning tradition with a team which stresses defense, kicking and a tough running game. In the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

"They are real good. They've got good athletes," Shillings said. "They run a little different coverage. They do some things we haven't run against. They

move their strong safety to the flat and it makes the read a little different. You've got to watch out for him cutting in front of the corners.

Austin College's offense, which has scored 334 points to better the mark of 328 set back in 1920, should take care of itself against the bigger Cobbers.

On defense, the concern is stopping the Cobbers big fullback Jim Klug, who rushed for 1,001 yards in 10 regular season games.

"He's a stud," Gainesville defensive tackle Larry Hickman said. "Their offensive line doesn't get enough credit. They are good. We've got to figure out some way to stop 'em. I don't know how we're going to do it."

"They are different (from William Jewell). They (William Jewell) ran a lot of reverses and trick plays, but Concordia lines up and comes at you."

Hickman, a 6-1, 265-pounder, will be matched up against 6-2, 225-pound Bob Vangerud. Concordia's six offensive linemen average 220 pounds per man.

"He's bigger than I am," Hickman said. "Most of the time when I go against somebody bigger than me, I'm quicker. This guy is quick, too."

In 10 regular season games, the Cobbers rushed for 2,257 yards while passing for only 1,066 yards. AC was almost a reverse of that trend in the regular season with 1,361 rushing and 2,092 in 10 games.

## NIAA national championship game records

### CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

YEAR	SITE	CHAMPION	POINTS	RUNNER-UP
1970	New Castle, PA	Westminster, PA	21-16	Anderson, IN
1971	Thousand Oaks, CA	Cal Lutheran	30-14	Westminster, PA
1972	Joplin, MO	Missouri Southern	21-14	Northwestern, IA
1973	Huntington, WV	Northwestern, IA	10-3	Glenville State, WV
1974	Seguin, TX	Texas Lutheran	42-0	Missouri Valley
1975	Thousand Oaks, CA	Texas Lutheran	34-8	Cal Lutheran
1976	Redlands, CA	Westminster, PA	20-13	Redlands, CA
1977	Thousand Oaks, CA	Westminster, PA	17-9	Cal Lutheran
1978	Findlay, OH	Concordia, MN	7-0	Findlay, OH
1979	Findlay, OH	Findlay, OH	51-6	Northwestern, IA
1980	Tacoma, WA	Pacific Lutheran, WA	38-10	Wilmington, OH

# Kangaroos close to title

By Barry Horn

Staff Writer of The News

Louis Calder Stadium in Sherman hardly looks like the site for a national championship game — the Superdome, the Astrodome, Texas Stadium, it isn't.

But Saturday at 1 p.m., Calder Stadium will be the site of the NAIA Division II championship game. And that's just fine with the Austin College Kangaroos who call the cozy 2,500-seat stadium home. The Kangaroos (11-1) will host Concordia (Minn.) College (11-0-1) for the title.

The Kangaroos have a chance to be the first Texas team to win a national title since Texas Lutheran achieved the feat in 1975. But to do so, Austin College will have to defeat a Concordia team that breezed through its Division II schedule. The only blemish on Concordia's record is a 3-3 tie with Division I power Moorhead (Minn.) State.

"Concordia is physically a bigger team than we are," said Austin coach Larry Kramer. "We'll just have to make up for it with speed, quickness and gang tackling."

And quarterback Larry Shillings.

Shillings, a Kodak All-America selection, completed 149 of 284 passes in the regular season for 1,981 yards and 17 touchdowns. Against William Jewel in last week's semifinal, Shillings threw for 234 yards and three touchdowns in the Kangaroos 33-28 victory.

Shillings' favorite target is Clay Oliphint, who caught 51 passes for 728 yards and 10 touchdowns in the regular season. Oliphint caught eight for 125 yards and one touchdown against William Jewel.

Austin avenged its only setback of the season, a 17-7 loss to Sul Ross, with a 17-14 victory over Sul Ross later in the season.

The Kangaroos defeated Panhandle (Okla.) State in the quarter-finals.

Concordia, which scored 240 points during the regular season and yielded just 73, reached the final with a 13-9 victory over Dickinson (N.D.) State and a 23-17 victory over Westminster (Pa.) College.

Jim Klug, a 6-3, 215-pound running back, is Concordia's main weapon on offense. Klug gained 1,001 yards on 244 carries during the regular season. Quarterback Ron Rasmus completed 42 of 93 passes for 635 yards and five touchdowns. Joe Gotta, who caught 23 passes for 363 yards, is Rasmus' favorite target.

# Grid fans jumping on AC bandwagon

by JEFF FINCHER

In the midst of Austin College's final week of their most successful athletic team in its 88-year football history, a mixed bag of emotions prevails over the small Sherman campus where academia has always taken precedent over athletics.

The Roos, 11-1 and hosts for the NAIA Division II national championship with Concordia College of Moorhead, Minn., this Saturday at 1 p.m., have left a multitude of football fans perplexed in the wake of AC triumphs.

Despite the accomplishment, some students feel "Hopper Hysteria" still isn't a campus-wide craze.

"It goes both ways. There are still the people who couldn't give a rip — but there are also the people who are getting caught up in it," said senior Steve Bowyer of Wichita, Kansas. "Apathy has always been a problem at Austin College but the faculty has really helped a lot."

He also thinks that the attitude of Kangaroo athletes has changed during the past couple of years. "It used to be they didn't even care, but now they come out here and do this (play football) non-scholarship."

Other reactions to the winningest season in Kangaroo history go along a similar line — enthusiastic

but realistic about the campus' reaction to the whole situation.

"I'm very proud of them," said Gunter senior Tim Arrington, "because nobody expected them to win three years ago."

Austin College athletic director Dr. Bob Mason has nothing but praise for the response he has had from both the community and campus although he points to AC's present final examinations as their biggest present obstacle. "The problem is we're in finals and its very frustrating for them (the students). I wish they could enjoy it a little more. Students are under a lot of stress right now."

Mason describes the support from the community as "overwhelming". He points to the Chamber of Commerce and Sherman Independent School District for their offers of help in the past three weeks' activities. The schools offered the use of Bearcat Stadium for both NAIA playoff games although AC preferred to play on their home field.

The Chamber sold tickets for last week's game and is presently selling tickets as long as they last.



### *For the winner*

Austin College head coach Larry Kramer stands by the NAIA Division II national championship trophy which will be awarded to the winner of the Kangaroos' game with Concordia College of Minn. at 1 p.m. Saturday at Calder Stadium. A victory Saturday would make Kramer the winningest coach in the school's 88-year football history. (Austin College photo)

# Football is played for fun in Austin College's glory year

AP Sports Analysis  
By DENNE H. FREEMAN  
AP Sports Writer

The first thing you must learn about Austin College is that it isn't located in Austin, Texas.

Austin College started in 1849 and found a permanent home in Sherman, Texas in 1876.

And it didn't start playing collegiate football day before yesterday, either.

There has been football in the autumn EIGHTY EIGHT (88) years at Austin College.

Which brings us to the most glorious campaign in the history of the school.

The Kangaroos are 11-1 and play the Concordia Cobbers (11-0-1) of Moorhead, Minn., Saturday for the NAIA Division II national title. A cobbler, according to the dictionary, is a person who breaks asbestos fibers away from asbestos-bearing rock.

For some reason, Austin College's nickname is an animal from Australia.

Anyway, Kangaroo Coach Larry Kramer can't promise his players one thin quarter to wash out their sweat socks if they come to Austin College.

He has a squad of 69 players who compete in the Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association for the pure love of the game.

Oh, Kramer recruits them — the kids the big football factories don't want. The school has a high academic standing — pre-med, pre-law, strong liberal arts. He says that's a lure and some of his players get federal grants-in-aid to pay for tuition and laundry and room and board.

But even if you weigh 120 pounds and stand 5-feet-2, you're a keeper on Kramer's team.

"We don't cut anybody," he says. "That's the second thing we tell them. The first thing is that we aren't located in Austin."

Kramer operates on a year-to-year contract just like the faculty but says he really hasn't considered going anywhere although he only has three fulltime assistants.

"I'm happy here," he says. "The longevity at some other places isn't too great."

Only one Austin College player, Gene "Duke" Babb, has made it to the pros.

On the current team punter-placekicker Gene Branim has the pros excited. He set an NAIA record with a 53-yard field goal last week and punts for a 41-yard average.

"We've had the scouts looking at Gene," said Kramer.

Branim, who has had a 66-yard punt, is a pre-med student and president of the student body.

When was the last time a jock at any school was the student body president?

"This is a good environment here," said Kramer. "There are 1,200 students and everybody knows everybody. This is a very academic climate."

The quarterback of the team is an NAIA All-American, Larry Shillings of Bryan, Texas, who briefly attended Blinn Junior College on a baseball scholarship. He didn't get one in football from any school.

"Larry has great ability," said Kramer. "I think he could make it in the pros but at 5-11 he probably won't get much of a chance."

Shillings has a career total of 51 touchdown passes.

With good weather Saturday, Austin College Athletic Director Bob Mason is looking for some 3,000 fans to watch the Kangaroos get after the Cobbers.

Tickets were on sale all week at Hughey Gym on campus. You could buy one for \$4.

And the parking is free at one of the last places in the country where they still play football just for the fun of it.



# Branum's kicks could decide outcome

by JEFF FINCHER

There's nothing that would please Gene Branum more than being called on this Saturday to settle the NAIA semifinals clash with a winning field goal, says the senior Austin College kicker.

Two weeks ago, Branum booted a record-breaking 53-yard field goal with 4:31 remaining against Panhandle to seal the "Roo's" 27-16 victory in the school's first NAIA playoff win. The pressure didn't seem to bother him.

"I always look forward to it (pressure games). I enjoy pressure," said the 21-year-old from Tyler. "I felt more confident kicking last week than I ever had. It felt real natural."

He cites the Panhandle victory as the most satisfying moment in his career simply because the playoff win was a first for Austin College.

"I thought Panhandle would be a lot tougher than they were," he said. "Their mental attitude hurt them, but I don't think William Jewett will be overconfident. Talent-wise, we're very similar and it will probably come down to who gets the breaks."

"I've been working on getting a little extra height on my punts this week because their return man, Mike McGill, has fumbled a few on high punts."

Since coming to the "Roo's" two years ago from Tyler Junior College, Branum has dominated the Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association with punts, covering 100 yards and scoring punts. He was a first-team, All-America choice last sea-

son. And this year has kicked 11 of 11 field goals in addition to his 41.5 yard punting average.

Despite an impressive high school and junior college career, Branum was only interested in four universities in Texas — Baylor, Rice, Texas A&M and Austin College — because of their superior pre-med programs.

"At that time it was more a question of bad timing for me. Everybody in the Southwest Conference was keeping their kicker that year and William Redford (AC's punter) was graduating."

Intent on eventually gaining admittance to medical school, Branum has always managed to juggle both academics and football.

"The studies had priority over football," said Austin College's student body president. "I had been warned not to try to do both in college because it might mess the grades up but it didn't happen that way."

Branum has already taken his medical school admissions test, but won't be notified of his acceptance until early in a year. He lists Southwestern Medical School in Dallas as his favorite choice.

Despite his intentions to pursue a medical career, however, Branum admits the lure of professional football is very tempting.

"It's just as viable an option as medical school," Branum's double-duty as both kicker and punter for the "Roo's" makes him a valuable weapon for AC, but even more so for an NFL team where the 43-



Gene Branum puts foot into it

man roster makes a player who can fill two positions a tempting prospect.

His talents have already brought him to the attention of pro scouts who have been impressed by his long distance field goal accuracy and booming punts.

Branum has been contacted by scouts from the Seattle Seahawks, San Francisco 49ers, Detroit Lions, Oakland Raiders and Biele Scouting Agency — an organization that provides information to several NFL teams.

Still, the Roo appears realistic about the prospect of playing in the NFL.

"It's doubtful that I'd be drafted, and, so far, scouts have just been gathering information more than saying 'we're interested in you.' They won't make their final evaluations until March," he said.

Besides the difficult task of earning a spot on an NFL roster, the transfer of

medical school slightly complicates his decision. "I would have to get ac-

cepted to a medical school that would give me a leave of absence, or be in a city that had a medical school. I'd probably be willing to take a year off from med school to see how pro football worked out," he said.

All roads would seem to lead to Dallas, the site of Southwestern, Medical School and the football

Cowboys, for the pro athlete.

The Cowboys intercepted a host of punters in Thousand Oaks, Calif. last summer while trying to find a suitable replacement for quarterback Danny White. Nevertheless, no one was selected and they are still presumably looking for the right punter.

"But they've been saying that for years," says a smiling Branum.

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## Kickers have come a long way since competition as kids

SHERMAN, Texas (AP) — Concor dia's Doug Berglund and Austin College's Gene Branum met for the first time on a Sunday in 1973, when they were 13 years old.

Berglund represented the Minnesota Vikings and Branum represented the Dallas Cowboys in the now-defunct Punt, Pass & Kick competition.

Saturday they meet again in Sherman, Texas, when their teams collide for the NAIA Division II football title.

Both Berglund and Branum have come a long way since 1973. They still are excellent kickers.

Berglund has hit on 12 of 16 field goal attempts, his longest from 47 yards. He is 28 for 31 in kicking extra points.

Branum is 15 for 22 in field goals and 37 for 41 in extra points. He holds Austin's school record with a 55-yard field goal in 1980. He also handles his team's punting duties.

Branum said he will try for a pro job or attend medical school. Berglund also plans to enter med school.

# Austin College eyes NAIA crown

SHERMAN (UPI) — Austin College, a school that has not awarded an athletic scholarship in 27 years, goes after the NAIA Division 2 football championship Saturday against Concordia (Minn.) College.

Known much more for its academic attributes than its athletic prowess, Austin College has posted an 11-1 record this year to win the Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association title.

The Kangaroos will be trying to become the first team from Texas to win the NAIA-2 title in six years.

"It's a little strange," said one member of the Austin College faculty, "to find ourselves in this position. We pride ourselves on our liberal arts studies and our pre-medical programs and abolished our athletic scholarship program in 1954.

"And here we are playing for a national championship in football."

Austin College reached the finals last weekend with a 33-28 victory over William Jewell College while Concordia earned a berth in the championship game with a 23-17 decision over Westminster (Pa.).

# Sartain's role changed after injury

For a spirited Austin College basketball team, the Sar-tain role is the combination of a battle-orientated role and a play-off role. It's a role that's been playing for the last of the game, so their way to a WAKE UP call is clear.

Five years ago, Sartain was with the team when they finished their sophomore year. They were then a national 24-1 team. That was the year in their previous year, and they were a national 24-1 team. That was the year in their previous year, and they were a national 24-1 team.

**"On paper they're not a national championship team, but they're not satisfied yet — not resting on what they've done. If we don't win Saturday, second place might as well be last place," — Sartain.**

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## Fullback Babb only AC player to carry career into pro ranks

Austin College has been playing football for 76 years. For 38 years, it has had a fullback, and through those years, only one Kangaroo has managed to become, in the words of the National Football League, Austin College graduate Gene "Gene" Babb played six seasons in the NFL, spending two years with the Dallas Cowboys and Houston Oilers — from 1958 to 1964.

Babb walked into the game in 1952. The last year athletic scholarships were awarded, and played five years before coming back in 1958 to finish his undergraduate degree. A tight end at Odessa High, he played fullback for four years at Austin College, although he remembers almost pissing up college, originally. "The fullback I drove the team homeback I got," he remembers. "The first day I had drivers of eight hours. Odessa and Sanford behind Lockett Hall where they told me they'd take care of me — but our back door was locked. I wanted to have had coach Joe Spencer — then assistant coach — run me and stopped me. He flagged me down and if he hadn't I'd probably run to 'em Wood Texas."

Scholarships dropped. Babb says while he was at Austin College there was competition but the program wasn't going to succeed because of its size. "I don't remember any-

thing. Since those early difficult years at AC, he has always managed to keep in touch with Kangaroos.

And that and since then he has seen AC receive the football power via the location of the Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association in 1975.

"Look, you can't get impressed by being 1st and the realization they had to make to get there, he remembers.

Although the Wood Texas — scholarship, academic, membership — offers have various Big Eight and Southwestern Conference schools during the previous year a high school, he attended football six years at Austin College and would make the same decision today given a similar situation.

"I just there (AC) eight seasons because of my location. We had no parents, we had no parents, we were the only close family I had. It would be hard not to go there again because of all the close ties, memories and friends I had there. I'd love to go do it all again," Babb said.

**Picked in 4th**  
The 196 fullback was a 1958 round draft choice by the Denver Broncos. In 1957 although he had just finished his first quarter-acre from high during the year.

"You have to realize that the league (NFL) wasn't so sophisticated as it is now, I was just at the right place at the right time," Babb said. Not surprisingly, the

AC's first AC pick (1958) complete roster placed on the roster position in the 1958 draft in the 1958-59 and early '60s.

After being traded to the newly formed Dallas Cowboys in 1960, Babb spent two years playing for a young team that is now recognized as the oldest organization in professional sports. The Dallas Cowboys' first draft pick was the middle-back running back — one characteristic.

**Altogether 1960**  
"I've never liked that team much and I was a little tough. There were no traditions, no parents. It was a frustrating time for me," Babb remembered.

**Recalls Cowboy**  
Although they were a young, underdeveloped team to develop the football team, Babb said the Dallas Cowboys' first draft pick was the middle-back running back — one of the Cowboys' early drafting picks was

the acquisition of NFLU coach Dan Meredith and the Dallas Cowboys' first draft pick in 1960. Babb had the opportunity to become "good" friends with the young Cowboy members and they eventually formed a tight-knit group of friends.

"I had you see a 13 Day (of Monday Night Football) in the year he was in the first and early years. He was a very successful player."

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# Miller brings passing game to AC

The former pass king always been an integral part of Austin College football.

Now Miller, at the non-scholastic game of Austin College, gave passing bugs with a 3-18, 150-pound freshman who had completed only 14 of 30 passes as a Dallas HIF crew high senior. The 1981 AC freshman was Charles "Bo" Miller, who contributed the pass at AC before joining Hampton University. "Lary" Quinn was the receiver who dropped a catch, though he said, "I could, though the ball," Miller said. "It was

probably wasn't ready. Guys I threw only 20 times my senior season year in high school."

Miller, a senior, last year at AC, taking his jump, throwing, throwing



CHARLES "BO" MILLER

intercepted and throwing some more. Most importantly, he learned the game in the classroom and learned on the football field.

Miller, who played with his better pass than his speed through the air, of either game, Jerry Bishop and Wesley Olsen. These two had most of the AC records. Miller's team recorded a 3-00 record total yards.

"I couldn't go to Hampton because of the scholarship and I wanted to keep playing ball," Miller said. "I originally wanted to come to AC for one year and then transfer."

"Need to Hall. That first year was a long one for a man who went on to be named in the NAIA Hall of Fame and to win a national title in Dallas.

"We had two quarterbacks, Mike and Richard Olsen. They both got hurt. I averaged about 50 yards a game. I got knocked around a bit and I threw a lot of interceptions."

When the 1980 season rolled around, Austin College had proven a credit without athletic scholarship by relying on the

arm of Miller and the veteran Larry Shillings, who had that year old, coming into the world on April 11, 1982.

Miller, the '81 football season was over, AC had posted 10 wins and 20 losses. In Miller's last year career, the only thing AC record dropped in those years were the interceptions.

Miller was named in 20 as the initial freshman All-American quarterback in the school's history on the air game. That year passing has reached the highest peak with Shillings firing the bullet into the national championship.

Miller's new role and looking down at a far different level. Miller and while Shillings carried in with him in '79. Both passed through the same, Shillings has the chance to prove he's a big winner. Shillings spent a year at Houston.

"I don't know if we had the overall statistics they had," Miller said of the 1980 team. "The guys are still playing for fun. They're not serious, they're not serious." Miller said of the 1980 team. "The guys are still playing for fun. They're not serious, they're not serious."

"The game is still for fun, but it's a business or a job. They still make the same kind of friendships. These guys (the '81 team) will be friends for a long time. Overall they are big

pass and the pass king, but for others. They might be working for a side hustle."

Miller and Shillings agree that the AC record

is a great effort. "They had a really big year, all really big. A great year," Miller said. "Physically, they were much bigger. We ran the same kind of offense. Coach Goss called a 27 trap off the line. I went over to him and asked him, 'Are you sure?'"

Miller handed to Kirk on

from handoff and Kirk called for the blocking

line, reminding Saturday. The general plan, whether he wanted to be in the school that lives by the pass may not be playing in Texas, it was Miller's intention. Miller brought AC the pass.

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# Texas A&M helps usher in AC football history

Although Saturday marks the most important date in the school's football history—the NAIA Division II Championship game against Concordia College—Austin College has a rich athletic history dating back to their first official game in 1896 against Texas A&M.

The Kangaroos lost that first outing, 22-4, to the Aggies in their only game of what historic first season 20 years after Austin College had moved the campus from Huntsville to Sherman in 1876.

AC played Texas A&M once again in 1897, dropping a 2-0 squeaker in their only game of the year before the 'Roos registered their first winning season in 1898 with a 3-1 record, including victories over Eastman College, Fort Worth University and Denison—plus their third straight loss to Texas A&M.

The 'Roos played a variety of opponents in the rly 20th century, including Southwest Conference

powers Arkansas, Baylor, Texas, Texas Christian University, Southern Methodist University, Rice, Texas Tech and Texas A&M.

AC's first victory over a team which would play in the Southwest Conference was a 9-0 decision over Baylor in 1911, four years before the SWC was organized.

Victories were then few and far between as the powerful conference grew quickly in the years preceding World War II.

Ironically, AC's last victory over a SWC team was a 7-3 thriller over Baylor again—this time in 1924. The 'Roos played 13 more games against SWC foes before they finally abandoned the idea 12 losses later. A host of teams, led by TCU's back-to-back 68-0 and 38-0 lashings, scored 336 points against AC while allowing only 23 before the SWC had outgrown Austin College.

Austin College played its last SWC opponent in

1934—a 34-0 drubbing at the hands of Southern Methodist University.

After World War II the small liberal arts tried to compete as a small college power but was continually plagued by athletic deficits. In 1954 Austin College finally decided to stop awarding athletic scholarships, and, consequently, became the only non-scholarship school in Texas.

In 1976, AC, along with McMurry College, Trinity University, Sul Ross State University, and Tarleton State University formed the Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Conference—a league where a pure amateur standard was maintained.

The 'Roos' oldest series is with Trinity. AC first played the Tigers two times in 1905, losing both games—5-6 and 0-34. The two schools have played each other 48 times since then with Trinity holding a slight edge in victories with 24, compared to 21 Austin College wins. There have been five ties in the series.

## Kangaroos up close

**DAVID ADAMS**—Junior, 6-2, 236, tackle, Mesquite, Texas ... Attended same high school as teammate Russ Roden (Mesquite High School) ... All-District choice as senior ... Majoring in business ... Hobbies include basketball and skiing.

**REX BAKER**—Sophomore, 6-2, 213, defensive tackle, Richardson, Texas ... Majoring in business and minor in economics ... Selected Second Team All-TIAA in 1981 ... Second on the team in tackles.

**DARRELL BECKER**—Junior, defensive back, Dallas, Texas ... Honorable Mention All-District as senior ... Majoring in Communications ... Also plans to minor in sociology ... Hobbies include bicycling and swimming.

**DAVID BOWEN**—Sophomore, linebacker, 6-1, 195, Garland, Texas ... All-District as both junior and senior ... Majoring in business ... Member of National Honor Society ... Hobbies include hunting and all sports.

**GENE BRANUM**—Senior, 6-0, 200, punter-place kicker, Tyler, Texas ... All-District as senior ... Attended Tyler Junior College ... Selected TIAA team the last two years ... Was the cover of *Texas Sports* as a member of the All-Texas Team ... Majoring in business and pre-med ... Holds TIAA record for longest field goal with 55-yard effort and NAIA playoff record with 53-yard field goal.

**GREG CASON**—Sophomore, center, 5-11, 210, Duncannon, Texas ... All-District in 1978 as senior ... Majoring in business ... Hobbies include all sports.

**MACKIEY CLARK**—Freshman, 6-0, 190, center, Arlington, Texas ... Voted Most Valuable Lineman and Honorable Mention All-District ... Majoring in mathematics and minor in business ... Member National Honor Society.

**JIMMY CUNRY**—Senior, 5-6, 170,

strong safety, Arlington, Texas ... All-District selection ... Plans to major in physical education and minor in biology ... Hobbies are boxing, drinking, girls and movies.

**BILL DRAUGHN**—Sophomore, 6-0, 198, tackle, Commerce, Texas ... All-District linebacker and center ... Majoring in physical education ... Hobbies include all sports.

**ROBBY DUKES**—Senior, 5-9, 155, wide receiver, Kilgore, Texas ... First Team All-TIAA as a junior ... First Team All-District as this year and second team last year.

**FOUAD FARIS**—Sophomore, 5-9, 165, cornerback, Pasadena, Texas ... Honorable Mention All-District as senior ... Majoring in Biology ... Hobbies include the Bible, guitar and all sports.

**ROSSI FELIX**—Freshman, 6-2, 205, linebacker/tackle, Dallas, Texas ... Second Team All-District on offense and defense ... Majoring in engineering ... Likes to play racket ball.

**BOBBY FOWLER**—Freshman, 5-10, 155, running back/kick returner, Newark, Texas ... All-District two years and All-Metro two years in high school ... Plans to major in engineering.

**LES GARCIA**—Junior, 5-9, 170, defensive back and kick returner, Thompson, Texas ... Team finished in 60-district playoffs ... All-District cornerback ... Majoring in physical education ... Voted Defensive Player of Game in NAIA semifinals.

**GREG GARRISON**—Sophomore, 5-9, 175, tailback, Dallas, Texas ... Father Olin was his high school coach ... All-District safety as senior ... Undecided major ... Hobbies include camping and fishing.

**VAN HARGIS**—Freshman, 6-0, 185, tailback, Commerce, Texas ... First Team All-District running back in 1979 and 1980 ... All-District shortstop ... Voted Who's Who Among American High School Students ...

Plans to major in business.

**LARRY HICKMAN**—Senior, 6-1, 265, defensive tackle, Gainesville, Texas ... Team won district in 1975, 77-78 ... State finalist in 1976 ... Started every game since he was a freshman ... Voted All-TIAA and All-District ... Year in 1981 ... Majoring in physical education ... A collector of antique cars.

**ED HOLT**—Sophomore, 6-2, 213, nose, Rosenberg, Texas ... Team was quarter-finalist while he was First Team All-District defensive end ... Majoring in business ... Hobbies include racketball.

**JEFF HUNTER**—Sophomore, 5-9, 180, cornerback, Grand Prairie, Texas ... All-District and team captain his senior year ... Came to AC because he wanted to play football and get a good education ... Plans to major in physical therapy.

**KENNY KIRBY**—Junior, 5-11, 167, cornerback, Odessa, Texas ... Came to AC as a transfer ... Selected Second Team All-TIAA in 1981.

**GREG LARSON**—Freshman, 6-1, 210, tackle, Arlington, Texas ... All-City and All-District as senior ... Majoring in physical education and business ... Hobbies include water skiing.

**CHRIS LUPER**—Senior, 5-10, 170, free safety, Denison, Texas ... Honorable Mention All-District as wide receiver ... Selected All-TIAA all four years ... Defensive Player of the Year the last two years ... Freshman of the Year ... Second Team All-American in 1980 ... Established TIAA record for interceptions in the Year the last two years ... Three interceptions against Panhandle.

**JEFF MCGORD**—Freshman, 5-10, 185, linebacker, Sherman, Texas ... Team won district his senior year ... Honorable Mention All-District ... Majoring in political science and minor in business ... Likes snow and water skiing.

**JEFF MCCORD**—Freshman, 5-10, 165, defensive back, Gainesville, Texas ... State quarterfinalist as senior ... First Team All-District as junior and senior ... Plans to major in physical education ... Hobbies include water skiing.

**DYKE MCMAHEN**—Freshman, 6-1, 200, linebacker, Electra, Texas ... All-District linebacker in 1979-80 ...

and All-Metro in 1979 and 1980 ... Majoring in biology.

**DAVID NORMAN**—Junior, 5-9, 175, strong safety, Big Sandy, Texas ... All-District defensive back in 1976, 77-78 ... State champion in 1975 ... Father is Jim Norman, AC coach ... Plans to major in physical education and minor in history ... Student body president as senior.

**STU OPHINT**—Junior, 6-0, 170, wide receiver, Dallas, Texas ... First Team All-TIAA and All-District 8 selection in 1981 ... Brother Stu is fullback for Kangaroos ... All-Greater Dallas wide receiver and team captain as senior ... Majoring in history.

**LARRY SHILLINGS**—Senior, 5-11, 171, free safety, Houston, Texas ... Came to AC along with high school teammate, Gary Tarrow ... Plans to major in business.

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**TODD PROCTOR**—Sophomore, 6-0, 180, linebacker, Dallas, Texas ... Team won bidistrict ... Plans to major in business ... Hobbies include snow and water skiing.

**GARY BOE PRUITT**—Sophomore, 6-1, 210, nose guard, Hawkins, Texas ... State quarterfinalist in 1978 and regional finalist in 1979 ... All-District in 1978 and 1979 ... Majoring in business ... Hobbies include water skiing, hunting and all sports.

**MARK RICHARDS**—Sophomore, 6-2, 190, linebacker, Sherman, Texas ... Honorable Mention All-District as senior ... Came to AC for pre-med study ... Majoring in chemistry ... Hobbies include hunting, water skiing and horseback riding.

**DAVID RIGG**—Freshman, 6-2, 180, tackle, Arlington, Texas ... Came to AC to play football and be at academic school ... Majoring in business ... Hobbies include hunting, reading and sailing.

**JEFF ROBBINS**—Junior, 5-11,

205, linebacker, Bonham, Texas ... All-District as senior ... Came to AC to get a degree while playing football ... Majoring in business.

**RUSS RODEN**—Junior, 5-10, 160, wide receiver, Mesquite, Texas ... All-District in 1977-78 and All-Metro in 1978 ... Plans to major in business and minor in history ... Came to AC to play football in an educational environment ... Hobbies include photography.

**JASON SCHIFFLETT**—Freshman, 5-11, 171, free safety, Houston, Texas ... Came to AC along with high school teammate, Gary Tarrow ... Hobbies are hunting and fishing ... Plans to major in business.

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**NAIA quarterfinal and semifinal games ... Holds game records for most attempts, most completions, most yards and career records for most yard and completions ... Kodak All-America in 1981.**

**ED SHUTTLEWORTH**—Junior, 5-10, 205, guard, Asp, Texas ... Selected semifinals in 1977 ... All-District and All-State in 1977 ... Majoring in business ... Hobbies include water skiing ... Senior Class president in high school.

**DAVID SIMMONS**—Senior, 5-9, 190, fullback, Tom Bean, Texas ... District co-champs in 1974 and 1978 ... All-District fullback and linebacker in 1975-76-77 ... Majoring in physical education and minor in history.

**RANDY SIMS**—Junior, 6-0, 210, linebacker, Bryan, Texas ... Attended same high school as quarterback Larry Shillings ... Player of the Week against Sul Ross with 14 tackles and two sacks.

**DON TAFELSKI**—Sophomore, 5-9, 175, linebacker, Plano, Texas ...

District champs as senior ... Plans to major in engineering.

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**JOE WEST**—Junior, 6-1, 230, defensive tackle, Whiteboro, Texas ... All-District and team captain as senior ... Majoring in physical education ... Hobbies include splitting wood and reading science fiction.

**FINLAY WOODRUFF**—Freshman, 6-1, 200, flanker, Wichita Falls ... Older brother, Dick, plays basketball for AC ... All-District selection as senior ... Came to AC because of pre-law study and political science.

**FORREST WYLIE**—Freshman, 6-1, 200, linebacker, Houston, Texas ... Regionals in 1978 and bidistrict in 1979 ... All-District selection in 1979 and 1980 ... Majoring in chemical engineering.

**CASEY LETLOW**—Freshman, 5-7, 210, defensive tackle, Houston, Texas ... Graduated from same high school as teammate Jason Schifflert ... Honorable Mention All-City as senior ... Majoring in history and political science ... Hobbies include skiing and skeet shooting.

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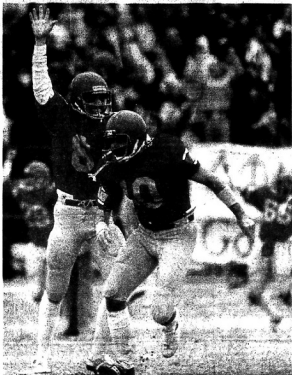
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## Austin shares NAIA title



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## *Dramatic field goal*

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Concordia, behind the bullish running of fullback Jim Klug, had twice come from behind itself and took a 24-14 lead late in the third quarter after using more than eight minutes on an 86-yard march that ended in a 1-yard scoring run by Mark Davies.

But Austin College, which hosted the championship contest, came back to score with 8:48 remaining on a 6-yard touchdown throw from Larry Shillings to Clay Oliphint.

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The first annual Frank Ovalle Memorial Football Game will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Public School Stadium.

Donations for the game are \$1 for adults and

The Kangaroos stopped Concordia on the Cobbers next possession and took over at their own 20-yard line with 6:45 to go. They drove the ball slowly into Concordia territory, the key gains being a 17-yard pass from Shillings to 5-9 receiver Rory Dukes and an 11-yard run by Shillings.

Facing a fourth down at the Concordia 39, the Kangaroos decided to go for the field goal since Branum, whose previous best had been a 53-yarder earlier in the NAIA playoffs, had a mild north wind behind him.

The ball hung in the air for more than four seconds and when it hit the crossbar it rocketed through for the tying points.

Austin College had scored first on a 14-yard run by Van Hargis and again in the second period on a 31-yard throw from Shillings to Dukes.

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## COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

and Donnie Williams ran for two more to lead Southwest Texas State to a 42-13 NCAA Division II championship over North Dakota State in the Palm Bowl yesterday.

Miller hit wide receiver David

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## College football TV r

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The deadline for launching a revolt against the National Collegiate Athletic Association is tomorrow for dissident big-time football schools.

The consensus among participants and interested third parties polled by The Associated Press is that the revolution at

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The Cobbers, 11-0-2, retaliated with 17 second-quarter points. Samuelson found Joe Gotta for a 34-yard scoring strike and Klug thumped over from a yard out to go with Doug Bergland's 29-yard field goal.

Samuelson finished with eight completions in 16 tries for his 128 yards, in addition to rushing for 46 yards on four carries.

Rory Dukes, who led the Kangaroos with 104 yards on six receptions, snared a deflected pass from Shillings for a 31-yard, second-quarter touchdown to pull the Kangaroos with three at the half, 17-14.

# Austin College ties Concordia

SHERMAN, Texas (AP) — As reserve Austin College quarterback Jim Vice knelt at Concordia-Moorhead's 47-yard line, preparing to hold Gene Branum's field goal attempt, Vice tried to take Branum's mind off the circumstances.

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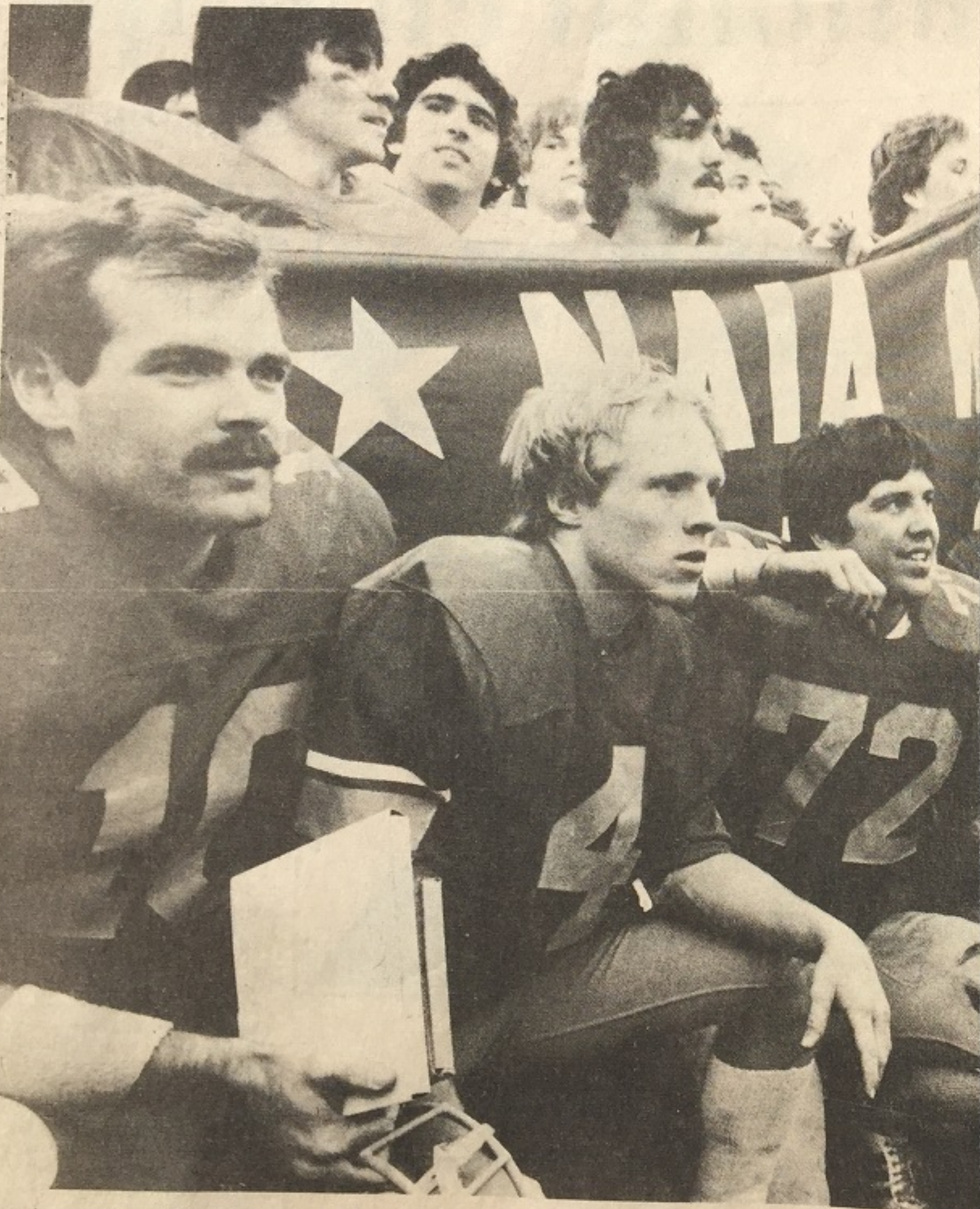
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The championship-game record 57-yard field goal that bounced over the bar gave the Kangaroos a 24-24 tie with Concordia and a share of the Division II national title Saturday.

"It was a pretty good way to end it all," said Branum, — a senior. "I was ready to kick it — I was confident." ..



Austin College players pose with the championship trophy following the 24-24 deadlock. (AC photo)





## *On a roll*

All-American Austin College quarterback Larry Shillings shakes a Concordia tackler Saturday in the 24-24 deadlock. The senior 'Roo

completed 17 of 24 passes for 202 yards and touchdown passes, giving him 56 career touchdown passes. (AC photo)

# Cobbers settle for tie

by JEFF FINCHER

Concordia head coach Jim Christopherson, an old hand at championship games, wasn't visibly upset at the way things turned out for his Cobbers Saturday — and in the final analysis they may have been fortunate to escape with a tie, according to the 13-year head coach.

"We were in a bad position at the end (after Gene Branum's game tying 57-yard field goal) — and we weren't going to throw it away. We were in a terrible dilemma. We needed to get a first down but we

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didn't want to put it up against the wind and maybe lose it," he said.

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five yards, they let time run out on fourth down as Austin College had no remaining time outs.

"I really don't know who the better team is. Maybe its fitting that these two ended in a tie. It's not that bad (a tie)," said Christopherson.

"In 1964, we tied Sam

Houston for the championship (7-7) and ever since then we've thought we were national champions. Austin College will consider themselves national champions and so will we."

The Cobbers have been in the NAIA playoffs four times in the school's history. Concordia defeated Finlay College of Ohio, 7-0, in 1978 to claim its only undisputed NAIA Division II championship, and lost to Texas A&I, 32-7, in 1969 in addition to tying Sam Houston, 7-7, in 1964.



## *Head to head*

Austin College tailback Van Hargis (25) tries to cut back against Concordia College linebacker Kevin Arndt (40) during first half action Saturday in the NAIA Division II championship game. Hargis finished with 69 yards on 11 carries. (AP Laserphoto)

# Austin College national champs

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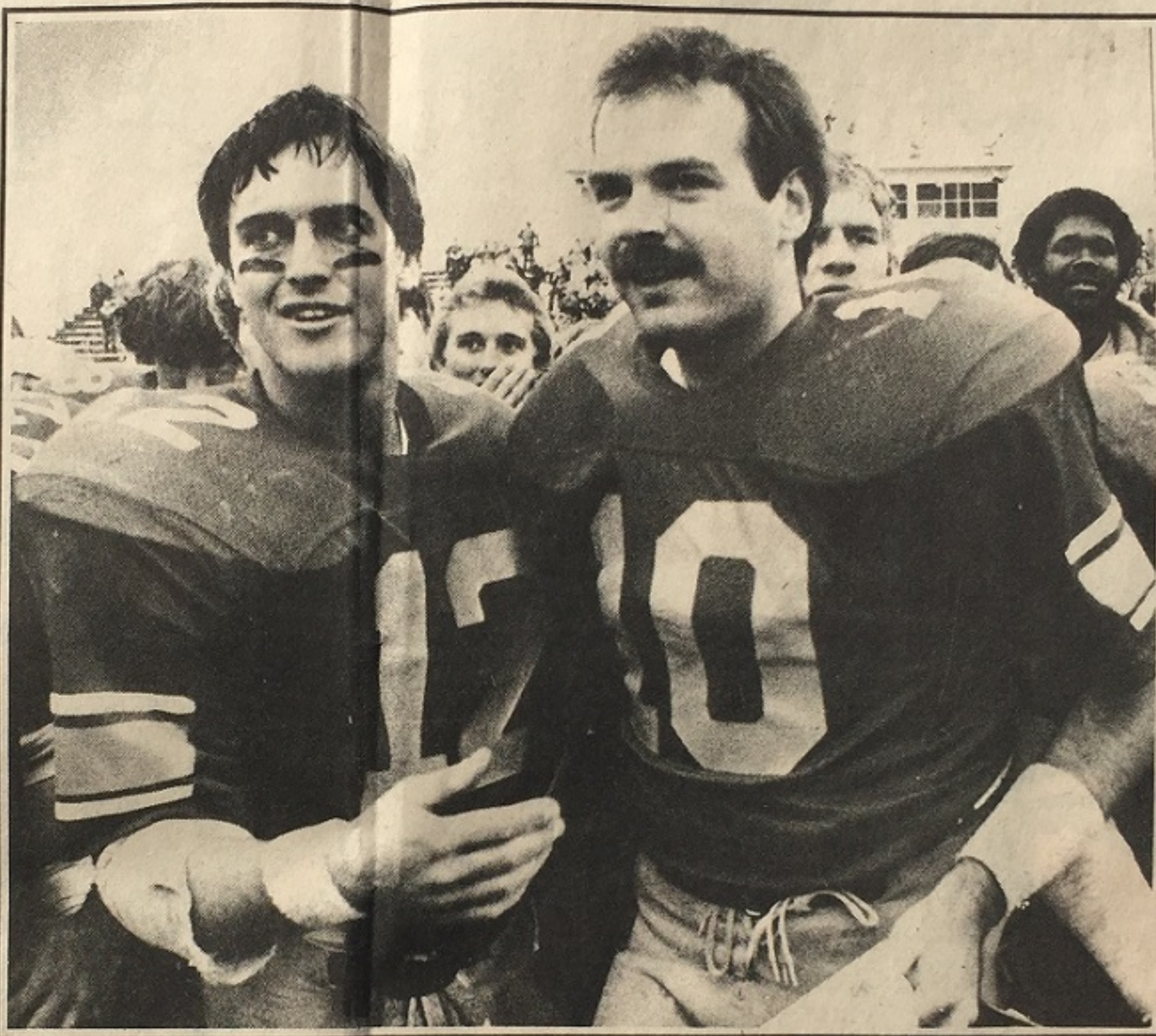
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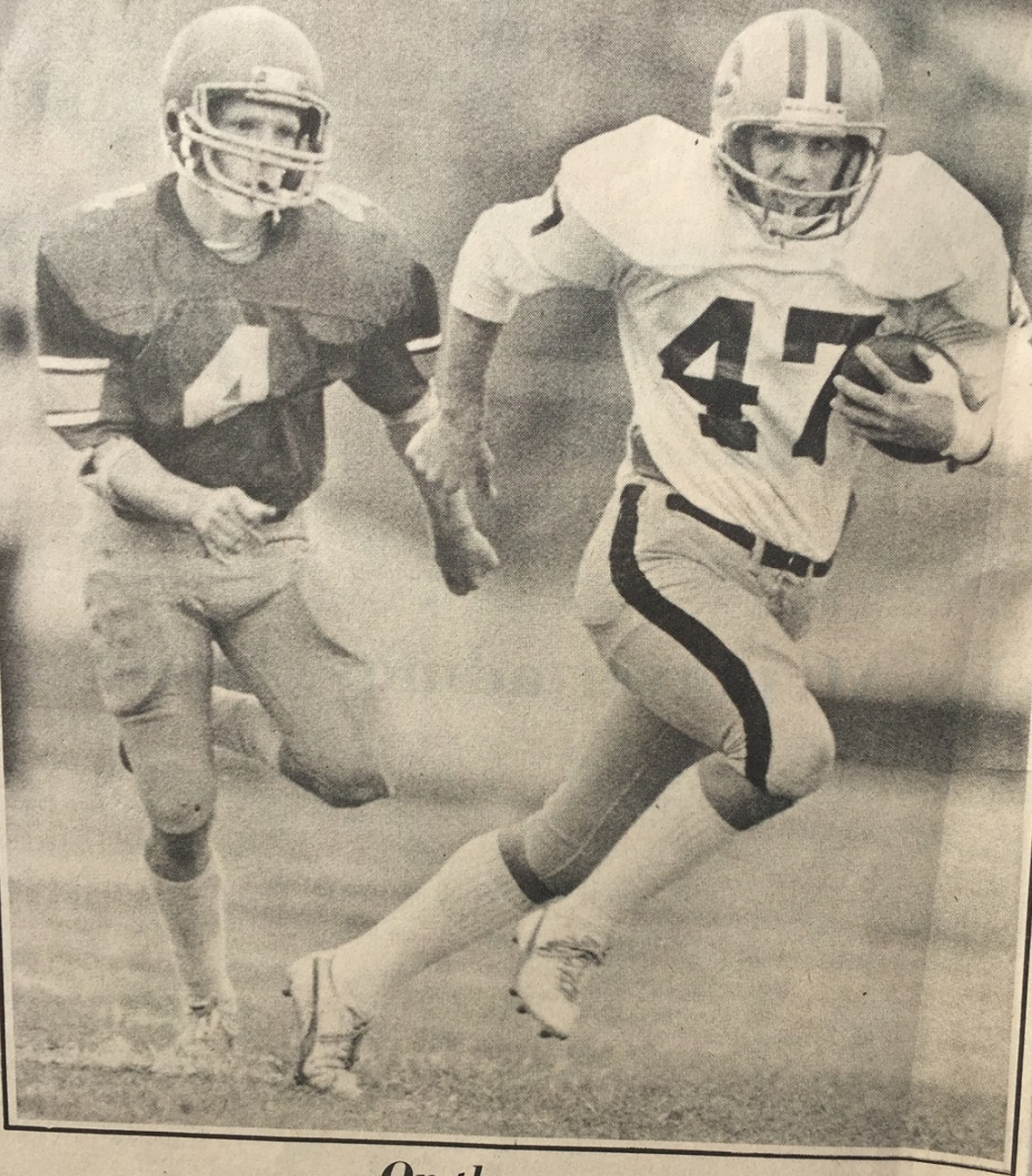
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Concordia College cornerback Dave Borchard (47) looks for blockers while returning an interception of a Larry Shillings pass in the first quarter. AC's Rory Dukes (4) comes in for the tackle in the 24-24 NAIA Division II deadlock Saturday. (AP Laserphoto)

# Dukes exemplifies AC brand of football

He's tougher than tough. He exemplifies why Austin College plays a fine brand of football.

At 5-8, 155 pounds, Rory Dukes mixes it up with the best of 'em.

"Playing here you've gotta be tough," Dukes said. "Coach (Larry) Kramer demands it."

Overlooking this fast-talking East Texan can prove dangerous and Saturday he showed that the small still survive in a big man's game.

While the Concordia College Cobbers were emphasizing double coverage on AC's All-America candidate Clay Oliphint, Dukes was darting in and out of the Cobbers' secondary to latch onto six catches for 104 yards and one juggling 31-yard grab for six points. He also had 78 yards in yardage on punt and kickoff returns to add to the cause.

Dukes may not always draw double coverage or the honors that go to bigger players with more impressive credentials, but when games are over he draws the respect.

Before the quarterfinal victory over Panhandle, he was mistaken for the ball boy. He made believers with two catches in that game — both for scores.

In addition to the juggling catch Saturday for a brief 14-10 lead in the second quarter, Dukes most impressive catch was a first down snag that didn't lead to points. On third-and-10 from the AC 20, Dukes ran a crossing pattern for a 16-yard gain before a Concordia defender nailed the smallish receiver in his tracks.

Dukes stayed down every bit of a split second. The sting of the hit didn't phase the Kilgore senior. He bounced back to the huddle with his best, energetic stride.

"Kevin (Tarver) is tough, too," Dukes said. "I never think about being small. When I'm out there I feel like I'm six-foot-three. I never have thought about it. I've got three brothers and none of us are over 5-8."

Toughness runs in the Dukes family. His mother Christine has raised four competitors — Cary, Dana, Rory and Brett.

The third in line is the only one to play college ball, although all four have done well in sports.

"I hated we didn't win it," Dukes said. "But I knew we were going to score."

Three of Dukes' catches came in the fourth quarter when quarterback Larry Shillings was completing seven of 10 for the rallying 'Roos.

Five were for first downs and the initial catch didn't come until 8:50 left in the second quarter en route to setting up his juggling catch in the end zone.

"Larry checked off and I ran a play like a flag," Dukes said. "I hit the seam and one of their guys tipped it. My first catch was tipped, too."

The fifth year senior's career ended Saturday with totals reaching 103 catches and 16 scores, 14 by the pass. Those totals actually came in three years.

As a freshman, he played only two downs in the waning minutes of a 36-14 rout over Sul Ross, the only victory in a 1-8 season.

Dukes didn't play his sophomore year and returned to finish up with the the group of 10 seniors who finished 28-5-1 while gaining two conference titles.

His first catch in '79 was a 58-yard score in a 22-2 win over Trinity at San Antonio. The big-play receiver has been latching onto Shillings' passes ever since.

His 103rd catch as a Kangaroo — a 16-yarder across the middle — got things rolling on AC's historic drive toward Gene Branum's record field goal.

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Stats	Concordia	Austin
First downs	15	21
Rushes-yards	51-188	35-131
Passing yards	128	202
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Punts	4-34.8	3-40.3
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Concordia almost sealed the game with a 16-play, 86-yard drive in the third quarter than used up eight and a half minutes.

The all-conference runner carried the ball seven times and caught two middle screen passes on the impressive drive.

"I was confident," Shillings said. "We've been down the whole year. Nobody panics; we've always got the feeling we can come back. I think we came out on top."

Austin College had the ball for two possessions in the fourth quarter and scored on both. The Kangaroos' drive leading to Oliphint's 13th TD reception of the season took 17 plays



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"The thing I hate is I wanted to play on the team that made coach Kramer the winningest coach in the school's history," Hickman said.

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Arlington freshman Mackey Clark, snapper on AC field goal attempts and punts, said the tying kick went without a hitch. "I knew Gene could do it and I also knew I had to put it (the snap) on the money."

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Arlington freshman Mackey Clark, snapper on AC field goal attempts and punts, said the tying kick went without a hitch. "I knew Gene could do it and I also knew I had to put it (the snap) on the money."

Surprisingly, Branum's career, which includes All-American honors last year and this year's selection to the Academic All-American team, had not included a single game-winning field goal in the closing moments of a game until Saturday's 57-yarder.

Branum also kicked another record-breaking field goal against Panhandle State University three weeks ago in AC's first playoff victory ever with a 53-yard field goal, breaking the NAIA quarterfinals record. It came in the final period against the Aggies to give AC a 27-16 lead.

Besides his winning kick Saturday, Branum also maintained his healthy punting average with three punts for a 40.3 yard average. The most crucial one came late in the first half when the 'Roos were backed up on their 13-yard line on fourth down. Branum responded with a 41-yard punt against a furious Cobber rush. More impressive than the distance, however, was the amazing 6.6 seconds hang time on the rush-quickenened kick.

Branum led the 'Roos in scoring for the regular season with 64 points on 11 of 17 field goals and 31 extra points in addition to his 41.5 yard punting average on 48 kicks.

# AC SPORTS

## *AC ends year with national title*

**RICHARD URSO**  
Sports Editor

Finals were over. Christmas holidays would bring three weeks of rest and relaxation (or presents and partying). However, the majority of the campus community remained in Sherman.

The Austin College Kangaroos were in the championship round of the NAIA Division II playoffs for the first time ever.

It was a cold December Saturday afternoon as the 'Roos got set to play the Concordia Cobbers — an experienced team from Minnesota.

The Cobbers relied upon size and strength, as well as a deliberate rushing attack to manhandle their opponents.

On the other side, the 'Roos depended on a potent aerial assault directed by senior quarterback Larry Shillings.

A crowd of 3,540 watched on as the two powerhouses battled to a 24-24 tie and a share in the national crown.

Concordia led 24-14 entering the fourth quarter, but a fine Austin

College comeback stunned the Cobbers. The tying points came on Gene Branum's 57-yard field goal with 1:12 remaining on the clock. Branum's kick was the longest in NAIA championship play, as well as his personal best.

Branum's kick hit the crossbar and bounced through the uprights for AC's final three points. Who could ask for more excitement than those few seconds provided as the ball sailed through the air toward its destination.

Critic's say a tie is anticlimatic, but neither team deserved a loss.

If nothing else, consider this one a moral victory for the 'Roos. They scored more points (24) than any team previously had scored against Concordia all year (the Cobbers averaged six points given up per game).

Van Hargis wiped out that statistic only six minutes into the game as he ran left 14 yards for the first score.

The AC defense (having lost the services of All-American free safety Chris Luper) held Concordia's 215-pound senior fullback Jim Klug to 94

yards on 30 carries, while Hargis collected 68 yards on only 11 carries.

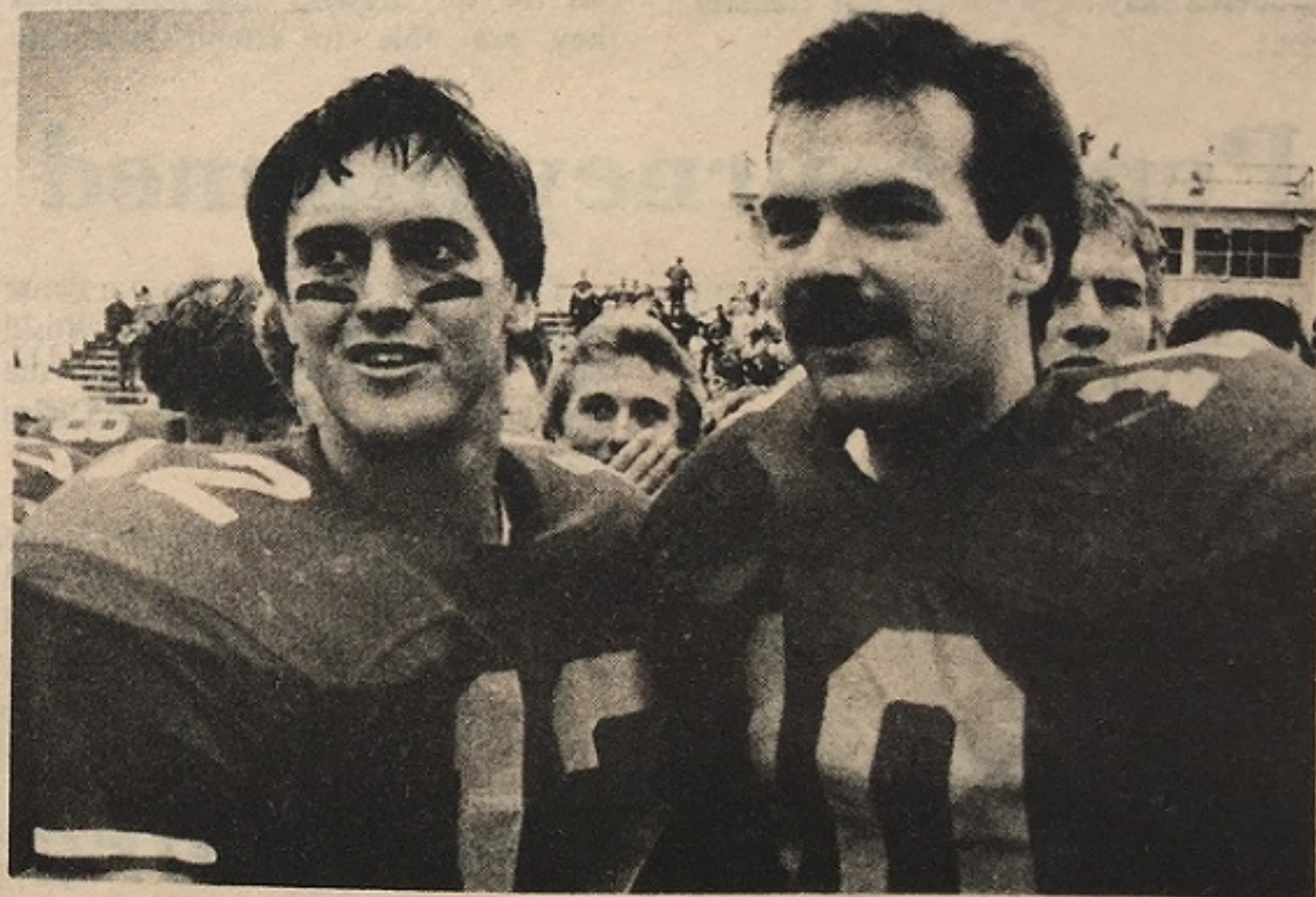
Shillings threw for over 200 yards for the third consecutive playoff game, completing 17 of 26 passes for 202 yards and two touchdowns.

Rory Dukes caught six passes for 104 yards and a touchdown, while Clay Oliphant caught four passes for 49 yards and a TD despite double coverage all day.

### Statistics

	Concordia	AC
First Downs	15	21
Rushes - Yds	51-188	35-131
Passes	8-16-0	17-26-2
Passing Yds	128	202
Interceptions By	2	0
Fumbles Rcvd.	0	1

Attendance: 3540



Quarterback Larry Shillings and placekicker-punter Gene Branum await post-game honors after tying for the NAIA Division 2 title.

# Players receive honors

**RICHARD URSO**

**Sports Editor**

After a phenomenal season which saw the 'Roos finish with an 11-1-1 record and a share of the NAIA Division II national championship, several Austin College players were recognized for outstanding achievements.

Senior free safety Chris Luper from Denison once again earned first team All-American honors for the third consecutive year.

Luper intercepted 23 passes during his four-year stint at safety and was especially known for his open field tackling.

Joining Luper on the first team All-American squad was Gene Branum.

Last year the Tyler senior received All-American recognition as a punter. This year Branum earned the award as

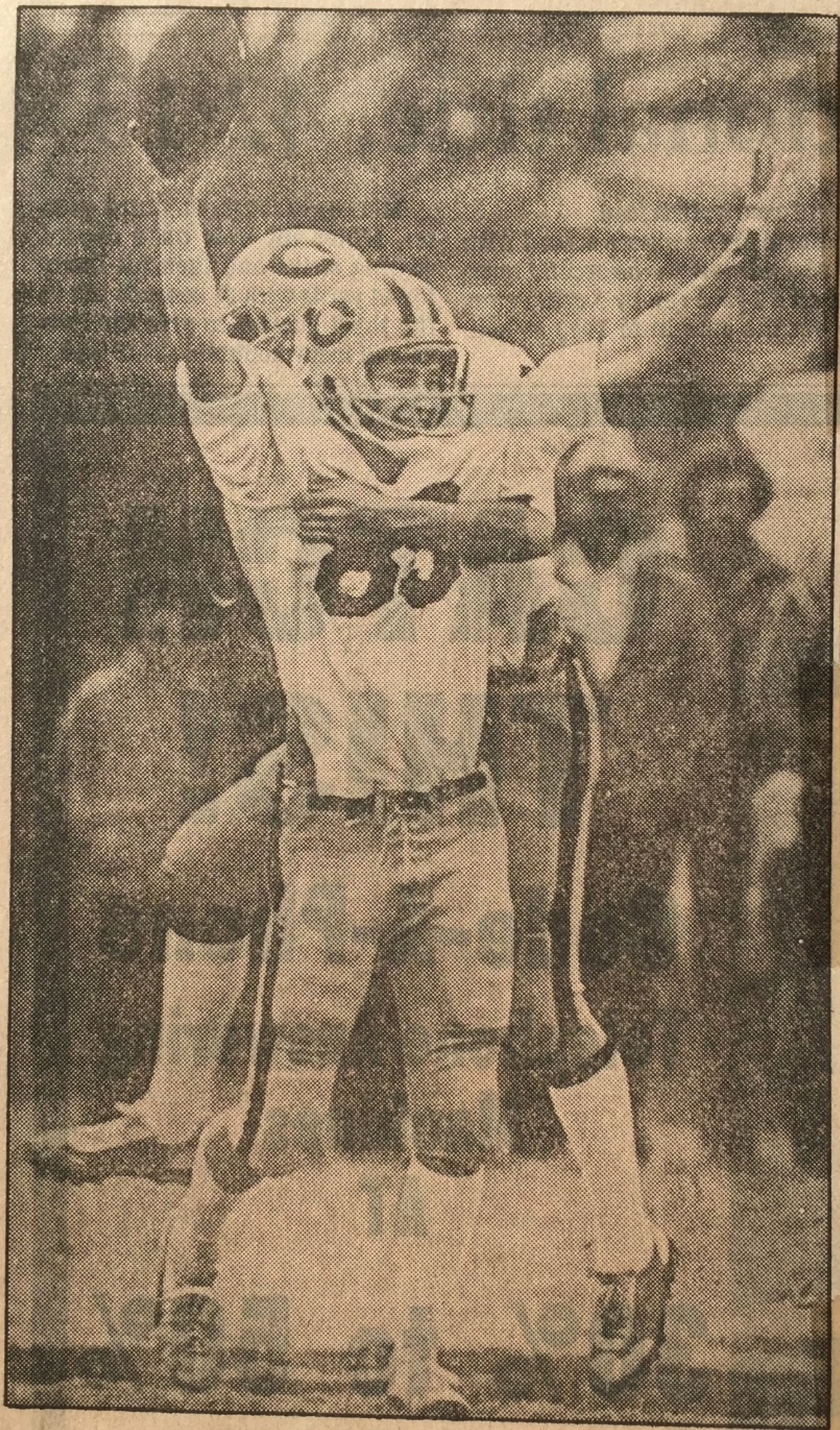
a kicker. He also gained a spot on the academic All-American team due to his excellent scholastic record at Austin College.

Senior quarterback Larry Shillings from Bryan grabbed second team All-American honors having already been named as a first team Kodak All-American earlier this year.

During his three years as a starter, Shillings completed 438 passes for 5852 yards and 56 touchdowns.

Seniors Larry Hickman and Rory Dukes and junior Clay Oliphint earned honorable mention All-American status.

Hickman has anchored the defensive line for the past several years while Dukes and Oliphint have assaulted opposing secondaries with a dazzling display of pass catching ability.



*The Dallas Morning News: Jan Sonnenmair*  
**Concordia's Joe Gotta is congratulated by teammate Tom Shepley after scoring in the third quarter for the Cobbers. Austin and Concordia tied for the NAIA Division II championship, 24-24.**

# Austin shares NAIA title after salvaging tie

By Luke Johnson  
Special to The News

SHERMAN, Texas — Practice ended Austin College's 11-1-1 season on a near-perfect note.

With 1:12 left in the game, the Kangaroos trailed Concordia College of Minnesota, 24-21, when senior kicker Gene Branum went on the field to attempt a 57-yard field goal.

"I knew the kick was within my range and I even had a little breeze behind me, so I wasn't nervous about making it," Branum said. "But I didn't do it by myself. There was a good snap and a perfect hold, which made the kick easier."

The snap and hold almost didn't matter — not until the ball hit the crossbar and bounced through, giving the Kangaroos a share of the NAIA Division II national championship and Branum the title-game field-goal record.

"I was happy to see it bounce over," Branum said. "It's really strange because the same thing happened to me in practice Thursday from a few yards farther out."

Branum was named the game's most valuable offensive player but there were plenty of offensive heroes to go around for the Kangaroos, who made up 10 points in the final quarter for the tie in front of a crowd of 3,540 at Louis Calder Stadium. NAIA rules allow overtime only in quarter-final and semi-final matches.

After the Cobbers exploded for 17 third-quarter points to negate Austin's 14-7 halftime lead, Kodak All-America quarterback Larry Shillings engineered two pressure-packed drives for the tying points. The first drive began on the Kangaroo 23, and he finished a 16-play drive with a 6-yard pass to split end Clay Oliphint to reduce the margin to 24-21.

Then the Kangaroo defense stopped Concordia, 11-0-2, on third and six from midfield. Jon Pratt's punt sailed over Dukes' head and into the end zone, giving the Kangaroos the ball on their 20 with 5:43 left.

Shillings then moved the Kangaroos 41 yards in eight plays before the drive stalled on the Concordia 39 to set the stage for Branum, a business major who is

considering medical school — if the lure of pro football isn't too great.

"I wouldn't go looking for it," Branum said, "but if I got the right opportunity to play pro ball and stay close to home, I'd have to think about taking a leave of absence from medical school to give it a shot. I've talked to several people, including Mr. (Gil) Brandt (Cowboys vice-president) and it would be great to play in the NFL and stay right here in Texas."

Branum made the 57-yarder in front of a representative of one pro scouting organization.

"Gene has great range and we knew he could reach it from 57 yards", said Austin coach Larry Kramer as he held one of two trophies given as a result of the tie. "But my heart stopped a bit when I saw the kick hit the crossbar."

Concordia coach Jim Christopherson said he couldn't believe the kick. "We felt we had them in the perfect position, facing long yardage on fourth down," Christopherson said. "I really didn't feel Branum had a strong chance to hit it, but there was sure no luck involved either, because he's one of the best kickers we've seen."

And Branum did what he had done all week during practice.

"I used to say in practice, 'Gene, there's two seconds left. What are you gonna do?' Then he would boot it from from 60 yards out," holder Jim Vice said. "Today, I looked up at him and said, 'Just like practice, Gene.' And he kicked it."

**Austin College 24, Concordia 24, tie**

Concordia . . . . .	,0	17	7	0-24
Austin . . . . .	,7	7	0	10-24

- AC—Hargis 14 run (Branum kick)
- Con—FG Berglund 29
- Con—Gotta 34 pass from Samuelson (Berglund kick)
- AC—Dukes 31 pass from Shillings (Branum kick)
- Con—Klug 1 run (Berglund kick)
- Con—Davies 2 run (Berglund kick)
- AC—Oliphint 6 pass from Shillings (Branum kick)
- AC—FG Branum 57
- A—3,540

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Passing yards . . . . .	,128	202
Passes . . . . .	,8-16-0	17-26-2
Punts . . . . .	,4-35	3-40
Fumbles-lost . . . . .	,1-0	0-0
Penalties-yards . . . . .	,2-20	7-60

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

- RUSHING**—Concordia, Klug 30-94; Austin, Hargis, 11-68.
- PASSING**—Concordia, Samuelson 8-16-0 128; Austin, Shillings, 17-25-2 202.
- RECEIVING**—Concordia, Davies 3-43; Austin, Dukes 6-104.

# *Branum stepped up, kicked; 'I'm proud to be a Kangaroo'*

by MARK SPENCER

*Gene Branum stood in the middle of the football field and took a deep breath. All eyes were focused on him. Everyone saw his shoulders lift, then drop. His were focused on the tee where Jim Vice would place the ball for the field goal attempt.*

*The crowd began arriving early. Some came even before noon, although kickoff wasn't until 1 p.m. A young man in a cowboy hat said to his date, "The end zones are all painted. I don't believe that. This is uptown."*

*Branum waited for the snap. Then Vice's hand's went up to receive the spiral from center. Still it wasn't time to step to the ball. He waited for Vice to catch the ball, then quickly put it down.*

*"It looked like a Baptist kick to me," one fan said to another after the game.*

*"No," the other replied, "It was a Presbyterian kick."*

*Then Vice had the ball and Branum made the step forward. All ears could hear the solid thump of shoe leather against pigskin, but it still seemed too much distance for a ball to carry.*

*It was in the third quarter. The score was 24-14 in favor of Concordia. The bearded man on the top row of the stadium said he still wouldn't give up hope.*

*Then the cheerleader grabbed the bullhorn and pleaded: "Just do anything! Be noisy!" And the crowd began to stamp its feet on the shaky wooden bleachers. And the fans whistled and clapped and shouted.*

*The ball rose slowly from the tee. It seemed too slowly to many. The air was cold as Minnesota, but damp, and it seemed unlikely that the ball could carry even in ideal climate.*

*"We oughta go over there and jerk on that goal post a little bit," one man said to another.*

*"We oughta take it down and gold-plate it and give it to him," the other said.*

*The ball climbed against the gray sky, then climbed some more. All afternoon, the fans had shaken their heads in disbelief while the punts had climbed to incredible heights. But this was a field goal attempt, and it was going to need distance more than height.*

*In the Austin College "pub" afterwards, political science faculty member Shelly Williams was saying the college was like a family. He pointed out other faculty members, students, alumni, administrators and maintenance people.*

*"A lot of people waited a long time," Williams said. "And it was worth the wait."*

*At its apogee, you could see that the ball had backspin. Did all field goal attempts spin backwards? You'd never noticed before...*

*George Willis, class of '79, and a former linebacker, was saying afterwards that the college had always had a commitment to excellence, the players had always given 100 per cent, but they'd never quite had the talent. They'd never had anyone, for example, who could even try a field goal from so far away...*

*And then the ball started down and it was obvious it had too far to go. It seemed it had been a mistake to try. It seemed the national championship opportunity was descending even more rapidly...*

*Andy Williams, communications arts major and AC class of '74, was saying afterwards that he stayed with the college because jobs were hard to find and he liked its wood-working shop. Now a carpenter, he said he and the maintenance people always make the Friday happy hour...*

*He said they'd all worked so hard in the last two or three weeks. But there had been "a fine feeling. Everybody got behind the team and it wasn't like it was work at all."*

*The ball somehow holds height as flies toward the goal post. The eye darts from one to the other. It looks like it will be short, it looks like it just might carry...*

*The vice president of student affairs is tending bar. Against a steady uproar, he says they were a little short-handed, so he decided to help out. Besides, he expects an opportunity to celebrate like this "only once in a lifetime."*

*The kick has lost its force and the angle of descent increases. It is falling right at the cross-bar, and no one will be surprised to see it float just underneath at the last instant.*

*"Hey, Cobbs, we're still undefeated," a Concordia player sought to remind his teammates in the locker room afterwards.*

*"It just goes to show that football is a game of inches," said another.*

*Then the ball came down and, still spinning backwards, struck the cross-bar and bolted across. If that contact made a noise, the crowd couldn't hear it for its own.*

*Cindy Miller was ending her first semester of teaching speech communications in college. She had followed football before, she said, but added, "I never thought I'd be proud to be a Kangaroo."*

# Finals refer to more than exams at Austin

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You wouldn't even know the Kangaroos were playing Concordia College of Minnesota for the NAIA Division II title here Saturday at 1 p.m. if it weren't for a note scribbled on the blackboard outside The Pouch, the campus pub: "Friday come toast the team at Happy Hour!"

Intercollegiate athletes have their place at this small private liberal arts school situated about 70 miles north of Dallas. Athletics come second, especially this week.

The loudest sound on campus may be the soft scattering of coughs in the library. Final exams began Monday. The student body — 1,137 strong — isn't out whooping it up. Everyone, *ssshhh*, is studying. That includes the Kangaroo football team.

"There's a lot of pressure — some of us will stay up all night studying," says Rory Dukes, the 'Roos star flanker, a senior political science major from Kilgore. Like his teammates, Dukes is excited about Saturday's game. He's a little concerned about Concordia's size. (Rumor has it that Concordia's team is bigger than the Minnesota Vikings). But he's just as concerned about doing well on his final exam in a graduate history course, *The Origin of Germany*.

Dukes, who caught 34 passes during the regular season, is a member of Pi Gamma Mu, a national social studies honor society. His grade point average is 3.4 out of a possible 4.0.

All-America punter Gene Branum also is burning the midnight oil. But studying is hardly a novelty for a young man who ranked 10th in a graduating class of about 650 at Tyler Lee High School.

Branum, AC's student body president, is a senior pre-med major. The only thing higher than his towering punts is his 3.8 GPA.

Wide receiver Clay Oliphint of Dallas St. Marks admits he can't match grades with some of his super-studious teammates. But his academic standing is as important to him as his conference-record 51 catches and 10 touchdowns this year. "At other schools people expect you to fit into that dumb-jock image," says Oliphint, a junior history major. "That's part of the reason I came here. I didn't want to be put into that kind of mold."

The Austin College football team doesn't fit the mold of a college national champion. The Kangaroos' story won't be told on TV. It seldom makes Page One. But their story is one worth sharing. It's a story about a sane alternative to the big-time, win-at-all-cost philosophy found at some major schools, where Football is spelled with a capital F.

The Austin College story is a story about keeping athletics in proper perspective. It's a story about one small school's commitment to winning while preserving the purity of amateur sport.

"There is no way to put a value on what impact playing for a national championship will have at this school," says Dr. Robert Mason, Austin College athletic director and head coach of the school's basketball team, which tied for the conference championship last year. "We've shown that a great academic institution can attain a degree of prominence athletically. The two don't have to be mutually exclusive."

The Kangaroos, 11-1, represent a wide range of athletes in size and ability. But each player is equal to the other in one respect. Each one is a walk-on. Austin College actively "recruits" players but doesn't offer athletic scholarships. The school went non-scholarship more than 25 years ago. However, more than 60 percent of all students qualify for some some financial aid.

The players aren't segregated from the rest of the student body. They don't live together in an athletic dorm or dine at a special training table. All on-campus residents eat their meals at the school's cafeteria.

The Kangaroos travel by bus to all their games on the road. As a charter member of the non-scholarship Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association (TIAA), they bused this year to Lubbock Christian, Tarleton State (Stephenville), Trinity (San Antonio) and McMurry (Abilene). They even bused 543 miles, and back, to play Sul Ross in Alpine, where the 'Roos suffered their only loss of the season. (The loss was later avenged in Sherman as the teams play a round-robin schedule.) They arrived back home Sunday, at 9 a.m.

Because Austin College's yearly athletic operating expenses are only about \$80,000, the football players understand the meaning of sacrifice. As Dukes puts it, "We don't have any frills. I guess everybody would like to have the money they have at the University of Texas. I'll bet our whole budget doesn't cover the cost they (Longhorns) spend on turf shoes."

The Kangaroos don't even have the luxury of being the guests of honor at campus pep rallies. Although the school elects cheerleaders, Austin College doesn't hold weekly pep rallies.

"It's kind of hard to have a pep rally without a band," Branum notes with a smile.

Also, unlike some schools, Austin College doesn't offer its athletes "jock" courses to help them boost their grade averages. Basket Weav-



The Dallas Morning News: Jan Sonnenmair

**Line coach Sig Lawson runs the Kangaroos through drills in preparation for Saturday's big championship game.**

ing 101 isn't in the catalogue. Players have to hit the books as hard as they hit the blocking sleds if they expect to maintain their scholastic eligibility.

Seventy-seven of the 100 faculty members hold doctorate degrees. The student-faculty ratio is 11-to-1.

"Our players make it the hard way, but a good high school student can do it if he's willing to work," says head coach Larry Kramer, borrowing a line from his recruiting pitch.

Last year Kramer and his three assistants visited about 120 Texas high schools in an attempt to sell youngsters on his program. He aimed his sales pitch at athletes who 1) wanted a quality education, and 2) wanted to play four years of college football, even though they lacked the size or speed to merit athletic scholarships at major schools. Anyone who plays at Austin College is assured he won't be cut from the team.

"We've been able to get some fine athletes who don't have ego problems," says Kramer, a former All-America tackle at Nebraska in 1964. "We can't get the blue-chip players. We know that. We don't go after the 6-5 tackle. We go after the 6-1 tackle. We'll go after the skilled kid who may not run a 4.5 but might run a 4.7 and who can help us win."

Kramer became the Kangaroo head coach nine years ago. He suffered six losing seasons before his 1979 team finished 9-1 and won the conference title. That team later lost in the first round of the playoffs. During those losing years, no one ever hanged him in effigy. No alumni groups threatened to buy up his contract.

"I've never had any pressure from alumni or the administration

in terms of winning or losing," says Kramer, whose last three teams have compiled a record of 28-5.

This year Kramer may be the most popular member of the faculty. He can't sit down in the campus pub for a sandwich without at least a half-dozen Ph.Ds coming up to him and offering their congratulations. David Schrader, assistant professor of philosophy, is one of the football team's biggest fans.

"He likes to philosophize about our games," Kramer says with a smile.

Players often receive notes of good luck from instructors they don't know. If one took a poll, the percentage of faculty members actively supporting the team probably would be at least as high as the student body.

Only about one third of the student body attends home games at cozy 2,500-seat Louis Calder Stadium. Last week a season-high crowd of 2,400 watched the Kangaroos eliminate William Jewell, 33-28, in the NAIA semifinals game.

"We expect more Saturday," says Sheila Pound, head cheerleader and this year's homecoming queen.

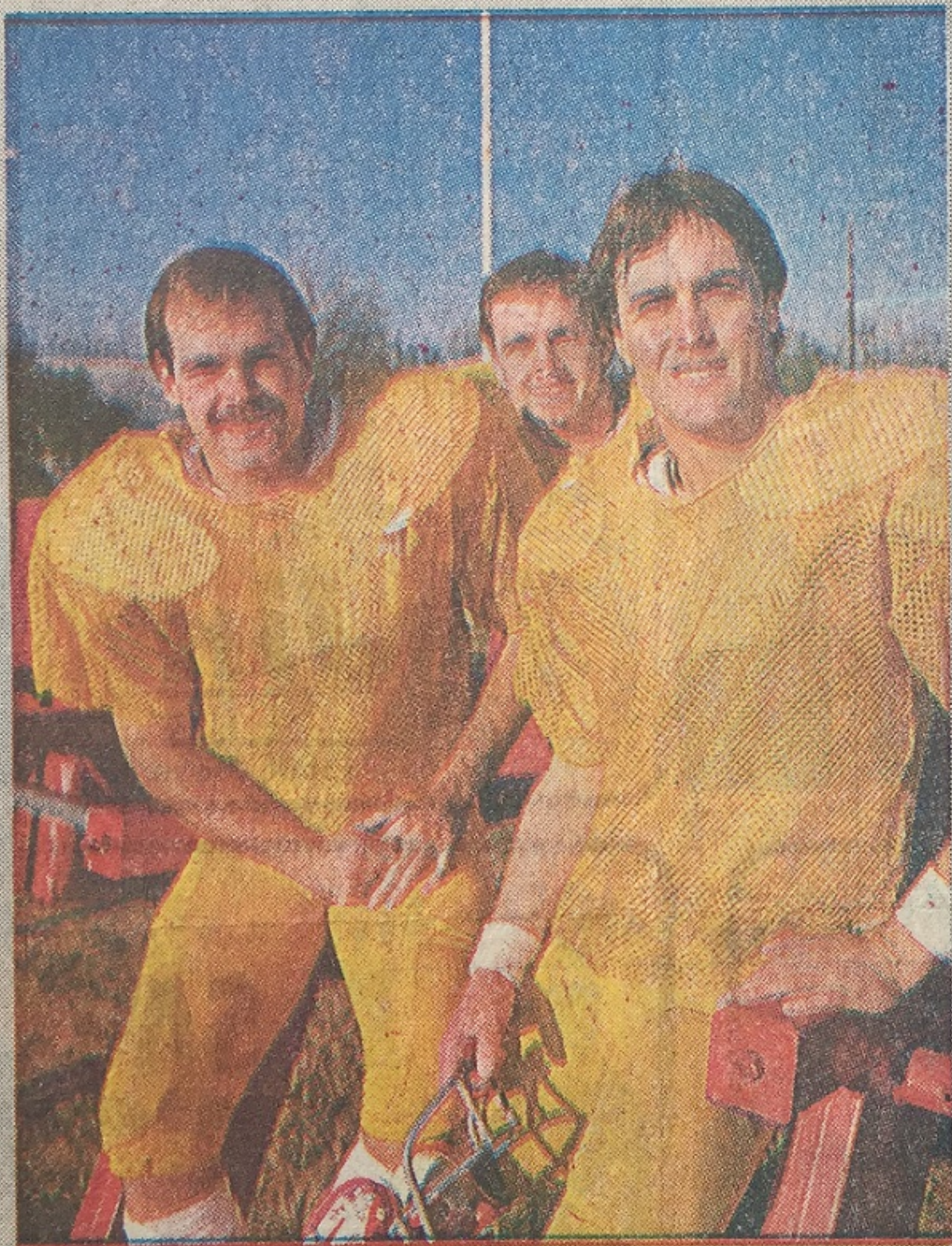
While last week's crowd was small compared with the attendance at the Sherman High School home games, Kangaroo fans had fun. The student body didn't sing the alma mater ("nobody knows the words," says Sheila) but everyone joined in as the cheerleaders led them in the school's most popular yell, called the "Hopper Loco."

At halftime they passed a can to collect donations to buy new kangaroo suits worn by two of the cheerleaders.

"They're pretty ratty looking," Sheila confessed.

So far they've collected \$95.





# A storybook season

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## *Austin College finals week means textbooks, playbooks*

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By David Casstevens  
*Staff Writer of The News*

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SHERMAN, Texas

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**A**ustin College is just one step from winning its first national championship in the school's 85-year football history.

So you imagine this picturesque little campus would be alive, caught up in the giddy celebration of the moment. Pep rallies. Bonfires. Cars decorated with red-and-gold streamers. Shouts of "We're Number One!"

The enthusiasm naturally would carry over into the community. Having a local team playing for a *national* title ought to generate enough electrified civic spirit to light every Christmas tree in town.

But it's not that way. Not at all.

This week the Austin College campus is subdued and strangely quiet. Life in town goes on as usual, except for the bustle of holiday shopping.

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*The Dallas Morning News: Jan Sonnenmair*

Gene Branum, Clay Oliphint and Larry Shillings (left to right) have played important roles in Austin's storybook season.

# Austin College shares title

By PAUL HAGEN

Staff Writer

SHERMAN — When the clock ran out on Saturday's NAIA Division II football championship game between Austin College and Concordia (Minn.) Saturday afternoon, the crowd fell dead silent.

After all, "We're both No. 1" doesn't really have a ring to it.

But that was precisely the situation. Austin's Gene Branum tied the game with a 57-yard field goal that hit the crossbar and bounced over with 1:12 left in the game. That tied the game, 24-24, and that's the way it ended. Since the NAIA doesn't have any provision for overtime in championship games, Austin and Concordia were declared national co-champions.

The final score was about as close as the game, played before an overflow crowd of 3,540 on a gray, cold day at Louis Calder Stadium.

Concordia took what appeared to be a commanding 24-14 lead into the fourth quarter, but the Kangaroos came right back. With 8:48 left to play, Austin quarterback Larry Shillings found Clay Oliphint in the right corner of the end zone for a 6-yard touchdown pass. That was a big play because Austin had just scored on the previously play, but the touchdown was called back by an illegal motion penalty.

The Austin defense stiffened after the kickoff and the Kangaroos got the ball back at their own 20 with 5:43 left in the game. The Kangaroos appeared stalled at the Concordia 46, facing a fourth-and-4, but Shillings ran the option left and picked up seven yards.

With a fourth-and-10 from the 39 with 1:18 left, Austin Coach Larry Kramer was at least thinking about going for it, even though he'd told his players moments earlier he'd kick the field goal in that situation. If the ball had been a little closer, there would

have been no question. But 57 yards on a cold, dull day?

"I had to talk Coach into kicking it," Branum said. "He halfway wanted to go for it. I was ready. I had been getting myself ready mentally. I wasn't thinking too much about how far we would have to get it in for me to have a shot at it. Evidently, that was about the limit since it hit the crossbar before it went over."

The field goal was the longest ever in an NAIA championship game.

"I thought, with him kicking from that far out, that chances were on our side," said Concordia Coach Jim Christopherson. "But it was just a matter of two teams going at it and it coming down to a 57-yard field goal."

The Cobbers actually had a chance to win it. With less than a minute left, wide receiver Joe Gotta caught — then dropped — a long pass on the Austin 35. "If he had held on, we would have had a chance to get in range for the winning field goal," Christopherson pointed out.

For most of the game, it was Concordia's tanks against Austin's air game. When it was all over, Cobber fullback Jim Klug had rumbled for 94 yards on 30 carries. When he wasn't doing that, he was catching three screen passes for 32 yards.

On the other side of the field, Shillings completed 17-of-25 attempts for 202 yards. If nothing else, Austin scored more points than any other team did against the Cobbers this year, who averaged just six points allowed per game.

Austin topped that on its first possession. Van Hargis ran left for 14 yards barely six minutes into the game. Concordia's Doug Berglund made it 7-3 early in the second quarter with a 29-yard field goal and the Cobbers took the lead when Gotta caught a 34-yard touchdown pass from Craig Samuelson with 6:45 left before the half.

Austin came right back on a 31-yard Shillings-to-Rory Dukes touchdown

pass that bounced off at least one Concordia defender before it finally settled into Dukes' hands, but Klug put Concordia back on top with a 1-yard plunge 1:49 before intermission.

The only score in the third quarter, a 2-yard run by Mark Davies, put the Cobbers up by 10 with just 37 seconds to go in the fourth quarter. With the help of Branum's career best field goal (he kicked a 55-yarder on a clear day in 1980) Austin matched, but couldn't exceed, that.

Like the fans, the players didn't know quite what to say when it was all over.

"I'm kind of torn," said Branum. "If there had been an overtime, there was always the chance we might have lost. But I think we could have beaten them."

"Mixed emotions," agreed Kangaroo wide receiver Russ Roden.

Klug found the tie an "anticlimax," but added: "I guess it's the best way to end the season. We both have good teams and we both played a good game and neither team deserved to lose. So maybe a tie is the best way after all."

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Austin	7	7	0	10	— 24
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Fumbles-lost	1-0				0-0
Punts-average	4-35				3-40
Penalties-yards	2-20				7-60
Attendance	— 3,540.				

## INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING—Concordia, Klug 30-94, Samuelson 4-45, Christopherson 13-41. A.C., Hargis 11-68, Garrison 7-28.  
 PASSING—Concordia, Samuelson 8-16-0—128. A.C., Shillings 17-25-2—202.  
 RECEIVING—Concordia, Davies 3-43, 3-32, Gotta 1-34, Shepley. A.C., Dukes 6-104, C. Oliphant 4-49.



Star-Telegram/JERRY HOEFER

**THE AUSTIN COLLEGE** Kangaroos erupt when kicker Gene Branum's 57-yard field goal gives the Sherman school a 24-24 tie with Concordia-Moorhead and a share of the NAIA Division II

national football championship Saturday. Southwest Texas State also won a title Sunday, beating North Dakota State, 42-13, for the NCAA Division II championship. *Story on Page 10.*

# Austin shares title

## Late field goal gives Kangaroos 24-24 deadlock with Concordia

SHERMAN (AP) — As reserve Austin College quarterback Jim Vice knelt at Concordia-Moorhead's 47-yard line, preparing to hold Gene Branum's field goal attempt, Vice tried to take Branum's mind off the circumstances.

He didn't want Branum thinking about the score — 24-21 Concordia — or the circumstances — 1:12 left in the NAIA Division II national championship game.

He just wanted Branum to think about practice.

"I used to say in practice, 'Gene there's two seconds left. What are you gonna do?' Then he would boot it 10 times in a row from 60 yards out," Vice said. "Today, I looked up at him and said, 'Just like practice, Gene.' And then he kicked it."

The championship-game record 57-yard field goal that bounced over the bar gave the Kangaroos a 24-24 tie with Concordia and a share of the Division II national title Saturday.

"It was a pretty good way to end it all," said Branum, a senior. "I was ready to kick it — I was confident..."

Kangaroo quarterback Larry Shillings, who had cut the margin to three points on a 6-yard touchdown pass to Clay Oliphint, led a 41-yard, 11-play drive to set up Branum's field goal.

Shillings kept the drive alive by scrambling 7 yards to the Cobbers' 39 on a fourth-and-four play with just over two minutes left.

"I still say it's exactly the situation we wanted them in," said Concordia Coach Jim Christopherson, discussing the tying field goal. "The percentages were with us — but it was just a heck of a kick."

"Austin College will consider themselves the national champion, but so will we," he added.

"I don't see anything wrong with it," Kangaroo Coach Larry Kramer said of the tie, which ended his season record at 11-1-1. "They've got a hell of

a football team and so do we."

Concordia, led by Jim Klug's 94 yards rushing — on a title-game record 30 carries — and 128 yards passing from quarterback Craig Samuelson, had mounted a 24-14 lead entering the final period.

Austin College logged the only score of the first period on a 14-yard run by Van Hargis, who finished with 69 yards on 11 carries, tops for the Kangaroos.

The Cobbers, 11-0-2, retaliated with 17 second-quarter points. Samuelson found Joe Gotta for a 34-yard scoring strike and Klug plunged over from 1 yard out to go with Doug Berglund's 29-yard field goal.

Samuelson finished with eight completions in 16 tries for his 128 yards, in addition to rushing for 46 yards on four carries.

Rory Dukes, who led the Kangaroos with 104 yards on six receptions, snared a deflected pass from Shillings for a 31-yard, second-quarter touchdown to pull the Kangaroos with three at the half, 17-14.

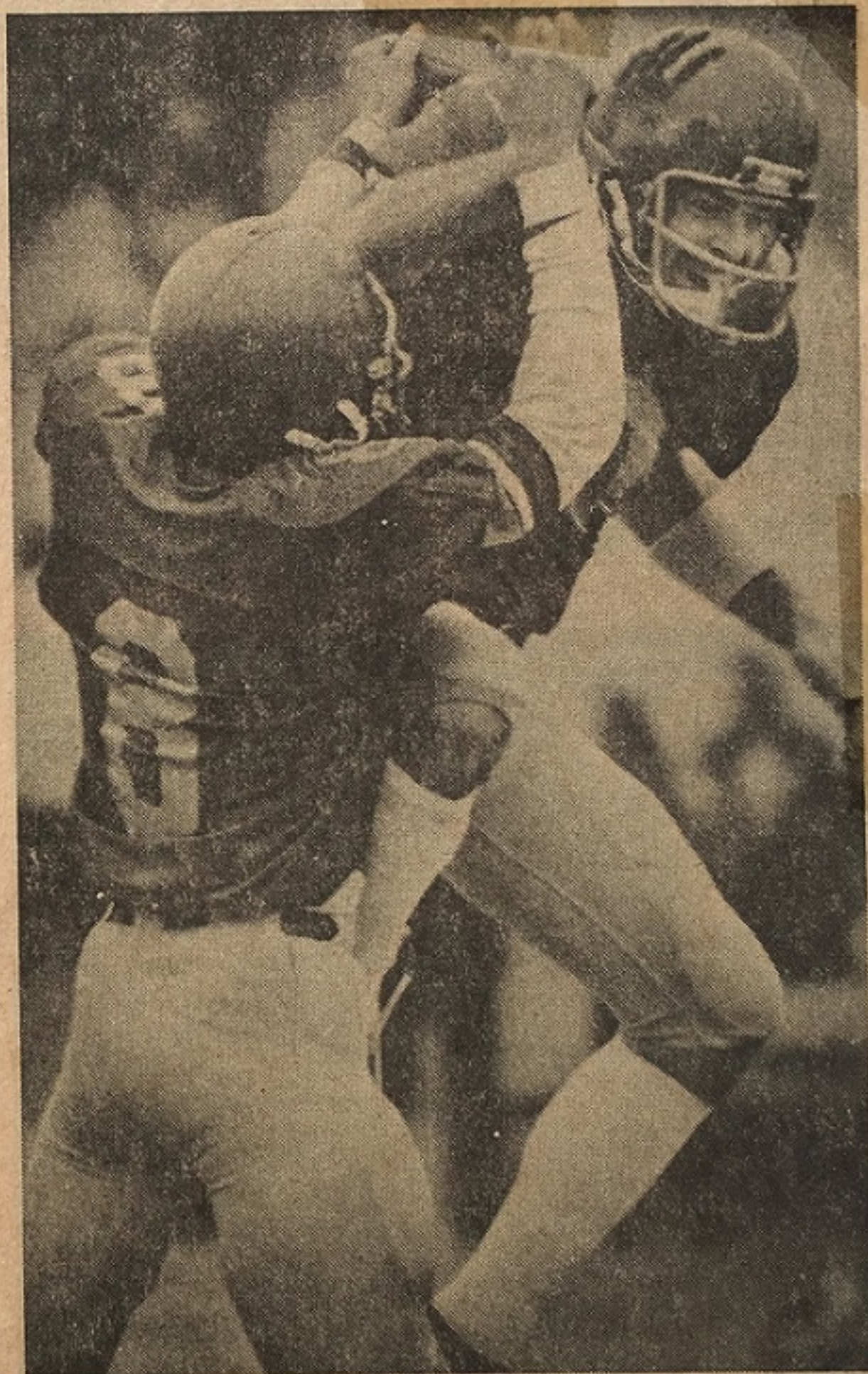
Concordia built its biggest lead of the game in the third quarter when Mark Davies dived 2 yards for a TD.

That set the stage for the Shillings-Oliphint connection and Branum's effort, a personal best which hit the crossbar and bounced through.

NAIA rules allow overtime play in the quarterfinal and semifinal rounds but call for an automatic co-championship when the title game ends in a tie.

Concordia	0	17	7	0-24
Austin	7	7	0	10-24
AC—Hargis 14 run (Branum kick)				
Con—FG Berglund 29				
Con—Gotta 34 pass from Samuelson (Berglund kick)				
AC—Dukes 31 pass from Shillings (Branum kick)				
Con—Klug 1 run (Berglund kick)				
Con—Davies 2 run (Berglund kick)				
AC—Oliphint 6 pass from Shillings (Branum kick)				
AC—FG Branum 57				
A—3,540				

	Con	AC
First downs	15	21
Rushes-yards	51-188	35-131
Passing yards	128	202
Passes	8-16-0	17-26-2
Punts	4-35	3-40
Fumbles-lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-yards	2-20	7-60



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AUSTIN COLLEGE'S Gene Branum reacts after 57-yard, game-tying field goal against Concordia-Moorhead Saturday as holder Jim Vice (8) joins in.

# *Kangaroos co-champs of NAIA with tie game*



## *Co-championship jubilation*

Austin College players Russ Roden, left, of Mesquite and Stu Oliphint of Dallas attempt to lift Coach Larry Kramer off the ground following Saturday's 24-24 tie with Concor-

dia College in the NAIA Division II championship game. A dramatic 57-yard field goal late in the fourth quarter gave AC its tie. (AC photo)

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## Austin shares NAIA title



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**Austin College kicker Gene Branum (10) and holder Jim Vice cheer after his 57-yard field goal**

**gave the Kangaroos a 24-24 tie in the NAIA Division II national championship. Story on Page 8B.**



## Kangaroo kick

— Staff photo by Michael Wirtz

Austin College kicker Gene Branum (10) is swarmed by happy teammates after he booted a 57-yard field goal with 1:12 left to give the Kangaroos a 24-24 tie against Concordia (Minn.) in the

NAIA Division II championship football game. Among the celebrants are Forrest Wylie (55) and Jeff McCord (29). The teams were declared national co-champions. Story on page 5.



















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