

# Hogs' QB poses problems, Mathews says

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tennessee offensive coordinator Doug Mathews says the No. 8 Volunteers have seen running backs to compare to the Arkansas tandem of James Rouse and Barry Foster, but nobody in the class of Quinn Grovey, the Duncan, Okla., quarterback who makes the Razorback option attack go.

The No. 10 Razorbacks averaged 314 yards a game rushing this season, ranking them seventh in the country. Tennessee, by contrast, led the Southeastern Conference in rushing with 245 yards a game.

"They'll present us with a completely different set of problems," Mathews said. "They're the first true option team we've seen since I moved over here (from offense). That's the big factor."

Mathews, a Picher, Okla., High School graduate, played two seasons at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M in Miami, where he was named an All-American. Mathews finished his college career at Vanderbilt.

Rouse and Foster enter the Cotton Bowl matchup against Tennessee with virtually identical statistics. Rouse carried 163 times for 869 yards; Foster carried 160 times for 833.

Grovey had 120 carries for 565 yards. "Those three guys will have the ball," Mathews said. "You can't decide to stop one of them. They're all pretty close as far as numbers and carries go."

Even so, Mathews said, the man who keeps a defense on its toes is Grovey. "They don't throw a whole lot but they

haven't had to," he said.

"They have an outstanding option quarterback in Grovey. He's a heck of a player. We've seen some backs to compare to theirs, but we haven't seen nearly as good a running quarterback as this guy, not even close."

Both teams are 10-1, giving the Cotton Bowl its first matchup of 10-game winners since 1980. Arkansas won the Southwest Conference championship outright, and Tennessee ended in a three-way tie for the SEC title.

This will be the second straight Cotton Bowl appearance for Arkansas, which lost to UCLA last January.

"Our strong suit, if we have one, is run defense," said Mathews, whose unit gave up

an average of 351 yards a game, 107 of it on the ground.

"We've been pretty good there, but it's been a different type of running. We may have to change a few things we do to hold up against them."

Arkansas had the second best offense in the Southwest Conference with an average of 448 yards a game, behind only Houston's gaudy, NCAA-leading 625. The Razorbacks had the No. 11 offense in the country in yards gained.

They were 12th in the country in points, averaging 32.5 a game. The season low was 19 against Baylor, and Arkansas scored at least 38 points in six games and more than 40 in three of those.

The Razorbacks averaged five yards on

each of 686 rushes, and ran the ball on 80 percent of their offensive plays.

"We've got a pretty good running attack here, and it doesn't come close to that," Mathews said.

As Mathews noted, the Razorbacks didn't throw a lot, finishing last in the conference with 134 yards a game.

Grovey completed 72 of 131 passes (55 percent) for 1,149 yards and five touchdowns, giving him more than 1,700 total yards for the year. He threw nine interceptions.

Grovey's favorite targets are split end Tim Horton (23 catches for 453 yards), flanker Derek Russell (17 catches for 284 yards), and tight end Billy Winston (16 catches for 252 yards).

## McAuley prevails; Bulldogs drop pair

Compiled from staff reports

McAuley Regional struck early and beat visiting Golden City 50-33 in a non-conference girls prep basketball game Monday night.

McAuley, ahead 13-4 after one quarter, ended a five-game losing streak. The Lady Warriors, 2-5, were ahead 22-11 at half-time.

### Area Prep Basketball

"We came out strong," said McAuley coach David Soetaert. "We did a lot better job looking up the floor and finding the open player. We played with a lot more poise. We also did a better job rebounding."

McAuley charts had the Warriors with 50 rebounds.

Dosie Duffy, 5-foot-7 junior, was the leader with 16 rebounds, followed by Robyn White with 11 and Gabe McGonigle with 10.

Jennifer Gripka, 5-6 sophomore, sparked the Warriors with 16 points and Duffy added 13. Erin Fethers, 5-5 junior, had eight points, eight assists and six steals and Gripka added five steals.

Angie Hayden, 5-6 senior, scored nine points to lead Golden City. The Eagles fell to 3-7 for the season.

Golden City entertains Dadeville in a Midwest Conference game tonight.

McAuley travels to Exeter on Thursday for an Ozark 6 Conference contest.

### Lamar boys, 50-28

Lamar, which had lost 63-41 at Carl Junction on Nov. 21, turned the tables in shocking fashion in the Big 8 Conference opener for both teams.

Kevin Gardner, a 5-11 junior, scored 23 points and grabbed 12 rebounds as the Tigers handed the visiting Bulldogs their first loss in five games.

Pat O'Neal, who scored 10



McAuley's Gabe McGonigle (23) reaches for a rebound in between Golden City's Angie Hayden (41) and Cathy Weinstein (20).

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points, and fellow 6-3 senior Doug Divine each grabbed eight rebounds as the Tigers outscored Carl Junction 30-9 in the second half.

Lamar coach Tony Armstrong said the Tigers committed only eight turnovers — opposed to 31 in the first meeting — and at least partially reversed a 20-rebound deficit.

"We did a good job on the boards," Armstrong said. "We didn't allow many offensive boards. Defensively, we used an active 3-2 zone. We hit our free throws in the fourth quarter."

Carl Junction, which entertains McAuley Regional tonight in a non-conference game, received 10 points from 5-10 senior Tom Jackson.

Lamar, 3-4 overall, plays host to Diamond tonight in a non-league game.

Lamar B triumphed 41-33 in the preliminary.

### Aurora girls, 54-49

Fast-starting Aurora held off Carl Junction's late surge and beat the Lady Bulldogs in a Big 8 Conference girls opener.

Melanie Houser, 5-8 junior, scored 16 of her game-high 29 points in the first half as Aurora built a 30-19 lead.

Carl Junction caught up late in the game, but Aurora took the lead for good after a Bulldog turnover.

"They just played a great first half," said Carl Junction coach Karen Hafner.

"They shot real well the first half, then we shot real well the

second half."

Chrissy Ediger, 6-1 junior, added 10 points for Aurora.

The Lady Houns, who will compete in the Springfield Pink and White Tournament beginning Dec. 26, improved their overall record to 7-1.

Dawn Williams, 5-8 junior, led Carl Junction with 20 points and Shally Lundien, 5-5 junior, added 11.

The Bulldogs dropped to 4-2 for the season. They travel to Wyandotte, Okla., for their final December game tonight.

Kathy Williams, 5-8 sophomore, scored 10 points in sparking Carl Junction to a 38-33 junior varsity victory.

Michelle Yount scored 11 for Aurora B.

## Eagles learning from adversity

The Ozark Conference boys prep basketball chase resumes tonight with Joplin personnel probably still thinking of last week.

It would be understandable. The Eagles couldn't afford to lose at home last Friday night against Kickapoo. But the Chiefs pulled out a 56-50 victory in two overtimes.

"It was a tough loss. It was a game important to win," Joplin coach Phil Lewis said Monday. "We made coaching mistakes. We made mechanical errors — unforced turnovers and mistakes — down the stretch. We had it and let it slip away."

"But I think we can learn from our mistakes and make it a positive experience instead of only negative," Lewis said.

The young Eagles — 6-foot-6 stalwart Steve Davis is their only senior — journey to Springfield tonight to tackle Glendale with the junior varsity contest starting at 6:30.

Defending champion Glendale isn't the ideal opponent for a young team wanting to recover. The Falcons, who clipped preseason league favorite Parkview 58-56 on Friday, are 2-0 in the Ozark and 6-0 overall.

Four clubs are 1-1 in the league — Joplin, Hillcrest, Kickapoo and Parkview — with Central 0-2. Overall records, in addition to Glendale, are Hillcrest 4-2, Parkview 2-1, Joplin and Kickapoo 3-2, and Central 1-6.

Hillcrest visits Kickapoo and Parkview calls on Central in tonight's other league outings.

Lewis said he wasn't surprised by Glendale's start which includes the Buffalo Tournament championship.

"They'll put five very good athletes on the floor," Lewis said of the Falcons. "This may be the most athletic group they've had in several years. They're quick and strong with good size."

"Handling their matchup zone will be difficult," Lewis said. "They play it hard, they anticipate well and they're good on the boards."

"First of all, we have to limit our turnovers and shoot extremely well," Lewis said. "We can't commit as many turnovers — 22 overall and eight in the third period — as we did against Kickapoo. We also have to get our share of rebounds at both



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By Anvil Welch

ends of the floor.

"I think it's important that we play within ourselves," Lewis said. "We can't be creative and be successful."

"Stopping McClain (6-0 junior Mike McClain) is important," Lewis said. "He can beat you by shooting or by dishing off and making good things happen. We have to make sure to provide some defensive help against him and at the same time cover the passing lanes which could lead to easy baskets. There's no question that McClain and Todd Miller (Parkview's 6-2 senior) are the premier guards in the area."

Glendale coach Mike Keltner said the Falcons have had at least four players score in double figures each game.

"We're shooting well which tends to cover a lot of weaknesses," Keltner said. "That also makes you more willing to play defense."

"The kids are playing hard and they're very unselfish," Keltner said. "They're willing to give up the ball for a layup. McClain, the other night, had three open shots and shoveled the ball to three different teammates for baskets."

"We're boarding OK and handling the ball OK," Keltner added. "We do seem to make turnovers in bunches."

Keltner, who began his sixth season as Glendale coach with a 101-41 record, can start a veteran cast — McClain, 6-2 junior Mark January, 6-4 senior Dirk Price, 6-4 junior Mike Nelson and 6-5 senior Miles Thompson.

Lewis plans to counter with Davis, 6-5 junior Roger Doman, 6-1 junior Scott Thomas, 5-11 junior Sean McClain and 5-10 sophomore Jason Henry.

## Radford enjoys return to Quapaw

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QUAPAW, Okla. — Larry Radford is enjoying his return home.

Radford, who's in his first season as boys basketball coach at Quapaw High School, has guided the Wildcats to a 7-2 record. They defeated Wyandotte 76-44 on Saturday night to successfully defend their title in the Bears' annual tournament.

The Wildcats, who lost their first two games of the season to Tulsa schools Victory Christian and Tulsa Christian, are idle until Jan. 5 when they go for their fifth Lucky '77 Conference win against visiting Fairland.

"I'm tickled to death the way the players are working," Radford said Monday. "We're having fun and we're feeling each other out. All things are going extremely well."

Radford, 29, played football and basketball for the Wildcats before graduating in 1979. He eventually married his sweetheart from his senior year in high school — the former Bridget Dawson.

"It is home," Radford said of Quapaw. "The kids get along with each other. They pull for each other. They're unselfish. The people are nice and supportive of the kids. It all makes it enjoyable to coach. I just hope we can perform for the people in a manner they deserve. We hope

it continues."

The 1988-89 Wildcats, coached by Sonny Smith, now girls basketball coach at Rich Hill (Mo.), finished 16-9 overall and tied Fairland for second in the Lucky '77 behind Wyandotte.

Radford, meanwhile, was finishing a five-year stint at Afton.

"I really didn't know what we had," Radford said of Quapaw. "I knew some of the kids from junior high, but we hadn't played for three years. People said we'd lost several seniors. But we did know we had two leaders in Manzy McKibben and Charlie Burtrum."

The 6-foot-4 McKibben and 6-2 Burtrum, both seniors, started last season.

Radford usually starts three underclassmen with the two seniors — 6-1 junior Jeremy Craig, 5-11 classmate Travis Burki and 6-0 sophomore Jeremy Olsen.

Sparkling the Wildcats from the bench have been 5-11 junior Steve Barnes, 5-8 senior Brian Thomasson and 5-9 junior Aaron Thomasson. There's one more senior on the roster in 5-8 Bruce Farris.

Radford, who's assisted by Larry Heltzel, said McKibben and Burtrum haven't disappointed with their

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## Falcons' Beckman killed in traffic accident

SUWANEE, Ga. (AP) — The Atlanta Falcons were jolted by the death of a teammate in a traffic accident for the second time in a month Monday when tight end Brad Beckman was killed on an icy interstate.

"It just devastates you," interim coach Jim Hanifan said. "He had a lot to offer in life — good personality, good looking young man — and to have it snuffed out like this just staggers you."

"This second tragedy in less than a month truly brings remorse to all of us," Falcons president Rankin Smith Jr. said. "Any death is truly saddening, but to lose young men like this is devastating and leaves such a void in all of our lives."

Rookie tackle Ralph Norwood was killed Nov. 24 when he apparently fell asleep, ran off the road and hit a tree on a Gwinnett County street not far from where Beckman was killed.

Four days after Norwood died, Marion Campbell resigned as coach.

In October 1988, Falcons defensive back David Croudip died at his home of heart failure after consuming a mixture of fruit juice and cocaine. Authorities said Croudip's death appeared to be accidental.



Brad Beckman

Gwinnett County police spokesman Larry Walton said Beckman was a passenger in a car that bumped into the rear of another vehicle, skidded across the northbound lanes of Interstate 85 and was hit broadside by a truck. The accident occurred nine miles south of the team's training complex.

Walton said the accident happened about 4:30 a.m. in icy conditions. The Atlanta area had a dusting of snow and sleet early Monday.

The driver of the car, former NFL tight end

Jeff Modesitt, was in critical condition from unspecified injuries.

Modesitt was signed as a free agent by the Falcons in the spring, but was cut May 26 before the start of a minicamp. He had played with the Tampa Bay Bucs during the 1987 strike and signed with Cleveland in 1988, but spent the season on injured reserve with a shoulder injury.

Beckman, who would have been 25 on New Year's eve, was in his second season in the NFL, his first with the Falcons. He played college football at Nebraska-Omaha.

Beckman signed as a free agent with the New York Giants after being cut by the Minnesota Vikings last year. He was on the Giants' roster for 12 games, playing on special teams and as an extra blocker in short yardage situations.

Signed by the Falcons in March, Beckman caught 11 passes for 102 yards and one touchdown this season.

## Mizzou tells Funderburke to stay at Indiana

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Missouri basketball coach Norm Stewart said Monday that missing Indiana University basketball player Lawrence Funderburke has inquired about transferring to the Big Eight school, but the staff there has advised the player against it.

Stewart, in an interview broadcast on Indianapolis television station WTHR, said he contacted coach Bob Knight and the IU athletic department and informed them of the inquiry.

"Lawrence Funderburke contacted the University of Missouri, called

our office on last Friday," Stewart said. "I was not in the office at that time, and they called me and I came back to the office."

"There is a procedure to follow."

"... We went a little beyond that normal procedure because of my association and friendship with Bob by Knight. I have not talked to the player. To my knowledge that is where the situation stands now."

WTHR reported that the Missouri staff counseled Funderburke to remain at Indiana and work out his differences.

Funderburke has been missing

from the Hoosier basketball team since Knight kicked him out of practice Thursday. When the rest of the team returned to the locker room, Funderburke already was gone and he did not accompany the team to its game Saturday at Texas-El Paso.

Funderburke's mother, meanwhile, said Monday she wanted her son to stay at Indiana, but that he would make up his own mind on the matter.

"I'd prefer that he stay at Indiana," Laura Funderburke said in an interview with *The Indianapolis News*. "But my son is a grown man

now and he has to make up his own mind."

Funderburke was averaging about 16 points per game coming off the bench, and eight points as a starter. The 6-foot-8 forward was named to the all-Indiana Classic team after totaling 34 points, 16 rebounds and two blocked shots off the bench.

After leading Columbus (Ohio) Wehrle High School to a state title his junior year, Funderburke was suspended from the team four games into his senior year for disciplinary reasons.