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University of Texas  
Sports News Service  
Jones Ramsey, Director

Sport: FOOTBALL Date: MAR 2 1971

PLEASE PRINT: (Also fill in completely with full names where any name is asked):

PRESLEY                      MICHAEL AUSTIN                      MIKE  
Last Name                      First Name and Middle Initial                      Nickname, preference

Hometown: Where Born GR DALLAS                      Where Grad. H.S. GRAND PRAIRIE

H.S. Graduated From GRAND PRAIRIE H.S. Coach: BILL YUNG

Birth Date: 5                      10                      53                      Present Age: 17                      Ht: 6'2 1/2"                      Wt: 193  
Month                      Date                      Year

Left-Handed/Right Handed? Right H.S. Captain (what sport?) FOOTBALL

High School Athletics: FOOTBALL - 3 YR. STARTER AT  
(Sport (s), Position (s), and years lettered in each

QUARTERBACK AND DEFENSIVE - HALFBACK

Honors in high school: HON. MEN. ALL-DIST. 68, ALL-DISTRICT 69-70  
(Include all-dist., etc. teams; all-star games; ALL-GREATER DALLAS HON. MEN. 69-70, 2ND TEAM ALL  
championship teams; stu- DISTRICT DEFENSE 70, SUPER TEAM TEXAS FOOTBALL  
dent offices or honors)

Married?        If so, how long?        Names/ages of children         
(if any)

Hobbies: HUNTING, FISHING, MOTORCYCLES

Name/address of parents: DOUGLASS N. PRESLEY, 741 GREENLAND WAY

Father's occupation: TEXAS AIR NAT'L. GUARD

Your plans after college: ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEER, OR COMPUTERS

What type of work did you do during summer (be specific): CONSTRUCTION  
(SHOVELING SAND)

Have you had a brother or OTHER close relative who lettered in any sport at a Conference school? If so give name, date, which college, sport, relationship to you.

JIMMY FLOWERS, FOOTBALL & SWIMMING, TEXAS A&M 1966-50  
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Baseballers: Do you throw and bat right or left-handed? Throw Right Bat Right

DISTRICT CHAMPS 1969, NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY,  
PRESIDENT JR. & SR CLASS, PRES FELLOWSHIP CHRISTIAN ATHLETES 1970-71  
STUDENT COUNCIL 1968-71, Sph CLASS FAV., JR. CLASS FAV.  
MOST HANDSOME 1970-71 (HA!), HEAD CAPTAIN FOOTBALL,  
V.P. Sec. FELLOWSHIP CHRISTIAN ATHLETES 1969-70, MOST FRIENDLY SR. BOY

I N F O R M A T I O N   B L A N K

University of Texas at Austin  
Sports News Service  
Jones Ramsey, Director

Sport: Football Date: 4/12/72

PLEASE PRINT: (Also fill in completely with full names where any name is asked):

Presley Michael Austin Mike  
Last Name First Name and Middle Initial Nickname, preference

Hometown: Where Born Dallas, Texas Where Grad. H.S. Grand Prairie

H.S. Graduated From Grand Prairie H.S. Coach: Bill Yung

Birth Date: May 10 53 Present Age: 18 Ht: 6'2" Wt: 197  
Month Date Year

Left-Handed/Right Handed? Rt. H.S. Captain (what sport?) Football

High School Athletics: Football Q.B. - Defensive Back 1968-69-70  
(Sport (s), Position (s), and years lettered in each)

Honors in high school: All District All Greater Dallas All State  
(Include all-dist., etc., All Bowl, Coaches All-Star Game  
teams; all-star games; Jer. Sr. Class Pres., National Honor Society  
championship teams; stu-  
dent offices or honors)

Married? — If so, how long? — Names/ages of children —  
(if any)

Hobbies: Hunting Fishing Motorcycling

Name/Address of parents: Douglass Noel Presley

Father's occupation & address: 741 Greenland Way, Grand Prairie  
Texas Air Mnt's Gd. - Dallas, Tex | Tex, 75050

Your plans after college: Insurance

What type of work did you do during summer (be specific): Construction

Have you had a brother or OTHER close relative who lettered in any sport at a Conference school? If so give name, date, which college, sport, relationship to you.

Jimmy Flowers Texas A & M  
Football

Baseballers: Do you throw and bat right or left-handed? Throw — Bat —

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By RICHARD JUSTICE

AUSTIN, Tex. -- The 32,227 fans who packed into Boston College's Alumni Stadium Saturday night expected to see the Texas Longhorn offense led by a quarterback who was an exceptional runner and an adequate passer. Marty Akins, the adequate passer and exceptional runner was expected to start.

The crowd, instead, had to settle for Mike Presley, who replaced Akins early in the game after he suffered a severe concussion. All Presley did was rush for 97 yards, pass for 65 more and lead the Longhorns to an opening season 42-19 victory over the Eagles.

"Presley came in and did a superb job," Texas Head Coach Darrell Royal said.

"We have always known he was a good football player, and I was glad to see him do so well."

Presley has been waiting two years to lead the Texas offense through a game.

He was ready Saturday night.

"I came to Texas to be a quarterback and I have said all along I want to help whenever I could," Presley said. "I don't want to get that chance by Marty getting hurt, but I said I was going to be ready if something happened. I guess things worked out in the end. When I went in I just said we need to get going...everybody was hacked off that we weren't moving."

Presley moved the Texas offense all right. He finished off a 95 yard drive and scored the touchdown on a two yard run. Included in the drive was a 52 yard pass to freshman Kevin Scott.

"I think the long pass helped the linemen," Presley said. "It makes them feel better if you are getting things in big chunks. The line--Tresch, Hebert, Wilcox, Simmons, Thurman, Ingraham and all the rest did a super job, and the backs blocked well."

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And the Texas offensive linemen expressed the same confidence in Presley's performance.

"There was no big change when Mike came in, everybody has complete faith in him," Texas center Bob Tresch said. "Nothing really happened in the huddle after Akins injury...we knew we were stalling, and Mike is the kind of guy that everybody likes and has confidence in, and he adds a lot of spirit himself."

Presley is also aware Texas has ten regular season games to go.

"We've got a long way to go, but I am really proud of the way the guys played. Boston College hit hard and they are a tough ball club," Presley said. "We got a couple of breaks that helped."

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AUSITIN, Tex.,----Mike Presley has one primary goal to accomplish during his University of Texas football career. He wants to help the Longhorns win football games.

Presley has already done that in ~~x~~ his role of backup to Texas' starting quarterback Marty Akins.

But he has never started a game for the Longhorns.

"It's not really been that much of an adjustment, to come out of high school where you were a little better than some of the other players to here where you have to battle for a job," Presley said.

"The team comes before the ~~xxxx~~ position battle. Anything I do here, I want it to ~~xx~~ contribute to helping Texas win football games. That's the goal of the team....to win 11 games. Anyway the coaches say I can best do that is the way I want it."

Texas Coach Darrell Royal agrees. And adds a postscript.

"That certainly doesn't mean he would be happy on the bench," Royal said. "We have a situation where we have two outstanding quarterbacks. It's a pleasant situation.

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"Not only are Mike's abilities improving, but his mental attitude is much better. I don't think ~~bt~~ ~~bx~~ there's quite as much personal feeling in the competition as it once was.

"Mike has looked outstanding. He's picked up and odne some things this year that he wouldn' have done last year. In the scrimmage yesterday, he picked up some things....he sensed them, and turned them into outstanding plays."

Presley has also shown he has ~~a~~ the ability to get the ball into the end zone when he's ~~xxx~~ near it. He was Texas' third leading scorer last season behind Roosevelt Leaks and Billy Schottz.

But Presely has been bugged by injuriexs.

"I pulled a muscle right before the season started last year, and had a broken nose later on. ~~XXXX~~ Then in spring training, hte third day, I strained a ligament in my ~~kxxx~~ ankle?"

Presley has ~~xxx~~ never regreted coming to the University.

"This school means a lot to me," he sadi. "I like everything about it." And that makes Royal happy.

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What kind of work did you do this summer? CONSTRUCTION

What is your major? FINANCE Got a famous relative whom we should know about? ————— Plans after college, besides

pro ball INSURANCE OR SOME BUSINESS OF MY OWN

Are you active in a church, if so what Altamonte Baptist in Austin.

Are you in Fellowship of Christian Athletes or a similar organization? YES

Active politically? —————

Are you involved in other campus activities besides athletics? NO

What's your favorite food? A GOOD SIRLOIN STEAK

What's your shoe size? 12 Neck size? 17 1/2 Suit coat size? 44L

Why did you choose Texas? WANTED TO BE A LONGHORN

Did you have any hours of advanced placement? If so what and what grade? NO

What kind of conditioning work did you do this summer? RAN A LOT AND LIFTED weights

What about a hat or headgear size? 7 1/2

What has been the most satisfying thing about your college career? TO BE A

PART OF THE UNIVERSITY WHAT ABOUT HOBBIES? Some of you are accomplished guitar players, piano players, etc. What's your thing? BOUCH REST RIFLE, HUNTING, RELOADING AMMO (GUNSMITHING)

Some of you get your kicks in odd ways...like Braband falling off a three-story building a while back...anything like that? Did you win a bunch at Vegas or spend your time with the California lettuce workers or anything like that? STABBED DOUG

ENGLISH WITH A CARBING PEN IN THE FOOT!

Anything else? —————

SIGNED Steve Long Sport Fossil

Thanks, RAMSEY/B.LITTLE

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What is your major? BUSINESS / REAL ESTATE Got a famous relative we should know about? \_\_\_\_\_ . Plans after college, besides pro ball REALTOR

Are you active in a church, if so what? ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL

Are you in Fellowship of Christian Athletes or a similar organization? YES

Active politically? NO

Are you involved in other campus activities besides athletics? TEXAS COWBOYS

What's your favorite food? RIBEYE STEAK

What's your shoe size? 12 Neck size? 17 1/2 Suit coat size? 44

Why did you choose Texas? ALWAYS WANTED TO

Did you have any hours of advanced placement? If so what and what grade? NO

What kind of conditioning work did you do this summer? TWO A DAYS ON MY OWN SINCE JULY 1 - MOUNTAIN BACKPACKING

What about a hat or headgear size? 7 1/4 Married? NO

Kids (that you claim) ? \_\_\_\_\_ . What has been the most satisfying thing about your college career? KNOWING MY TEAMMATES

WHAT ABOUT HOBBIES? Some of you are accomplished guitar players, photographers, etc.

What's your thing? GUNS, HUNTING, BACKPACKING, FISHING

Some of you get your kicks in odd ways...one guy fell off a three-story building a while back...anything like that? Did you win a bunch at the races or bug the Watergate building or anything like that?

Anything else? \_\_\_\_\_

Signed Steve Neskey Sport FOOTBALL Thanks, RAMSEY/LITTLE



# Next year finally arrives

## Presley named Longhorn starter

By RANDY HARVEY  
Staff Writer

When Mike Presley was a Texas freshman, he sat on the floor of a friend's apartment and watched the Longhorns play UCLA on television. He talked about "next year" when he would be the starting quarterback.

This is Mike Presley's third next year. Only now has he fulfilled his promise.

First-team quarterback Marty Akins suffered a concussion early in the second quarter of Saturday night's season opener against Boston College with the Longhorns trailing, 3-0.

Enter Presley, who guided Texas to three touchdowns before halftime in a 42-19 win. He gained 97 yards on 11 carries, completed three of seven passes for 63 yards and scored one touchdown.

It was a situation the Grand Prairie junior had thought about many times while watching from the sidelines as a redshirt in 1972 and a reserve last year.

"I HATE TO see Marty get hurt," said Presley. "But many times when I've had chances, I've gotten hurt. I

came here to be the starting quarterback."

He finally made it Tuesday when Coach Darrell Royal announced Presley will start Saturday night in Austin against Wyoming.

Team physicians cleared Akins, but recommended he be held out unless needed.

"Marty played well," said Royal, "but you have to reward Mike for his play."

If starting lineups were chosen by popular vote, there is little doubt Presley already would have been rewarded with the starting berth.

**AKINS HAS** a cocky image, left over from his freshman year when older players thought he talked too much.

He didn't improve his public relations after last year's spring game when he was quoted in the student newspaper saying the injured Presley would have problems making second team.

He meant it as a compliment for struggling sophomore quarterback Larry Miller, but it didn't come out that way.

"I was a little leery of Marty after

I read that, although I know you can be misquoted sometimes," said Presley, who used to claim he and Akins were close friends.

"You could pretty well tell that was a standard answer," admitted Presley. "But I'm not going to say anything to cut him down. That would affect others on the team and not just him. Besides, I have enough problems without making enemies. I'm not bitter toward Marty."

"I am aware what some players are saying about who should be quarterback, but they are mainly my friends and are prejudiced. I don't want to turn this into a popularity contest."

**THAT DOESN'T** mean Presley doesn't agree with his friends.

"If I didn't think I could run the team better than Marty, I would have been gone a long time ago," he said.

After Presley's reserve performance in the second half of last season's 19-0 Cotton Bowl loss to Nebraska, Royal said the quarterback job would be open in the spring.

But Presley sprained an ankle the

See **PRESLEY** on Page 2



Mike Presley . . .  
. . . gets his chance

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# TCU's offense worries Shofner

By BOB GALT  
Staff Writer

Just call him Jim (Honest Abe) Shofner. He's your friendly Fort Worth dealer in TCU football, and, yes, you'd buy a used program from him.

The rookie Frog coach doesn't hem and haw and excuse his way along. For example, Shofner was asked to evaluate his team's offensive performance last Saturday in a 12-3 win over lightly regarded UT-Arlington.

"Well, either we're not very good or we didn't execute," he said.

And, "We have some real problems with our outside stuff. We don't have anyone who can get outside . . . My way of running outside is to throw the swing (pass)."

**SHOFNER** is convinced of two things:

(1) He was correct in selecting a pro-type attack for his team.

(2) He was correct in

assuming in pre-season "that we were going to have a pretty solid defense. I think that was confirmed Saturday night."

As for the offense, he's sure the forward pass as thrown by Lee Cook is the only sharp knife he owns. The Frogs were thin in running talent to start with and now injuries have cut into the halfback ranks.

"It looks like we're going to be throwing more than I anticipated," said the former San Francisco 49er assistant. "We threw 25 times against Arlington and probably had 29 or 30 passes actually called. I would think we'd be throwing more than that this week against Arizona State."

Cook, the junior from Jacksboro, completed 15 of his throws for 172 yards and a touchdown.

"He was the outstanding player we had going for us," said Shofner. "He executed well. Of course, there are still a few things we need to get

ironed out. Saturday night we tried to burn 'em (UTA) too much instead of establishing something."

**THE FROGS ARE** expected to have three healthy running backs for the Arizona State game. They are fullback Mike Luttrell and halfbacks Ronnie Littleton and Chuck Boyd. Bobby Cowan, Ken Waldrep and Mike Dauphin are out with injuries. And Littleton isn't all that sound. A bad knee limited him to a handful of plays against UTA, but Shofner is hopeful he'll be able to go all the way this time.

The TCU workhorse, as expected, was Luttrell. The big fullback got the call 32 times and came through for 95 yards. He also took seven swing passes from Cook for 37 more yards.

**SWC SCENE**—After Arkansas' 22-7 upset of USC, Coach Broyles joked, "There's a rumor there and 5,000 people in the stands still looking at the scoreboard" . . . Texas A&M Coach Emory Bellard says sixth-ranked LSU is "the best LSU team since I've been going down there. This may be as good a team as LSU has had." The Aggies meet LSU Saturday night in Baton Rouge . . . The old three yards and a

## ★ PRESLEY Area bowling honor roll

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first week of workouts and missed the rest of the spring:

He was given another chance with the first team during fall workouts after Akins was injured, but pulled a groin muscle.

"I didn't tell anybody about it until I just couldn't go any more," said Presley. "I felt the job was still open when fall workouts began, but I hadn't really worked with the team since January and my execution was bad. I admit Marty did a better job during fall workouts and deserved to start."

**HE DOESN'T** feel that way any more.

"It's a tough decision for Coach Royal, and I can see both sides," said Presley. "He doesn't want to demote Marty just because he got hurt. I'll have to perform well enough against Wyoming to gain his confidence."

"I don't think I've had the chances Marty's had. It's not because of Coach Royal or any of his assistants but because of circumstances beyond my control—injuries. I'm being careful now."

Meanwhile, Royal said Presley's only problem against Boston College was that his snap count was slower than Akins' and it caused Longhorn linemen to jump offsides several times.

But Royal has a cure. "We're going to start having them (Presley-Akins) walk hand-in-hand across the campus counting so we can get them on the same beat."

WEEKLY WOMEN HIGH GAMES	
Marion Thompson, Bronco	259
Eva Berryhill, Bowlerland	255
Chris Coxen, Golden T.	244
Mary Forest, Preston Forest	242
Jenifer Lindman, Golden T.	241
WOMEN HIGH SERIES	
Anona Porter, Zongs	663
Marion Thompson, Bronco	641
Ida Caddel, Big Town	640
Donna Dillon, Bronco	633
Barbara Clemens, Golden T.	633
Chris Coxen, Golden T.	633
MEN HIGH GAMES	
James Chance, Golden T.	287
Tony Ivonelli, Bowlerland	286
Stanley Rephan, Preston Forest	279
Mac McDowell, Circle	267
Mark Werry, Circle	267
MEN HIGH SERIES	
Tony Ivonelli, Bowlerland	730
Mac McDowell, Circle	691
Rich Snyder, Golden T.	691
Butch Calvert, Valwood	671
Mike McKamy, Big Town	670
SEASON HIGH WOMEN HIGH GAMES	
Marion Thompson, Bronco	259
Eva Berryhill, Bowlerland	255
Donna Carr, Circle	247
Chris Coxen, Golden T.	244
Mary Forest, Preston Forest	242
SEASON HIGH MEN HIGH GAMES	
Marion Thompson, Bronco	259
Eva Berryhill, Bowlerland	255
Donna Carr, Circle	247
Chris Coxen, Golden T.	244
Mary Forest, Preston Forest	242
WOMEN HIGH SERIES	
Anona Porter, Zongs	663
Marion Thompson, Bronco	646
Ida Caddel, Big Town	641
Donna Dillon, Bronco	640
Merrill Alexander, Red Bird	637
MEN HIGH SERIES	
James Chance, Golden T.	287
Tony Ivonelli, Bowlerland	285
Arnie Johnson, Jack & Jill	279
Stanley Rephan, Preston Forest	279
Frank Newby, Expressway	267
Harvey Montgomery, Circle	267
Mac McDowell, Circle	267
Mark Werry, Circle	267
MEN HIGH SERIES	
Tony Ivonelli, Bowlerland	730
Nell Hupfauer, Circle	711
Frank Newby, Expressway	716
Mac McDowell, Circle	705
Rich Snyder, Golden T.	691

**Goldberg selected**  
NEW YORK (UPI) — Michael Goldberg has been appointed counsel for the American Basketball Association, it was announced Tuesday by ABA Commissioner Tedd Munchak.

## SWC stats

RUSHING				PUNT RETURNS				
Player, School	Ply.	Yds.	TDR Avg.	Player, School	No.	Yds.	TD Avg.	
Bean, A&M	18	182	1	10.1	Kelcher, SMU	1	30	3.0
Issac, Tech	19	126	2	6.6	Sykes, Rice	1	27	27.0
Sams, A&M	15	122	0	8.1	Ramirez, Tech	2	17	8.5
Presley, Texas	11	97	1	8.8	Thurmond, A&M	1	6	6.0
Luttrell, TCU	32	98	0	3.0	Hogan, Arkansas	2	10	5.0
Fortie, Arkansas	19	90	1	4.7				
Garner, Tech	14	88	0	6.3				

# Mike Presley Quarterback On a Leash

By RANDY HARVEY  
Sports Staff

"Say, what gives with these Longhorns?" a young fellow of about 25 asked while watching a Texas workout the other day.

"I don't know," I replied.

"I mean what are they doing with Mike Presley?" he asked.

"Well, he's third team quarterback now. Behind Alan Lowry, and this freshman, Marty Akins," I said.

"What?" he asked, somewhat startled. "I . . . I can't believe it," he stammered. "I watched him in high school. He could run. He could throw. He could do-it-all.

"Why, he was a blue-chipper," this fellow rambled on. "A can't miss prospect. All the conference schools wanted him. Others too, like Oklahoma. Third team?"

"Yep," I said.

"Well," he muttered walking away with his head bowed, "all the people in Grand Prairie said Texas didn't want him. They just didn't want anybody else to get him. Wait till the Committee hears about this."

"The Committee?" I asked.

"Yeah," he said as he turned toward the field. "The Committee to Unleash Mike Presley."

A committee to unleash Mike Presley?

It's not as unreal as you might think. Mike Presley has as much natural ability as anyone else on the Texas team. And the confidence to match. As it has been said a thousand times, "He's a real pretty quarterback."

But being pretty hasn't helped him on Darrell Royal's dancefloor.

## No Wall Flower

He hasn't been a wall flower. But it seems everytime he gets a chance, some injury or something will pop up and he'll blow it.

Everytime he takes a step forward, he ends up two steps farther behind.

It was that way when he was a freshman. He fought all fall to beat out Adrian Ford for the starting job. When he finally did, he injured his shoulder and split time the rest of the season.

He bounced back with a good spring and stepped right into the No. 2 job this fall when Ford was sent to the defense. In fact, he was all ready to fight Lowry for the No. 1 job.

"The coaches might have been down on me last season," he said at the time. "I didn't show them much. But it's a new ballgame now. I've set some goals.

"First, I want to establish myself as No. 2. Alan's going to play. He's older. He's got the experience. But when he goes down, and it might happen sometime sooner or later, I want to be the one the coaches can look to.

"Then I want to win the starting job," he added. "I want to start this year. The good Lord willing, maybe I will."

A couple of days later he developed tendonitis in his right elbow. He sat out only one day before getting back into the act of chasing Lowry.

Everything he did was affected—from pitching to passing to waving goodbye to his No. 2 job. Now he's chasing Akins.

It's no fun playing behind a freshman. Presley didn't think he would ever have to.

The day Akins was brought up to the varsity, Presley commented, "Akins looks okay. But I'm a year older and that makes a difference. I think you need a year. It takes a while to get things clicking.

## Matter of Respect

"It's a matter of respect, too," he said. "It takes a while for the other players to get to know you and start respecting your ability and gain confidence in you. That's a lot of the job of a quarterback."

But Akins didn't take a year to "get things clicking." It wasn't two weeks before he had Presley's job. And now the pressure is on Presley again.

"It was really stupid of me to play with my elbow like that," he says. "I should have taken about a week off. I couldn't do anything as sore as it was. But I couldn't just stop playing. I couldn't afford to. I had to keep my job."

He tried so hard to keep his job that he lost it. And you think a merry-go-round goes in circles. But even though Presley lost his job, he still has his confidence.

"I can get my job back," he says. "I'll do what ever I have to do get it back. I didn't have any control over the ball. But I'm beginning to throw a lot better. Heck, I'm just going to start throwing like I want to. If I do it enough, it'll become natural.

"And I'm not going to think about staying third team. They don't give you a thing here. I'll just have to take my job back."

Maybe he will. But it won't be with the help of any committee.

Mike Presley will have to unleash himself.

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## Dan Couture

If it's possible to say Richard Nixon is a crook, then it's equally plausible to say University of Texas quarterback Mike Presley is a perfectionist.

Presley gets the first start of his Texas career Saturday night when the Longhorns play Wyoming in the home opener for Texas. He entered the season-opening game against Boston College last week with Texas trailing 3-0 and ignited a sputtering Texas offense to a 42-19 win after starter Marty Akins had been hurt. Yet he wasn't really happy with the way things turned out. "We had some big plays. A kickoff return and some long runs, but I think that as a team we have to go out there Saturday night and beat them with our basic attack. We've got to physically whip them with it," he said.

Presley has waited a long time for his first start. He enrolled at Texas in 1971 and red-shirted his true sophomore year. Last season he played behind Akins. "This is special to me in that I've been wanting to start ever since I've been here. It's got sentimental value. I've waited a long time and that's with a capital L," he said.

Presley brought a pro-style arm to a run-oriented school when he came to Texas but he never considered leaving. "I'd never really given it much thought. I'd never really thought seriously about making that kind of a decision," he said.

### Good Throw, No Run

His reputation as a strong passer has overshadowed his reputation as a runner. He hopes he's improved both aspects of his game. "I think I've improved everything. The coaches might be able to tell you better. My running has improved more noticeably. In high school we ran a different offense with a lot more sprint-outs from the I-formation," he said.

He's confident in both his throwing and running ability. "I can do either. I can throw a little better than most, but I'm not the greatest runner or the greatest passer," he said.

Texas' Wishbone, he admits, has taken him a while to master. "It takes at least a year to learn how to run it. You have to take a lot of shots. We run it in practice at least 100 times a day. When you do something 100 times a day it sinks in," he said.

He said there are two keys to running the offense which has befuddled its share of defenses. "Recognition and reaction. They become instinctive. It's all a thought process. You've got to make three decisions in a couple of seconds. That's why we run it so much in practice," he said.

### Improvement Is On His Mind

The success of the formation is born not in the backfield, but in the overall coordination of the team, Presley believes. "Everybody has to do his part, but especially in the backfield," he said.

The 6-2, 205 pound Presley's remarkable performance against Boston College has earned him a lot of publicity in a short period of time. He vows not to let it influence him. He ran the Texas offense with the competence of James Street, Donnie Wigginton's flair and the tenacity of Eddie Phillips.

Getting better is something he's worked at ever since he enrolled at Texas. "Yeah, I've had to overcome a lot of things. I have to go full speed all the time. I can't afford to coast. I'm not the fastest guy out there," he said.

He carefully gauges how he does from week to week and practice to practice. "I try to compete with myself. You know when you're not doing well or getting better," he said.

And we all know how much better Mike Presley's gotten.

**But He's Ready**

# Presley's 9-19-74 Eyes Open

By MIKE JONES

Mike Presley is going into this thing with his eyes wide open.

"Let's say I'm looking both ways before I cross the street," the University of Texas quarterback via the Grand Prairie Gophers related Wednesday.

Presley will get his first start ever as the Longhorn varsity quarterback Saturday night against Wyoming

MIKE  
PRESLEY  
Chance to



'break' even.

and he's taking no chances on anything getting into his way. . .like a runaway truck.

"I've had to be very patient with injuries down here," he recalled, "and I guess it was about time I got a break. . .a GOOD one."

While fitting could hardly be the proper term, it was at least not totally ironic that Presley's "break" came last weekend when Marty Akins met an immovable object head-on and suffered a mild concussion early in the Boston College game.

AS AUSTIN and the Eastern Seaboard are now aware, Presley came off the sidelines and took the Longhorns from a 3-0 deficit to a 21-3 halftime lead and a 42-19 season-opening victory.

Consequently, Darrell Royal rewarded him by picking him to start this week, notwithstanding the fact that doctors had advised holding Akins out another few days just to play it safe.

And after missing several opportunities the past two seasons to duel Akins head-on for the No. 1 job because of injuries, Presley now has his shot.

"Like I've told everyone else, I hate to see anyone get hurt," he said, wincing, "and I didn't want to get an opportunity like that.

"Luckily, I stepped in and things worked out pretty good. Everyone gave a great effort and I was really proud of some of the younger guys like Earl Campbell (at full-back), Gralyn Wyatt (half-back) and Kevin Scott (split end).

"IT SURE was fun."

Admittedly, the quarterback situation could be called a touchy one at Texas. There are a number of players who privately favor one over the other and both Presley and Akins sincerely feel confident of themselves.

"I've gotten the image of being cocky," Akins said some weeks ago on the SWC press tour, "and it makes me look bad. . .like I'm an individual, not a team man.

"That's just not true. After every game last year I would always compliment the offensive line, but I never saw that come out in print. "I'm glad Mike Presley is here," he said. "If you have an easy job, you can't make it to first base. If he starts and we can win with him, then that's what I want."

"I feel the same way about it," Mike reiterated Wednesday.

"IF I'M not doing the job, then he should be in there and the same thing should be true the other way. "A lot of people ask about the personal thing," Presley acknowledged. "Marty and I aren't the best of friends like I am with a lot of guys I came here with, but I'm certainly not hoping somebody will run over him every time he goes out on the field.

"And that's where this thing should be kept—out on the field," Presley added. "When you let it get into personal feelings, I think that's childish and immature."

So for the time being, Mike Presley has reached his goal of being the No. 1 quarterback ("That's what I came down here for," he said.).

And what about the future?

"THAT DECISION is up to coach Royal," Mike said. "I'm not going to try to do his business for him. I would say that who starts next week against Texas Tech depends on my performance against Wyoming. . .and that's the way it should be.

"I will say this," he noted, "I'm going to do my best to make coach Royal's decision as easy and hard for him to make—at the same time—as possible."

# Catholics and Texans: The Stampede at B.C.

By Mike Lupica

Of course, the graveyard humor at Boston College last week went: if Texas is so good, how come they've never won the Lambert Trophy or the Ivy League championship or the Little Three, some important title like that? When was the last time they beat Tufts? Sure, they've won all those Cotton Bowls and Southwest Conferences and Presidential national championships (just one, but Jerry Ford is considering a pardon for the 1969 Arkansas team), more than any team in the history of college football. But the last time they were foolish enough to venture north of the Rio Grande, Harvard clipped their horns 35-7. *Harvard*. And so what if it was in 1931? If Texas is so tough, how come they haven't been back since?

Not only that, every college football fan knows that Texas has only been playing .500 ball lately against Catholics. So all BC coach Joe Yukica would have to do to put the big psych on them is loudly lead his team in a novena before the game, have a High Mass at the 50-yard line to conclude the pre-game festivities, and then use full-uniformed Jesuits as waterboys. If all that isn't enough, he can have band leader Pete Siragusa work up a little routine called "The Eyes of Humberto Medeiros are Upon You" for every time that the Texans on hand start singing *their* song.

Joking aside though, folks, the motto of the Texas Rangers is about a good little man beating a big man, and it was for this that the long-suffering BC fans were clutching their rosaries last Saturday night. But in the end, as they usually do, the big guys and their big plays won again,



BC Quarterback Mike Kruczek

42-19. BC had as many first downs as the Longhorns (22) and only two less yards in total offense (422-424). But Darrell Royal had more good players, more size, more speed and a couple of tricky new plays he just invented this season — the forward pass and the kickoff return. Thus Texas, after 40 years, is 1-1 with New England.

"We just flat out-personnelled them," Texas coach Royal said

in the locker room. Royal was smiling for the first time since the Texas charter landed at Logan Airport. Texas had been picked the No. 1 team in the country last season and then went out and lost its opening game to Miami. In playing BC to open the 1974 season, he had nothing to gain, really, and a whole mess to lose.

"I felt that we had the better football team," Royal continued.

"And I always feel like the best team oughta win. But we found out last year that you never know."

You never do know. When the BC defense knocked Texas quarterback Marty Akins out cold early in the second period, the Eagles and their fans figured that the two best offensive Longhorns — Akins and Roosevelt Leaks (off-season knee surgery) — were now sidelined.

So much for the injury factor. So backup quarterback Mike Presley comes in. So he throws a 52-yard pass to Kevin Scott to set up the first Texas touchdown and ends up rushing for 95 yards.

And Leaks's freshman replacements, Earl Campbell and Gralyn Wyatt? All they did was combine for 168 yards on 21 carries. Not only that, but Wyatt also *threw* a touchdown pass, to Scott, on a halfback option right before the end of the first half. That's right, an option pass. BC wasn't ready for it because Texas throws an option pass about as often as it loses to Rice.

The Eagles, though, hadn't seen nuthin' yet. Because after Fred Steinfert's second field goal of the game brought them to within 21-6 in the third quarter, Royal unveiled a kickoff return that convinced many veteran Royal watchers that someone had slipped some LSD into Darrell's Gatorade. Alfred Jackson received Steinfert's ensuing kickoff at about the goal line, ran five yards with it, and handed it to Pat Padgett. Padgett then stopped, his back to the BC tacklers, and handed the ball to Raymond Clayborn criss-crossing in front of him. It was strictly "see ya later" stuff and the score was back up to 28-6. Texas was beating BC with the kind of wide-open football that BC might better have been using.

But in truth, few of the record 32,227 who showed up were disappointed by the BC performance. Most of the cynical BC haters in this city were expecting the Longhorns' score to end up in three figures. Yet were it not for some disastrous penalties here, the big Texas plays there, and the absence of BC's best defensive player (Ken Ladd), the score

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John Sandhaus

## QB Situation May Best Royal 9/17/74

Darrell Royal has always been noted for his diplomatic ways, but they really may be put to the test in handling the decision on which of his two quarterbacks to start in the home opener with Wyoming Saturday night.

Mike Presley seemed to have earned a promotion because of the way he took over the team early in the second quarter and guided it to a 42-19 win over Boston College.

However, a demotion can be a traumatic experience for a quarterback and the only thing that Marty Akins did to lose his starting job was get a concussion from having a BC tackler or two drive his headgear into the ersatz turf hard.

None of UT's early problems seemed to be of Akins' doings. On the only first-quarter UT possession Akins had a 58-yard run to the BC seven called back because a Longhorn moved early, the penalty for which in effect stalled the drive.

BC had the ball the entire first quarter except for seven UT plays on that one possession and Akins was hurt on the second possession shortly after moving the team off its goal line.

Never one to make a decision until necessary, Royal temporized Monday by saying he'd wait until the medical report on Akins is in. If fate doesn't intervene, the UT coach will have a hard decision. However, having such a situation is a lot better than having only one capable quarterback.

Royal also may have a situation budding like one last year when people kept asking if (or when) he was going to move freshman Raymond Clayborn in as a starter at halfback — only this year the question may center on Gralyn Wyatt.

Last year the solution was to stick with the veterans (Lonnie Bennett and Joey Aboussie) as starters and play Clayborn a lot. This year the circumstances might not unravel the same way, but if they do, the solution would probably be the same.

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## Lupica

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could have been much, much closer.

"If you take individual parts of the game," BC coach Yukica said afterward, "I'm really pleased with some of the things I saw. If Texas has their great record, and their Southwest Conference titles and their national championships and their all-Americans, then we know now what we have to do to get a little closer to that."

What Yukica should do is keep getting players like Mike Esposito and Mike Kruczek and Howie Richardson and Bob Watts. All of them were solid, and at times spectacular, in the biggest game of their lives. Kruczek, who has replaced now-Buffalo Bill Gary Marangi at quarterback, completed 12-of-16 passes in his first college start, and for the most part looked like the leader BC has been looking for at his position since Frank Leahy invented the first down and made it more important than morning mass at Chestnut Hill.

"Under the circumstances," said Yukica, who talks as though he is giving a Pentagon briefing, "Kruczek was a fairly good football player for us today." Tonight, Joe.

Yukica admitted to being disappointed only with one bad Kruczek play, an overthrown interception right near the end of the first half that led to Wyatt's touchdown pass. Yukica wanted Kruczek to be throwing to the sideline, Kruczek forced a pass down the middle, and the score quickly went from 3-14 to 3-21.

"If he doesn't throw it," Yukica lamented, "then we're in at 14-3 at halftime and very much in the football game."

Well, maybe. But the real chance that BC had to establish

a toehold in this game came at the end of the first period when they had a second down inside the Texas five, and the score was 0-0. The opportunity to go ahead 7-0 was frittered away by two consecutive illegal motion penalties — "Somebody didn't hear the count," Kruczek moaned — and the Eagle had to settle for a mere field goal.

"You can't go from the three to the thirteen," Kruczek said. "Your momentum's gone. You've got to change your whole offensive strategy."

Indeed, but it was truly not the inability of the Eagles to move the ball that made their record 0-1. Once again, it was their defense's inability to handle any kind of option play. The linebackers are supposed to be the strongest part of the BC defense, but it was the linebackers who let the team down against Texas. When Presley pitched the ball, BC tackled Presley. When Presley kept, you could be sure that Wyatt or Campbell would find himself in the loving grasp of the BC ends and linebackers.

"We had one chance in a lifetime to make ourselves known," said BC linebacker John Murphy, "and we blew it."

There were too many Eagle bright spots, however, for the game to be considered anything less than a mild success. Esposito, once again the best player on the football field, gained 91 yards rushing and completed three passes. Senior flankerback Richardson caught eight passes. Watts, the sophomore tight end, looked like the player who turned down scholarship offers from Michigan, Nebraska and Southern Cal, among others.

"Yet no matter how much praise we get," BC lineman Rick Alois said, "no matter how well people say we played, we're still 0-1. We're no better than we were two weeks ago."

But it wasn't a slaughter, which is worth a novena or two.