Four Owls Lead All-SWC; Bull, Holub Top Polls

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Looking back over a football season, one tends to make a lot of second-guesses. "If so-and-so had done such-and-such instead of this-or-that, then . . . ." The writer of this column is no exception, and has collected quite a number of "if-then"s to pester his beloved readers with.

Please don't put the paper down yet . . . they're being saved for next week, when we will present a review of the 1960 Owl football season, complete with an analysis of how and why things that happened went like they did, the three plays that cost Rice the national championship, and loads of second-guesses.

HOWEVER, THIS week we present our views on a subject that is not so easily second-guess- ed — the all-conference performers of this season. Over a schedule of ten football games, a player must really have manifold attributes to gain the attention of football analysts enough to be selected one of the eleven best players in the conference. We think the Thresher all-SWC team is an accurate representation of the high quality of play found in today's colleges. These eleven are to be highly commended for their outstanding and consistent performances.

The Thresher is breaking from current practice, as recently established by the Associated Press, and has taken the liberty to include a quarterback in the backfield and two guards in the guard positions. We hope this won't inconvenience anyone.

ENOUGH OF THIS talk. We hereby surrender the typewriter to Charles Dedmon, Thresher sports staffer, who will finally divulge the identity of the SWC's super-study, as seen by the best sports staff in the southwest . . . corner of the office.

The all-SWC ends are Buddy Iles of TCU who caught 24 passes for 237 yards and an average of 9.9 yards, and Rice's Johnny Burrell, a junior, who caught 20 passes for 266 yards, a 13.3 yard average and three touchdowns.

Bob Lilly of TCU was the unanimous choice for one of the tackle spots. Jerry Mays of SMU and Robert Johnston of Rice tied for the remaining tackle position.

Rice's Bobby Lively and Monte Lee of Texas earned all-SWC berths at guard.

E. J. Holub of Texas Tech won the center position in a close battle with Wayne Harris. Holub was chosen the Thresher's line- man of the year for his outstanding performances on both offense and defense.

In the backfield, Ronnie Stanley was the unanimous choice for quarterback. Stanley, from Baylor, led the SWC in total offense with 1,116 yards, in passing with 134 attempts, 75 completions, 5 touchdowns and a percentage of .560.

The halfbacks are Ronnie Bull of Baylor and Lance Alworth of Arkansas. Bull, who was the Thresher Back of the Year, led the SWC in kick off returns with a 23.9 yard average. Alworth led in punt returns with 18 returns and a 17.1 yard average. Bull averaged 4.0 yards a carry on offense and Alworth averaged 3.5.

Fullback for the Thresher SWC team is Rice's Roland Jackson, the all-around player who did everything well, offensively and defensively.

The SWC coach of the year was Frank Broyles of Arkansas, who, working with much less material than some other coaches, led his team to the undisputed conference championship. Broyles edged out Jess Neely for the honor.

Deep consideration went into the choice of sophomore of the year. The honors went to Billy Cox of Rice. Cox had a .565 passing average and gained a total of 616 yards on defense as he led the Owls last year's disastrous campaign to the 1961 Sugar Bowl.