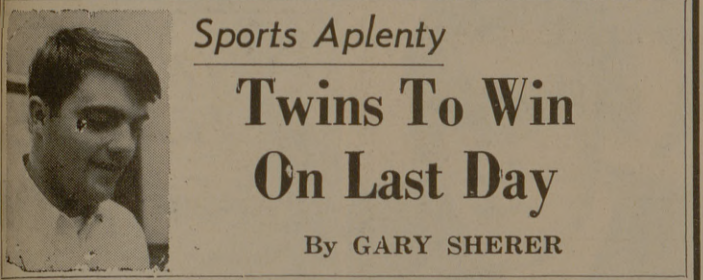


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SWC Roundup



Sports Aplenty

Twins To Win On Last Day

By GARY SHERER

Chicago White Sox manager Eddie Stanky was quoted earlier this year as saying the American League was having a tight pennant race to keep football off page one. As far as football-mad Texas is concerned, the tight race failed to keep front page status. But in Minneapolis-St. Paul, Chicago, Boston and Detroit the pennant scramble is top news anywhere you go.

The Twins, White Sox, Red Sox and Tigers have been involved in what has been the tightest American League race in 20 years. What is more surprising is that in the last decade it has been the National League that annually staged the best pennant run while the AL usually had a runaway.

This year it was reversal time! The St. Louis Cardinals ran away from what has become a mysterious NL group. Last year, Los Angeles pulled out the flag, but this year has had trouble keeping ahead of the NL expansion bums, the Mets and Astros.

Because of the Cardinal romp, the American League race has stolen the thunder from the senior circuit.

The White Sox have logged the most time in first place for the total season thus far. The Pale Hose took over on June 5 and held the lead until the second week in August. The Twins have held it most of the time since then with the Bosox grabbing a turn a couple of times.

Last night, the Twins played California, the Red Sox met Cleveland and the White Sox were hosted by Charlie Finley's troubled Kansas City club. Detroit had the night off. All the contenders lost! Chicago was hurt the most as they dropped a doubleheader to the last place Athletics.

As a result of that action, Minnesota holds on to the lead with a 91-69 record. After this the situation gets real sticky!

Detroit at 89-69 is one game behind the Twins as its third place Boston at 90-70. The Tigers are in second because they are one percentage point better than the Red Sox. Hows that for closeness? Chicago, who may have blown their chances with the twinbill loss, is at 89-70 or a game and a half back.

It now looks like the pennant will be decided in Minnesota's home park this weekend. Boston comes into Metropolitan Stadium in Bloomington, Minn. on Saturday for the last two games of the year for both teams. Chicago and Detroit will finish their seasons at home with the White Sox hosting Washington for their final three and Detroit finishing up with four with California.

Yesterday, I would have picked the White Sox because of their top pitching. Last night, that theory was thwarted as their top two pitchers (Gary Peters and Joel Horlen) were both beaten. Detroit looks out also as they play the Angels who will be loose because of no pressure on them.

This leaves the Twins and Red Sox. My choice is for the Twins to take both games with Boston and take the crown on the last day of the season.

Games	Sherer	Rowton	Grisham	Fuller
A&M at LSU	A&M by 10	A&M by 6	A&M by 6	A&M by 7
Tech at Texas	Texas by 7	Tech by 1	Texas by 14	Texas by 7
TCU at Ga. Tech	Ga. Tech by 12	Ga. Tech by 7	Ga. Tech by 3	Ga. Tech by 10
Tulsa at Arkansas	Arkansas by 14	Arkansas by 7	Tulsa by 7	Arkansas by 14
Navy at Rice	Navy by 1	Navy by 10	Navy by 7	Rice by 2
Notre Dame at Purdue	Notre Dame by 20	Notre Dame by 21	Notre Dame by 14	Notre Dame by 14
USC at Mich. St.	Mich. St. by 4	USC by 7	USC by 4	USC by 10
Georgia at Clemson	Georgia by 14	Georgia by 7	Georgia by 10	Georgia by 20
Last Week	4-4-0	None	5-3-0	4-4-0
Season	4-4-0	3-1-0	8-4-0	6-6-0

AP Picks ND, Spartans

NEW YORK (AP)—What happens when a football power such as Michigan State gets a cold towel thrown in its face the first time out, as in the case against Houston last week?

Its morale can be shattered or it can come back snarling. Our guess is that Michigan State will be a mean, cantankerous animal against Southern Cal Saturday in the blue-plate special. Last

week's score: 41-12 for .774. Season: 66-21, .758.

Michigan State 19, Southern California 7: Wasn't Duffy Daugherty thinking of the Trojans when Houston slipped up on his blind side?

Notre Dame 21, Purdue 18: The Boilermakers always make it tough for the Irish but they can't stop Terry Hanratty.

Rice 25, Navy 20: The Owls should find enough razzle dazzle to offset Navy's John Cartwright.

Georgia 17, Clemson 15: The Bulldogs' 200-pound ball-carriers and 240-pound linemen tip the scales in a rough, tough game.

Syracuse 19, West Virginia 7: The Mountaineers will think Larry Csonka is a seven-man line that just shifted to a six.

Texas 14, Texas Tech 8: The Tech Raiders, big and versatile, could pull an upset but this looks like the Longhorns' year in the Southwest.

UCLA 23, Washington State 7: Gary Beban and Company will be bidding to up their No. 4 national ranking.

Princeton 17, Rutgers 10: A renewal of football's oldest rivalry and it's still one of the closest.

Texas Aggie Starting Lineup And Travel Plans Announced

The Texas Aggies will fly out of College Station Friday afternoon and will work out at Tiger Stadium at Baton Rouge late that afternoon.

They will fly back to College Station after the game.

The tentative starting lineups for both teams have been announced.

For the Texas Aggies on offense: WE-42 Bob Long (180), WT-72 Dan Schneider (205), WG-79 Mark Weaver (213), C-56 Jack Kovar (195), SG-71 Maurice Moorman (241), ST-74 Rolf Krueger (227), SE-80 Tom Buckman (214), QB-10 Edd Hargett (186), TB-27 Wendell Housley (210), FB-29 Bill Sallee (190), WB-81 Tommy Maxwell (192).

For the LSU Tigers on defense: LE-89 John Garlington (217), LT-71 Donnie Bozeman (200), MG-61 Ronnie Manton (220), RT-58 Carlos Rabb (230), RE-91 Jerry Kober (195), LCB-53 Ficky Owens (180), RLB-45 Benny Griffin (205), RCB-27 Gerry Kent (170), LS-35 David Jones (190), RS-30 Sammy Grezaffi (170).

In last year's meeting the Tigers and Aggies battled to a 7-7 tie. LSU went on to a 5-4-1 record for the year. Last week A&M lost a close 24-20 contest to big, powerful Purdue in the Cotton Bowl at Dallas. LSU scored in the final minute to come from behind and beat Rice 20-14.

By JERRY GRISHAM

The football armies of the Southwest Conference pick up the mangled vestiges of conference prestige this weekend and charge once more into the fray with the aim of atoning somewhat for last week's bombing by outside teams.

THE SWC stands 1-8 in inter-sectional play at the present time. With two teams idle this week and two playing each other, only four SWC elevens will be going against outsiders this Saturday. Even if all four come home with victories the record will still stand at a lowly 5-8.

The Aggies, of course, head for the bayou and LSU for a renewal of their rivalry. A sellout crowd is expected for the 29th meeting of the two schools. The Tigers have won 16, the Aggies 10 and there have been 3 ties.

The contest will put the nation's No. 4 passer, A&M's Edd Hargett against one of the toughest defenses in the Southeastern Conference. A&M Coach Gene Stallings reports that the Aggies are improving and last Saturday's outing against Purdue seemed to indicate that to be true.

SATURDAY night may well be "do or die" time for the Aggie squad. Three defeats in a row has a way of becoming four, five and so on, but a victory over the tough Louisiana team could well be a giant step on the road back.

When you think about TCU vs. Georgia Tech this weekend it begins to look bleak again for the SWC. The Froggies were bounced along with the rest last week by an Iowa team which wasn't supposed to bounce anyone and now it's the Yellowjackets who love to bounce everybody.

The Frogs show signs of the offensive anemia which plagued them last year, but Ross Montgomery, who rushed for 54 yards against Iowa, and a new quarterback, Dan Carter, show signs also of being able to pump some iron back into their bloodstream.

Rice sees inter-sectional action this week as the Middies of Navy sail into Rice Stadium. The Owls are slight favorites despite the loss of their quarterback, Robby Shelton, in the LSU game.

ROBERT HAILEY, a senior,

will fill in at quarterback for the injured Shelton. Hailey is considered a better passer than Shelton although not as tough a runner and could prove wrong those who said that Rice would be dead without Shelton.

The Middies come off a 23-22 win over Penn St. and could prove to be troublesome if the Owls can't develop an offense with Hailey.

Texas and Texas Tech take some time off from the inter-sectional battles this week as they battle each other in Austin.

The Longhorns are still trying to convince everyone what year this is but Southern Cal didn't buy it and after last week's 52-0 performance against Iowa State, the Raiders are beginning to see cotton in their future and don't have time for Austin propaganda.

Not that the Raiders aren't taking the Horns seriously. It's been eight years without a win over TU for Tech and besides the Raiders would like to keep their scoring average up.

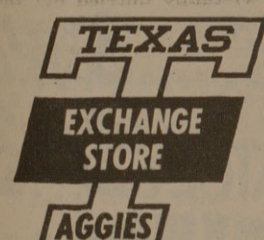
TEXAS TECH definitely has something in quarterback John Scovell. The senior helmsman led the Raiders to their stunning win over the Cyclones, scoring three touchdowns himself.

Texas is still trying to determine whether "Super" Bill is really "Super" or just another good football player with almost no superhuman powers.

Tulsa has hopes that Oklahoma State set a precedent for Oklahoma teams last Saturday when they edged Arkansas 7-6 at Fayetteville because the Hurricanes hope to do the same to the Hogs this weekend in their opener.

THE PASS-MINDED Tulsa squad is the top choice of the experts in the Missouri Valley Conference and what used to be a laugher for the Hogs could easily turn into a groaner.

Two SWC teams, Baylor and SMU will take the week off and just sit home thinking. The Bears will be trying to figure the best way to take Washington State next week and the Ponies will be thinking of some way to cut down the huge Minnesota squad they encounter Oct. 7.



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