

Five tied for lead; Ags upset by SFA

Five teams are deadlocked in first place in the Texas Collegiate Soccer League after the 11-member loop opened its fourth season last weekend.

The University of Texas at Austin, St. Mary's, Trinity, Texas at Arlington, Texas Tech and Stephen F. Austin all recorded victories in their season openers.

Defending champion Texas gave up two goals to Houston in the first 30 minutes, the result of a defensive mixup between the Longhorn goalie and center half-back, but Texas came roaring back to take a 3 to 2 halftime lead and added five more goals for an 8 to 2 victory.

Eduardo Kepfer led the way for the Longhorns with a three-goal performance, including two

penalty kicks. The Longhorn's superior depth became a major factor in the second half.

Trinity and St. Mary's in San Antonio were a little rough on League newcomer Midwestern. The Indians, whose coach Don Rathburn, has missed all pre-season practice because of a bout with hepatitis, were blitzed twice, 10 to 0 by Trinity and 10 to 1 by St. Mary's.

The Rattlers' Richard Cassanelli moved into the League-scoring lead with four goals against Midwestern. Tom Pacey and Roberto Ferruzzi had two goals each for Trinity. Midwestern's lone goal was scored by Doug McCoy.

The other new member of the League this year, Stephen F.

Austin, sprang a major upset by downing Texas A&M, 4 to 2, in College Station. The Lumberjack victory ruined the Aggie's debut on AstroTurf.

Meanwhile, Texas at Arlington Rebels signalled their resurgence with a 3 to 2 win over TCU in Fort Worth.

Texas Tech and Rice in Lubbock had the most spirited contest of the week. Tied 1 to 1 at the half, the Red Raiders pulled out a 4 to 3 victory by outpointing the Owls in the second half.

Saturday's schedule should break up the logjam in the standings: Stephen F. Austin will be in Austin against Texas; The University of Texas at Arlington challenges Texas Tech in Lubbock; Texas A&M will meet Houston in Houston; and TCU also will be in the Bayou City for a contest against Rice.

Trinity will play a non-League game against Texas A&I in Kingsville. St. Mary's and Midwestern Universities have open dates this week.

Last Week's Results:
Trinity 10, Midwestern 0
St. Mary's 10, Midwestern 1
Texas 8, Houston 2
Texas Tech 4, Rice 3
S. F. Austin 4, Texas A&M 2
Texas at Arlington 3, TCU 2

This Week's Schedule:
Saturday, Sept. 19:
Trinity at Texas A&I, 10 a.m.
S. F. Austin at Texas, 2 p.m.
Tex./Arlgtn. at Texas Tech, 2 p.m.
Texas A&M at Houston, 2 p.m.
TCU at Rice, 2 p.m.

At LSU . . .

Black's varsity debut was here

When A&M's Marc Black returns to the scene of his varsity debut Saturday, look for the junior fullback to see a lot more action.

The 6-3, 212-pounder, whose main duty was blocking last season, carried 7 times for 30 yards against LSU in Baton Rouge in 1969, a respectable 4.3 average. He also caught a pair of passes. That wasn't bad for a sophomore in his first varsity contest, especially in such a hostile setting as Tiger Stadium. But things are going to be different this year.

"One of the things we didn't do last year that we should have done was let Marc Black carry the football more," Coach Gene Stallings says.

Last Saturday night, in the 41-14 win over Wichita State, Marc still didn't run much. He carried 8 times for 26 yards and a 3.2 average. But he blocked well and didn't play a lot as Stallings practically emptied his bench.

Black had a good spring training in which he combined football with track, throwing the javelin. He finished second in that event in the SWC meet that the Aggies won.

One of his biggest thrills to date was A&M's 20-13 victory over Army at West Point last year. Black's father is an Army colonel working in the state department.

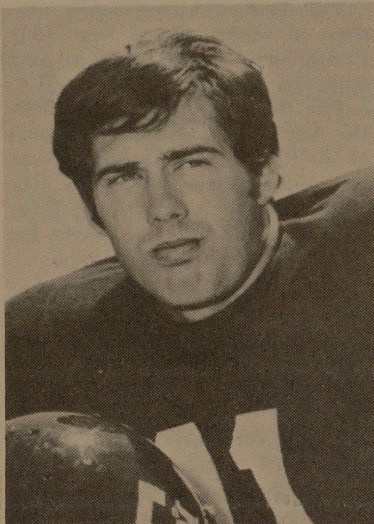
After making high school All-America at New Mexico Military Institute, Black missed his freshman season at A&M with a knee injury that required surgery. Recovery was slow so he was held out of action his first varsity season. As a redshirt soph last

year he ran only 71 times but gained 255 yards for a 3.6 average. His blocking was a big plus factor.

Due to being held out, Black is one of the older players on a young 1970 Texas A&M squad. The youth doesn't concern him. "I'm not worried about the sophomores. They have confidence and they have ability. It's great to be on a team with them."

Black, even with his experience, is being pushed hard by junior Doug Neill and redshirt soph Doug Robbins. He just can't afford to let up a second, else he'll be unseated from his starting role.

His poise and experience are valuable factors to go with the enthusiasm of the young sophomores. He's hoping the Aggies spring a surprise this week when they tackle the Tigers of LSU in Baton Rouge.



Marc Black

Pro season starts tonight in LA

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The brash St. Louis Cardinals undoubtedly given a morale boost by their conquest of the champion Kansas City Chiefs, and the Los Angeles Rams get down to serious business Friday night.

They open the National Football League regular season before an expected turnout of 60,000 in Memorial Coliseum.

The Rams, unbeaten in their six preseason games, are favored to defeat the Cardinals but the Los Angeles coach, George Allen, said this week:

"St. Louis has a good football team, apparently much better than last year."

By the same token Allen is hardly downgrading his team, which won 11 straight last year, only to lose the last four including the heartbreaker to the Minnesota Vikings for the Western Conference title.

Los Angeles closed out the exhibition string 17-14 over the San

Francisco 49ers, a rather ho-hum affair, while Coach Charley Winner's Cards were upsetting the Chiefs 34-24.

The Rams coach commented on St. Louis' maturing young quarterback, Jim Hart.

"Hart has improved so much that it is almost unbelievable," Allen said. "No one scores against Kansas City like the Cardinals did."

Hart has three excellent receivers. "In fact," said Allen, "we haven't faced a team yet this year with three receivers the equal of St. Louis."

He referred to tight end Jackie Smith and the two outside men, Dave Williams and John Gilliam.

The Rams, with All-Pro Roman Gabriel at quarterback, have outstanding receivers in Jack Snow, Billy Truax, Wendell Tucker, Bob Klein and others.

In the only Saturday night game in the four-day weekend schedule Chicago visits the New York Giants.

On a 10-game Sunday card, Kansas City is at Minnesota, Denver is at Buffalo, Houston at Pittsburgh, Baltimore at San Diego, Miami at Boston, Oakland at Cincinnati, Atlanta at New Orleans, Dallas at Philadelphia, Green Bay at Detroit and Washington at San Francisco.

The New York Jets will be at Cleveland Monday night for the weekend finale.

TEXAS COLLEGIATE SOCCER LEAGUE

Standings after games of September 13.

| | W | L | T | P | F | A | Goals |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-------|
| Trinity | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| St. Mary's | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 1 | 0 |
| Texas | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 2 | 0 |
| S. F. Austin | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| Texas/Arlgtn. | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Texas Tech | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 0 |
| Rice | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 0 |
| TCU | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| Texas A&M | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| Houston | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 0 |
| Midwestern | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 20 | 0 |

Reds win title as Astros help

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bob Watson's grand slam home run highlighted a six-run seventh-inning explosion as Houston trimmed Los Angeles 10-5 Thursday night, officially eliminating the Dodgers from the National League West and crowning Cincinnati as the division champ.

Los Angeles had just scored four runs in the sixth inning to take a 5-3 lead but the Astros chased Dodger starter Alan Foster with two walks and a single. Relief act Jim Brewer was greeted by a run-scoring single by Cesar Cedeno.

Joe Morgan grounded out to score the second run of the inning and Jim Wynn was intentionally walked to load the bases.

Then Watson slugged his grand slam, his eighth homer of the year and the seventh slam hit against Los Angeles this season.

Houston scored three runs in the first inning, two on Denis Menke's 12th home run. Foster then allowed the Astros only one more hit until the seventh inning uprising.

Twins move closer

MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL (AP) — Jim Perry with relief help from Stan Williams, moved the Minnesota Twins a game closer to the American League West championship Thursday with his 23rd victory, 4-3, over the California Angels.

The Twins increased their lead over Oakland to 7½ games and reduced their magic number to six.

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