

Aggies ranked second in SWC writers poll

FORT WORTH — For the seventh time in eight years, voters of the annual Southwest Conference poll conducted by the TCU Sports News Service have tabbed the University of Texas to cop the crown.

Fifty-nine of the 113 media representatives casting ballots (the same number as last year) picked Texas for first with four more pre-

dicting a title tie for the Longhorns. That's far short, however, of the 100 who tabbed Texas to win or share the crown in 1973.

Overall, Texas tallied 833 points (based on an 8 for 1st, 7 for 2nd, etc. scale) compared to 887 last year. The overall competition was much closer as Texas A&M, Arkansas and Texas Tech were all close behind. Last year Texas had been the choice

by over 230 points. This time out, A&M's 712.5 total for second is much closer. The Aggies received 24 first place votes and two choices to tie for the championship.

ARKANSAS RANKED third with 677 points and 14 votes to win or tie while Texas Tech accumulated 640 points and 16 victors' nods. SMU, the only other team to get a

championship vote, headed the rest with 376 points.

Rice (362.5), TCU (239) and Baylor (226) round out the SWC's eight team chase. Every school got votes as high as third. SMU was the lone school to get ballots for all eight places.

Picking Texas is nothing new for the voters. Since the poll was instituted in 1934, the media reps have

seen Orange and White on 20 occasions. However, the average of picking the eventual winner is not too good. Only Texas (1943-45-50-62-69-70-71-73) and TCU (1938-58) have made the prognosticators appear to know their business.

Here are some of the 1974 votes and reasons:

"SIX AND going for seven — nuff said." — George Breazeale, Austin American, picking Texas.

"Again, again, again, again, again — and apparently again." — Mackie Morris, Greenville Herald-Banner, another Texas backer.

"Two things you don't bet against: Evel Knievel and Texas." — Kenny Hand, Dallas Times-Herald.

"In a year of numerous contenders, I'll have to go with them that's been there." — James Moody, Bursleon Star.

"You think there were a bunch of Cambellites in Texas before???" — Danny Andrews, Plainview Herald.

Many of the voters took into consideration the questionable status of Texas' Roosevelt Leaks. Among them:

"Rosey says he can play... Darrell says he thinks Rosey may play... yet Darrell says he's worried. That's typical talk and it leads up to seven in a row." — Chris Needham, KCEN-TV, Waco.

"Even without Leaks, Royal's Plumbers Unit can plug the gaps. But the Aggie fuzz is rapidly turning to bristle — like the back of a Razor-backed hog. Both vastly improved." — Joe Stroop, WBAP Radio, Fort Worth.

"ROOSEVELT LEAKS on a peg leg is a better offense than most teams have." — Denne Freeman, Associated Press, Dallas.

"If Rosey can run, the fight's for second place. If not, the fight's probably still for second place." — Fred Barbee Jr., El Campo Leader-News.

"Picking Texas is a bore, but Rosey is no longer folklore." — David Holland, Waco Tribune-Herald.

"With Leaks, Texas could wind up number one in the nation." — Bill Veidt, KCNY, San Marcos.

"Everything's rosey in Razorback land now that Texas leaks where it hurts the most." — Terry Holman, McAllen Monitor.

"Texas won't have any Leaks and the Razorbacks will be well 'fortified'." — Bob Skutt, KFSSM-TV, Fort Smith, Ark.

"Without Rosey Leaks, Texas will be somewhat less than effective. The only thing that will give them a good season is some good defense. Tech will be lost without Barnes, so this is the year of the Aggies and the Hogs." — Dan Welty, Hereford Brand.

"It's not so much what the Aggies have, rather than what Texas does not have and right now the Longhorns don't have Leaks." — Ted Buss, Wichita Falls Times.

Even Arkansas got an asterisk first place vote, James Walker of the Dallas Times-Herald cast his lot for the Hogs noting "if Leaks doesn't play."

1974 SWC prediction (tie votes in parenthesis)

TEAM	1st	total
Texas	59(4)	833
A&M	24(2)	712.5
Arkansas	12(2)	677
Tech	13(3)	640
SMU	1	376
Rice		362.5
TCU		239
Baylor		226

Mustangs hit with probation

The NCAA administered a two-year probation on football and one-year probation on the basketball program at Southern Methodist University Monday.


The probation banned SMU from post-season games and television appearances. It also stated that head football coach Dave Smith and assistant Pug Gabrel would be instantly dismissed in the event of future violations. Basketball coach Bob Prewitt's probation included the same terms.

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