Rice Owls defeat TCU, 93-78

Associated Press

HOUSTON —Elbert Darden and Pete Meyers combined for 44 points Tuesday night as Rice broke an 18-game losing streak by defeating Texas Christian, 93-78, in a Southwest Conference basketball game.

Darden scored 24 points and Meyers hit a career-high 20 as the Owls broke open a tight game late in the second half to post their first conference victory against 13 losses. The Owls are 3-21 overall.

Meyers put the Owls ahead 60-59 with 11 minutes to go by converting a technical foul by TCU's Thomas Bledsoe.

Rice then scored eight unanswered points. The Frogs could not get closer than eight points from then on.

Bledsoe led the Horned Frogs with 16 points as TCU fell to a 10-14 season mark and a 5-9 conference record.

TEXAS TECH 87, BAYLOR 76

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LUBBOCK, Tex. — Mike Russell and Grant Dukes sparked a second-half Texas Tech rally to carry the Red Raiders past Baylor 87-76 here Tuesday night.

The victory keeps Tech a half-game behind Texas A&M in the Southwest Conference basketball race.

Baylor, which built a 37-33 halftime bulge, fell behind for the first time, 45-43, on a short jumper by Keith Kitchens with 14:48 left.

From a 43-43 tie, the Raiders outscored the Bears 36-18 to grab a 79-61 lead with a little over three minutes left to play.

The Raiders had four players in double figures, led by Russell with 24 and Rick Bullock with 21 points.

In addition to leading all scorers, Russell had 18 rebounds and Bullock 15 as Tech held a wide 45-19 edge in rebounding.

The victory raised Tech's record to 11-3 in the conference and 18-5 on the season while Baylor dropped to 7-7 in league play and 11-13 for the season.

Dukes, who didn't play in the first half, came off the bench to hit six of seven from the field and two free throws for 14 points, the same total posted by George Huston for Tech.

Larry Spicer had 13 and Sherman Patton 10 for the Bears.

WEST TEXAS 96, NORTH TEXAS 87

AMARILLO, Tex. — West Texas guards Maurice Cheeks and Melvin Jones combined for 47 points to lead the Buffaloes to a 96-87 college basketball victory over North Texas State here Tuesday night.

Jones scored 22 points in the first half to give West Texas a commanding 60-45 lead.

"Sixty points in a half ought to win for you anytime," West Texas Coach Ron Ekker said.

But Terry Bailey's 11 second-half points helped North Texas fight back to trail only by 74-72 with 8:52 remaining. But that was as close as the Eagles could get.

This day in A&M's histo

Today is Feb. 18, 1976, the 31st day of the spring semester. There are 80 days until Final Review, 86 days until the last final exam.

On this date in 1963 junior roundballer Bennie Lennox tied Aggie basketball great Carroll Broussard's record for most points scored in a single game — 37. The record-breaking effort came during a victory against the Arkansas Razorbacks.

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