

# Another classic in Austin

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The premier game of the week in the Southwest Conference takes place in Austin Saturday afternoon. The Texas Longhorns, standing 6-0 on the year and number one in the national polls, play host to the Texas Tech Red Raiders. Tech sports a 5-1 season record and is ranked 14 and 13 in the AP and UPI polls respectively.

There is a large question mark hanging over the Tech team, Rodney Allison, the Red Raiders' starting quarterback this year until he was injured in the A&M game, was hopeful of recovering in time for the Texas game. He's listed as doubtful for Saturday's game. Tech's Heisman Trophy candidate broke his tibia against the Aggies and had his cast removed last week. He has begun reconditioning his leg but his progress has been slow.

start," Tech head coach Steve Sloan said Wednesday. "He's just begun to jog on it. He'll have to progress past the jogging stage to be listed as our starter."

If Allison is unable to step in, Sloan must choose between one of his other two quarterbacks. "We'll just have to play it by ear the rest of the week," said Sloan, regarding his starting quarterback. "We'll make a decision between Mark Johnson and Tres Adams as to who we'll go with."

Sloan is leaning towards Johnson as his starter if Allison is unable to play. In Tech's last game Johnson led the Raiders to a 42-7 victory over Rice. Tech had an open date last week to prepare for Saturday's game.

A starting quarterback isn't the only problem facing Sloan this week. He has a 220-pound problem in the case of Earl Campbell.

In Campbell's three years against Tech he has rushed for 277 yards.

And he doesn't appear to have slowed down for the Raiders this year.

"We're going to have our hands full considering we haven't tackled Campbell in three years," said Sloan. "I think so much of him I went out and bought a truck just like he's got," added Sloan.

"On defense they're superb. Brad Shearer (defensive tackle) is one of the finest defensive players in college football. No one has been able

to block him effectively yet."

But the Raiders have some impressive statistics themselves. They are currently ranked number two in the conference defensively and number four in the conference offensively.

The leading scorer on the Tech team is Bill "Blade" Adams. Adams has kicked 18 straight PAT's and has booted 9 of 16 field goals so far this season. One of his field goals was a 57-yarder against the Aggies which

set a Tech school record.

But the game may end in a battle of penalties. Through games Tech has been penalized 10 times for 350 yards, while Texas has been caught 38 times for 403 yards.

If the referees can keep them in their pockets and the teams put to work their respective plans, the contest should result in another classic SWC battle.

Kick-off is at 2 p.m. in the Stadium.

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## Conference notes . . .

The Southwest Conference completed its most successful non-conference schedule in 27 years Saturday when Baylor and TCU polished off the final challengers to give the SWC an 18-9 won-lost record.

It also kept the SWC atop the non-conference standings among the 13 conferences playing NCAA Division I football and marked the 55th season in which the SWC has won more outside games than it lost. The SWC has had one break-even year and seven losing seasons.

Last time a final SWC report card was any better was in 1951 when the then seven-team conference went 20-8. That year, however, SWC teams lost two post-season games to finish with the same .667 percentage posted this year. The conference had an 18-9-1 regular-season mark in 1956 and improved it to 20-9-1 with two bowl victories.

Three teams wound up with perfect 3-0 records — Texas Tech, Arkansas and Texas — as six had winning seasons. Baylor, Houston and Texas A&M were 2-1, while Rice, SMU and TCU went 1-2. The SWC was 3-0 against the Western Athletic Conference, 2-0 against the Atlantic Coast and Missouri Valley Conferences, 3-1 against the Big Eight, 1-2 against both the Southeastern and Pacific Eight, 0-2

against the Big Ten, and 6-2 against all others.

Five other conferences have a chance to overtake the SWC's won-lost percentage, but they all will have to win all their remaining games to do so. Currently in third place is the SEC at .569 and it will finish at .677 by sweeping its 12 remaining non-conference games. They are Alabama vs. Miami Florida vs. Utah; Miami and Florida State; Georgia vs. Richmond and Georgia Tech; LSU vs. Tulane and Wyoming; Kentucky vs. Virginia Tech; Tennessee vs. Memphis State; and Vanderbilt vs. Air Force and Cincinnati.

A loss in any of those games would leave the SEC with a .656 percentage.

Others with a mathematical shot at the SEC record are the Southland, Pacific Coast, Atlantic Coast and Southern — and again they would have to win them all to overtake the record posted by SEC teams.

Nine of the 13 major conferences have winning records so far with three of them having completed their seasons against outside foes. Only two major conferences have no chance of finishing with a winning mark. The Ivy has completed its outside schedule with a 7-9 record. And they're down in the Valley with a 6-20 record and only ten to play.

### SWC TEAM STATISTICS THRU OCT. 22

RUSHING OFFENSE						TOTAL OFFENSE							
Team	C	Plays	Yds.	TD	Avg.	Game	Fumbles	Team	C	Plays	Yds.	TD	Game
Texas	6	363	1859	22	5.12	309.8	19-6	Texas	6	436	2567	27	427.8
Arkansas	6	327	1651	18	5.05	275.2	18-11	Arkansas	6	430	2498	25	416.3
A&M	6	376	1628	11	4.33	271.3	17-11	A&M	6	445	2102	17	350.3
Houston	6	338	1456	12	4.31	242.7	26-16	Houston	6	441	2078	16	346.3
Tech	6	342	1421	16	4.15	236.8	18-9	Tech	6	435	2060	20	343.3
Baylor	7	359	1542	9	4.29	220.3	18-6	SMU	7	470	2131	17	304.4
TCU	6	303	831	6	2.74	138.5	22-10	Baylor	7	489	2131	15	304.4
SMU	7	269	841	10	3.13	120.1	18-6	TCU	6	466	1757	14	292.8
Rice	7	236	674	5	2.85	96.3	11-8	Rice	7	488	1768	11	252.6

HIGH GAME: 516, Texas (Rice)

RUSHING						TOTAL DEFENSE						
Player & School	C	Plays	Yds.	TD	Avg.	Game	Team	C	Plays	Yds.	TD	Game
E. Campbell, Tex	6	138	899	9	6.51	149.8	Texas	6	391	1237	4	206.2
Cowins, Arkansas	6	117	746	9	6.42	124.3	Arkansas	6	424	1418	4	236.3
Woodard, A&M	6	138	594	7	4.30	99.0	Tech	6	360	1436	11	239.3
xDickey, A&M	6	93	527	1	5.67	87.8	A&M	6	436	1720	14	286.7
Blackwell, UH	6	103	516	3	5.00	86.0	Baylor	7	507	2350	16	335.7
Whittington, SMU	7	118	523	5	4.43	74.7	Houston	6	441	2198	16	366.3
B. Taylor, Tech	6	96	425	4	4.43	70.8	TCU	6	452	2377	20	396.2
xCooper, Rice	7	86	465	2	5.40	66.4	SMU	7	552	2868	20	409.7
Seaborn, Baylor	7	75	459	3	6.12	65.6	Rice	7	573	3487	37	498.1
Haythorne, BU	7	78	424	2	5.44	60.6						

MOST YARDS: 217 (32 carries), Earl Campbell, Texas (SMU); LONG: 80, Greg Hawthorne, BU (Tech)

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