

SWC roundup

Bears stalking Coogs

Two Southwest Conference teams have opened their league seasons against the Baylor Bears this year and both of them — Texas A&M and Texas Tech — have lost.

Now the Houston Cougars will start their conference campaign against Baylor and if the Bears win this one they will have cleared three of the biggest hurdles the league has to offer en route to the SWC crown and the Cotton Bowl berth.

There will be nothing but family feuds taking place next weekend in the SWC following the biggest weekend of intersectional action this season.

That action was highlighted by Texas' 21-0 blitzing of Missouri in a game that demonstrated the quality of the Longhorns' highly touted defense.

But while fourth-ranked Texas was gaining in national prestige, Baylor was coming back from a one-sided loss to Alabama and taking out some of its frustrations on Texas Tech.

The Bears whipped the Red Raiders, 27-17, in much the same way they had beaten Texas A&M two weeks before. Baylor ran the ball, and ran it some more, coming from 10 points behind thanks chiefly to a blocked punt that the Bears converted for the tying touchdown in the second quarter.

"We put that loss to Alabama (a 45-0 whipping) out of our minds the day after the game," said Baylor

coach Grant Teaff. "We didn't actually feel as bad about the loss as the score indicated. It was only 17-0 going into the fourth quarter.

"Sure we were embarrassed to be defeated like that. But we didn't think it was quite as bad as the score indicated. Then you think that we fell behind to Tech, 10-0, and you can see that this team was just not going to lose again."

Now, having a 2-0 SWC record and a 3-1 mark overall, Baylor will visit the Astrodome Saturday night to take on the eighth-ranked Cougars, unbeaten in three intersectional games. Houston blasted West Texas last Saturday, 49-10.

Baylor has lost to Houston all three years the Cougars have been in the conference, but last year Houston won by only two points and the year before that by only four points.

"The last couple of years we have played Houston very tough," said Teaff. "They had better teams than we did in those games. They are supposed to be better than we are again this year, but we are going to play hard. We are millions of miles from being in the Cotton Bowl, but we are closer than some people."

The other matchups next Saturday — all of them night games — will have Texas (2-0) opening its conference schedule at home against the down-trodden Rice Owls (1-3), who were pulverized by Oklahoma Saturday night, 63-21; Texas A&M (2-2), a 17-7 winner over Memphis

State, and Texas Tech fighting for survival in Lubbock; and Arkansas (3-0) beginning SWC play in Fort Worth against winless TCU (0-3).

Arkansas, a 33-8 winner over Tulsa last weekend, will be going after its 21st consecutive victory over TCU, which fell to Texas-Arlington in its last outing, 21-14.

SMU, having lost for the first time this year to Tulane last Saturday night, will take the week off.

Although Baylor and SMU are both 2-0 in league play and share the early conference lead, Arkansas, Houston and Texas have been the most impressive clubs so far.

Texas' defense has not allowed a touchdown, defending champion Houston has wins over UCLA and Florida to its credit and Arkansas has looked powerful against less-than-potent opposition.

And of those three teams, Houston figures to have much the toughest test next Saturday.

"Baylor is the strongest, physical team we played last year," said Houston coach Bill Yeoman. "They've got hordes of huge linemen and great backs, so they shouldn't be any different now."

"We've just got to rear back and firm up our frame of mind."



Grulich and Company celebrate

Aggie cornerback Carl Grulich is congratulated by defensive end Jacob Green and linebacker Cal Peveto after he intercepted a

Memphis St. pass in the fourth quarter which set up the Aggies' second touchdown and insured the victory. Battalion photo by Pat O'Malley

Campbell, Oilers pound Cleveland, 31-10

HOUSTON — Earl Campbell bulldozed through Cleveland for three touchdowns and 76 yards Sunday to help the Houston Oilers beat the formerly undefeated Browns 31-10 and produce a three-way tie for the AFC Central Division lead.

Oilers cornerback J.C. Wilson intercepted a Brian Sipe sideline pass and scored from 34 yards out to spearhead Houston's defense, which protected the Oilers' biggest run in two seasons.

Campbell, the 5-11, 220-pound battering ram who led the NFL in rushing, scored on runs of two, two and one yard and increased his season touchdown total to seven.

The Browns showed no resemblance of the team that beat the Dallas Cowboys 26-7 Monday. They failed to muster a ground game in the absence of injured halfback Greg Pruitt and scored only on Sipe's one-yard run and Don Cockroft's 44-yard field goal.

Sipe's fumble on the game's second play handed Houston a Toni Fritsch 28-yard field goal, but it was the Browns' inability to finish a long drive early in the second quarter that severely dented their hopes of remaining unbeaten through five games.

Houston's win and the Pittsburgh Steelers' 17-14 loss to Philadelphia produced a knot at the top of the

division. Houston, Cleveland and Pittsburgh are all 4-1.

The Oilers led 10-3 when three Sipe incompletions, one a dropped pass by Cleo Miller in the end zone, stalled a Browns drive inside Houston's 15-yard line.

Cockroft then shanked a 32-yard attempted field goal and the Oilers responded by storming 80 yards for a 17-3 lead on Campbell's second scoring run.

The drive took Houston six plays, with Tim Wilson running for 19 yards and quarterback Dan Pastorini throwing to tight end Mike Barber for 35 more. Ahead the entire game, Pastorini passed only 13 times, completing 8 for 102 yards.

Sipe, who completed 18 of 35 passes for 225 yards, was forced to pass most of the game. In the final two minutes of the first half, with Houston leading 17-3, J.C. Wilson

stepped in front of wide receiver Dave Logan, intercepting a pass and ran untouched for his first pro touchdown.

Sipe, however, continued to throw and before halftime passed the Browns into position for his short scoring run.

Pruitt, the Browns' leading rusher, did not play due to a sore right knee.

Campbell, who entered the game with 491 yards and a 4.3 average, collected his 76 yards on 18 carries.

The Oilers' margin of victory was their largest in regular season play since they beat the Chicago Bears 47-0 in 1977.

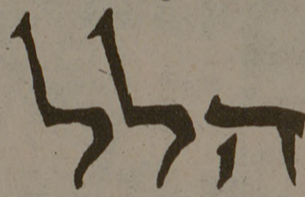
The Oilers' defense held Cleveland scoreless in the second half and Houston's offense only tallied one time at the end of a 66-yard drive which Cleveland helped keep alive by a roughing-the-passer penalty on third down.

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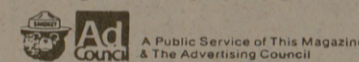
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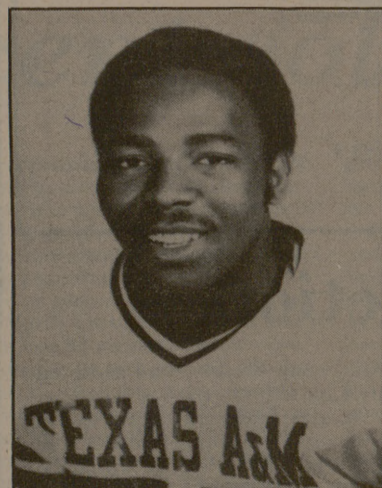
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