

# Cougars, conference wait on bowls

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HOUSTON — You can take the man out of the bowl game, but apparently you cannot take the bowl game out of the man.

Sonny Yates is the University of Houston's rookie associate athletic director, but the excitement he experienced as Sun Bowl executive director is still in his Cougar-red blood — especially this week.

"We want to stay on top of the situation, know what our options are," he said as he waved his arm at an office wall dotted with the names of 15 bowls.

Team names that he speculated might go to those bowls were taped under about half the bowls on the wall.

"There are changes every five mi-

utes," he said.

Saturday is the first day the bowl committee can extend invitations to teams, so this week Yates is cheer-leading for the highly-ranked Cougars, 8-1, instead of the Sun Bowl.

He said it was untrue that bowl committees doubt Houston's ability to have a large following of alumni and students.

"We want to let it be known that wherever Houston goes that we want our allotment of seats. We will sell everything we are given," Yates said.

He said when the Cougars went to the 1977 and 1979 Cotton Bowls, the Houston athletic department sold their allotments of one-sixth of the available tickets plus about 2,000

more in 1977 and 1,500 more in 1979.

That bowl was in Dallas, 230 miles north of Houston. And the Cougars have not been out of state to a bowl since 1962.

Houston's open date Saturday is a disadvantage as far as attracting invitations, Yates said. Houston finishes its regular season playing TCU and Rice.

Houston will be the host team in the Cotton Bowl if the Cougars win their final two games and Texas, 7-1, loses to either TCU, Baylor or Texas A&M.

If Arkansas, 8-1, beats A&M while Texas beats TCU Saturday, those two teams and Houston could still host the Cotton Bowl and confuse bowl committees about which

Southwest Conference teams could go elsewhere.

"The Southwest Conference schedule stretches longer than most conferences. That is a problem," Yates said. "The championship race is still a scramble. That's another problem."

He mentioned that a solution for the four possible SWC bowl teams — including 5-3 Baylor — would be an agreement between several bowls. He said the Cotton, Sun and Liberty bowls did it in 1975.

Another solution would be because

"some of the invitations may be held up a week," Yates said.

His experience with bowl committees, however, told him that once the Orange Bowl lines up its teams "everyone else falls into place like dominoes. It's hard for them to wait."

He said the Sugar Bowl would not have a hard time finding an opponent for Georgia, which has a 5-4 record and which gets the host spot if it wins at Auburn Saturday.

"Everybody wants to go to the Sugar Bowl," he said.

## Hogs preparing for Ags

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FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Coach Lou Holtz, still talking about Arkansas' comeback win over Baylor, ran his Razorbacks through a light scrimmage Monday with several key players nursing injuries.

Starting defensive backs Trent Bryant and Hugh Jernigan were withheld from the workout. Jernigan has a shoulder injury and Bryant a bruised thigh.

Others who missed the practice were running back Roland Sales with a pulled groin, running back Gary Anderson with a muscle spasm in his neck, defensive lineman Alfred Mohammed with a calcium deposit in his right arm and Mike Massey with a slight knee injury.

All of the injured should return to

practice later in the week and play against Texas A&M in College Station on Saturday.

Despite the horde of small injuries, Holtz called the workout good. But his mind obviously still was on Arkansas' 29-20 comeback win over the Bears.

"All of our players played well in the final quarter, which was obvious," Holtz said. "Baylor looks at the film and says 'How could we lose that game?' and I look at the first half and say, 'How could we play that way?'"

"Overall, the silver lining was that I couldn't believe the players competed as well as they did," he said. "We will have to play a great four quarters this week (against A&M)."

## China Spring tires on way to 96-0 record

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CHINA SPRING, Texas — The China Spring Cougars had a sure-fire way to score 96 points in a high school football game: get the first half and 26 in the second.

Last weekend the defending state champion Cougars defeated Lorena 96-0 in a district battle — bettering the score from last year's record run of 75-0.

The Cougars had to punt only once during the game, and that was in the second half. They did have three scoring opportunities but fumbles, including one in the first quarter at the Lorena five-yard line.

The Leopards were determined to get a passing game going early. China Spring and threw the ball on the first three downs of every possession. On fourth down they punted.

The first quarter, 12 minutes on the clock, took one hour to play. It took an hour and 45 minutes to play the first half, during which Lorena ran the ball three times, passed 16 times and punted six.

China Spring used nine running backs in the game — all they had and emptied the bench during the first quarter. However, before the fourth period was over some of the second-teamers were so tired they had to be replaced with starters. The school is too small to have a string.

## Tyler earns Juco Bowl berth

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KILGORE, Texas — Tyler Junior College has won the host spot in the Juco Bowl to be played Dec. 1 in Garland.

The Apaches defeated the Kilgore Rangers 16-13 Saturday to win the Texas Junior College Football Conference championship and the host berth in the Garland bowl.

Tyler finished the season with a 7-3 record in the conference of Blinn, Navarro and Harris County — all with 6-4 records.

Ranger College, a former member, remains undefeated, ranked No. 1 in the conference and expected to meet Tyler in the land bowl, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

## 'Bama, Nebraska lead poll; Horns move up, Coogs drop

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NEW YORK — Alabama and Nebraska remained the nation's top two college football teams and Ohio State eased up two notches to third Monday in UPI's 10th weekly Board of Coaches ratings.

Southern California, after a 24-17 victory over Washington that all but secured a Rose Bowl berth for the Trojans, dropped one rung into fourth.

The powerful Buckeyes, under the guidance of Earle Bruce, scored a 34-7 victory Saturday over Iowa, forcing the Hawkeyes into 10 turnovers, and moved up to third. A win or a tie against once-beaten Michigan next week would give Ohio State a Big Ten title and a trip

to the Rose Bowl.

"I would think our young men are willing and able to play four quarters of football versus the University of Michigan," said Bruce. "I guess we're going to have to do that to be able to win."

Two new teams — Tennessee and Indiana — became members of the nation's Top 20 for the first time this season. The No. 18 Vols whipped the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame 40-18 and the 19th-ranked Hoosiers registered a solid 45-14 triumph over Illinois.

The top-ranked Crimson Tide managed to maintain their status as the best team in the nation by struggling to a 3-0 victory over determined Louisiana State. The second-ranked Cornhuskers, who have turned in listless performances in

each of the past two weeks, got by Kansas State 21-12 to maintain their No. 2 ranking.

Florida State, which registered a 27-7 victory over South Carolina, moved up one spot into fifth and Texas advanced two places into the sixth position with a 21-13 decision over Houston. Oklahoma remained seventh with a 38-0 victory over Kansas and Houston dropped four places into the eighth slot.

Arkansas kept its No. 9 rating with a 29-20 verdict over Baylor and unbeaten Brigham Young advanced one spot to No. 10 with a 31-17 triumph over Long Beach State.

Rounding out the Top 20, in order, were Pittsburgh, Purdue, Michigan, Clemson, Washington, Temple, Wake Forest, Tennessee, Indiana and Baylor.

## Top 20

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NEW YORK — The United Press International Board of Coaches top 20 college football ratings, with first-place votes and win-loss records in parentheses (tent week):

- Alabama (29) (9-0) 614
- Nebraska (3) (9-0) 556
- Ohio St. (5) (10-0) 536
- Southern Cal (4) (9-0-1) 534
- Florida St. (1) (9-0) 441
- Texas (7-1) 394
- Oklahoma (8-1) 391
- Houston (8-1) 303
- Arkansas (8-1) 304
- Brigham Young (9-0) 243
- Pittsburgh (8-1) 207
- Purdue (8-2) 176
- Michigan (8-2) 84
- Clemson (7-2) 69
- Washington (7-3) 51
- Temple (8-1) 25
- Wake Forest (8-2) 20
- Tennessee (5-3) 17
- Indiana (7-3) 16
- Baylor (6-3) 15

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