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Here's a rundown of Southwest Conference basketball action this weekend:

HOUSTON 68, TCU 59
HOUSTON — Robert Williams scored 19 points in the second half after hitting one of 10 in the field in the opening period as the Houston Cougars defeated TCU 68-59 Saturday night.

The Cougars, now 14-3 on the season, equalled their total win number for last year. The Cougars moved into a first place tie in the Southwest Conference with Baylor.

Houston led at the half 27-20. The Cougars shot just 37 percent from the field, TCU just 25.

UH jumped out to a 10-2 lead, with 13:54 left. TCU ran off six straight points to move within two at 12:19.

Larry Mccheaux and Clyde Drexler then sparked a Cougar surge. Drexler and Michael Young, Houston's two freshman forwards, had seven points at intermission.

Young finished with 15 points, while Drexler had 11. Larry Frevret and Jeff Baker each scored 14 for TCU.

TEXAS 75, BAYLOR 70
AUSTIN — The Texas Longhorns used 26 points and 15 rebounds by LaSalle Thompson to upset the Baylor Bears 75-70 Saturday, handing the Bears their first Southwest Conference loss of the year.

Texas, which led by as many as 20 points in the second half, held off a late Baylor rally to drop the Bears to 5-1 in SWC play and 10-6 overall. The Longhorns, who entered the game in last place in the league, increased their record to 2-4 and 7-9 overall.

Texas used a 13-4 spurt midway through the first half to hold a 38-25 halftime lead. The Longhorns increased their advantage to 20 points, 55-35, at 11:40 of the second half.

However, Thompson picked up his fourth foul at 10:34 and was benched for three minutes, allowing Baylor to come back.

The Bears rallied to within five points at 65-60 with 1:45 to play in the game but could not close.

Texas out-rebounded Baylor 37-30 to control the game and give the Longhorns their first win since Jan. 12. The loss snapped Baylor's six-game winning streak.

Joe Copeland led Baylor with 22 points and Pat Nunley added 18. Texas held the Bear's leading scorer, Terry Teagle, to 16 points, including only four points in the first half. It was the first time in the season that Teagle was not the Bears' leading scorer.

Texas also was led in scoring by Virdell Howland's 16 points and Mike Wackers 10.

RICE 60, SMU 59
DALLAS — Robert Shaw scored 20 points to lead the Rice Owls from an 18-point deficit to a 60-59 victory over SMU Saturday.

With the win, Rice moved to 8-7 on the year and 4-2 in Southwest Conference play. SMU is now 6-11 and 2-5 in the conference.

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Women set record in meet

The Texas A&M University women's swim team set a new school record for the 400-yard medley relay at its Friday meet against Rice with a 4:07.898. time.

Team members Shelley Carbone, Michon Breisacher, Tracy Johnston and Philis Burns set the record during the meet. Overall, the Owls won the dual meet 77.5-71.5, capturing the event with a win in the last relay event.

Rice also won the men's meet, 89-55.

The men's and women's swim teams met strong opposition from the University of Houston here on Saturday, with the men losing 88-32 to the Cougars and the women 89-42.

Coach Mel Nash said the performances by the young team over the weekend were excellent and that he is pleased with the performances so far.

The swim team goes up against Southwest Texas State University this coming weekend. On Feb. 7 the team travels to Lubbock to meet with Texas Tech. Nash said the team is looking forward to that matchup because it's "always fun to beat the Raiders."

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