

Coogs, Hogs play Saturday for what could be '81 title

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The Southwest Conference race turned into a two-team affair Tuesday night and in a few days the Arkansas Razorbacks and Houston Cougars will determine if that number is to be reduced to one.

Needing a win to keep within range of the league-leading Cougars, Arkansas rolled over the Baylor Bears Tuesday evening, 67-50, and thus set up the biggest game of the season in the SWC.

Houston (9-2) will visit Arkansas (8-3) Saturday afternoon with the league lead, and perhaps ultimately the regular season championship, on the line.

The remainder of the teams, meanwhile, are merely jostling for favorable placement in the post-season tournament and those succeeding in improving their outlook Tuesday night were the Texas Tech Red Raiders, Texas Longhorns and Texas A&M Aggies.

Tech overcame a nine-point deficit in the second half and rallied on the timely shooting of Clarence Swannegan to down Rice, 61-55; Vernon Smith and Reggie Roberts combined to help the Aggies hold off SMU, 61-56; and Ken Montgomery sank four free throws in the final 40 seconds to bring the Longhorns an 88-84 win over TCU.

In Fayetteville, Baylor made a game of it for 14 minutes, but then the Arkansas full-court press began to take effect. By the half the Hogs had opened an 11-point lead and the Bears could never threaten in the second half.

Scott Hastings scored 22 to pace the Razorbacks. "We did a marvelous job getting open shots," said Arkansas coach Eddie Sutton. "I'm beginning to

think we can play better against zone than man to man. The middle 20 minutes of the game may have been our best ever."

"The determining part of game was when we missed four straight one and ones and five straight field goals after it was tied at 22-22," said Baylor coach Jim Haller. "We didn't get what I'd call an out-

standing performance from anybody."

Texas seemed on its way to an easy victory, but things got a little too close for comfort for the Longhorns.

"A win is a win," said Texas coach Abe Lemons, whose team led by 15 at the half. "But I kind of feel like we lost."



Mind games

Photo by Pat O'Malley

Texas A&M University pole vaulter Randy Hall concentrates before his winning jump during last year's NCAA Outdoor Championships in Austin. Hall set an NCAA record in the process at 18-2½.

Hall, from Port Lavaca, will compete in two Canadian indoor meets this weekend.

He will compete in the Toronto Star-Maple Leaf Indoor

Games Friday night in Toronto and then will compete in the Ottawa Citizen Indoor Games Saturday night.

Last weekend, Hall finished second in the Millrose Games in New York City on Friday night with a vault of 17-4 and was second in the Oklahoma Classic Saturday night with a vault of 17-2.

Composure helps Lady Ags

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It took the Aggie Ladies a little time to pull out a 73-69 win over SMU Tuesday night in Dallas.

Coach Cherri Rapp said Wednesday the team "played with a lot of composure at the end of the game" when it was four points from the top.

As the women came back to the game and send it into overtime. The Aggie Ladies missed a shot at a basket during the final seconds of the game, but eventually took their second win of the season over the Mustangs. Rapp said that it was "one of our better games" with the team shooting well during the second half.

Kelley Sullivan and Sheryl Clark led the scoring for the Aggie Ladies with 22 points each, with Tammy Crafton adding 12.

Next up is a game against Texas Tech in Lubbock on Feb. 14. The Raiders have come away as winners in the past three games against the Aggies this year, but Rapp said that she is "hoping to surprise them."

"Their overconfidence might be

to our advantage," she said.

If the Aggie Ladies do win against Texas Tech, then they will go on to the Texas Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women state tournament in Denton on Feb. 19. The first round game would be against Wayland Baptist.

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