

Beal given top award at 1981 football dinner

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Senior quarterback David Beal walked away with the Fighting Heart Award Saturday night at the 1981 Texas A&M University Football Banquet.

The award, given annually to the senior who possesses such qualities as courage, competitiveness, desire, determination and effort, was voted on by the entire 1980 football team.

Beal, a three-year benchwarmer behind star quarterback Mike Mosley, replaced him in the fourth game of the 1980 season and never looked back.

Billy Pickard, Coordinator for Training, Equipment and Facilities, won the first annual Barlow (Bones) Irvin award for outstanding contributions, dedication and service to the Texas A&M football program.

Most valuable player awards were given to center David Bandy (Offensive Player of the Year), linebacker Mike Little (Defensive Player of the Year) and Kent Adams (Special Teams Player of the Year).

Adams also received the Lifter of the Year Award, presented by Strength Coach Mike Flynt, for his weight training improvement over the year.

The Southwest Conference/Southwest Airlines Player of the Week awards went to split end Mike Whitwell (Georgia and Penn State ballgames), quarterback David Beal (Texas Tech and Texas) and halfback Johnny Hector (Arkansas, TCU).

Hector also was presented with a plaque for being voted the ABC-TV Player of the Game for his play against SMU.

Linebacker Jerry Bullitt was presented with the Southwest Conference Freshman Defensive Player of the Year award.

Senior Jay Dale was honored with the Senior Academic Award for his 3.01 grade point average in accounting.

Four seniors received their fourth varsity letters at Texas A&M: Beal, Leandrew Brown, Doug Carr and Zach Guthrie.

Temple Aday, Dan Davis, Little and Whitwell received their third letter.

Conference race settled ... maybe

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The question is no longer which team will win the Southwest Conference's regular season championship. It seems to be, instead, which team can give the Arkansas Razorbacks the most trouble in the league's post-season tournament.

Will it be Texas A&M, which fell to Arkansas last week in a brawling sort of game only to come back and hand the Texas Longhorns one of their worst beatings ever?

Will it be the Baylor Bears, who have beaten Arkansas once this year and have regained some of the confidence they lost during the middle portion of the league race?

Or might it be the Houston Cougars, who somewhere along the line have lost what it takes to dominate — or even win — basketball games?

The business of the conference title came to a somewhat surprising halt last weekend with Arkansas clinching a share of the crown. An Arkansas victory over Rice, combined with Houston's third straight loss — an upset at home to Baylor — brought about that turn of events.

An Arkansas win or a Houston loss during the final week of the season would give the Razorbacks the undisputed championship, and that is expected to come about Tuesday night when the Hogs host last-place SMU.

"We're happy we got some help from Baylor," said Arkansas coach Eddie Sutton, "but we won't be satisfied until we clinch the championship outright. We've never clinched a title for our fans here in Barnhill Arena. We're looking forward to the opportunity."

Arkansas' 75-51 decision over Rice was the 17th-ranked Razorbacks' ninth straight win. That streak followed a three game losing streak for the Hogs, a malady that has hit every team in the conference at one time or another this year.

"Every team has gone through

it," said Sutton. "It's just unbelievable. We were 2-3 at one time. Maybe that was a blessing in disguise. It would have been easy for us to say, 'hey, this isn't going to be our year.' But the kids came back."

Houston coach Guy Lewis is wondering if his team's three-game losing streak is going to turn out to be a blessing in disguise. First of all Houston fell to Arkansas in Fayetteville, which was no particular disgrace. Then the Cougars lost in four overtimes at TCU and finally dropped the decision to Baylor.

The Cougars fell to 9-5 and Baylor jumped to 9-6, pulling the Bears into position to grab second place in the final league standings.

If Baylor should defeat TCU in its only remaining league game and Houston should drop a decision to Texas A&M next Saturday, the Bears would not only tie for second place but would earn a tiebreak advantage and a bye to the semifinals of the SWC's post-season tournament.

Baylor owed its victory to 5-6 Ronnie Blake, seldom used earlier in the season but now often a critical member of the team. Blake penetrated the Houston zone defense to produce 10 assists and seven key points.

"I don't think Baylor would have won without him," said Lewis.

Not only is the fight for second place at stake, but battles for home court advantages in the tournament's first round take place during the final week of the season. Tuesday's game between TCU and Texas A&M (both 6-8 and tied for sixth place) will all but wrap up a home court berth for one of those teams, while Rice (7-7) could clinch a home spot if it can upset Houston Tuesday evening.

Texas Tech, meanwhile, will travel to Texas on Tuesday night, still hoping for a third-place finish that would automatically send the Raiders to the San Antonio phase of the tournament without having to play a first-round game.

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Men's lacrosse

The men's lacrosse team suffered its first loss of the season when it fell to the San Antonio Lacrosse Club over the weekend, 12-10. Hayes and Tony Scazzero both had three goals for the Aggies. Grosgebauer had two goals and two assists. Goalie Dale Kennel had 13 saves.

The Aggies are now 3-1. Their next game will be against Texas University Saturday at 1 p.m. on the drill field.

Men's Gymnastics

The men's gymnastic team lost to Texas Tech at Lubbock over the weekend despite setting a team record for points. Ray Mohr was first and Rich Zapata was third in the pommel horse.

David Semon was fourth and Mark Hartwell fifth in floor exercises. Three Aggies placed in the rings. Mark Hartwell was fourth, Jim Foght was fourth, and Jurgen Achtermann placed sixth.

Mark Hartwell won the vault event. In the parallel bar David Semon finished second, Jurgen Achtermann finished fourth, and Mark Hartwell fifth. David Semon also finished fifth in the high bar.

Semon was the Aggies' gymnast of the meet. Tech had a score of 174.95. The Aggies' 161.35 was a team record.

A&M is now 1-3. Its next meet is March 7 in San Antonio.

Pistol Team

In a three-way match that took place over the last two weeks the A&M pistol team bested both the United States Air Force Academy and Sam Houston State.

The International Standard Pistol Competition, fired at the A&M, saw the Aggies edge the Air Force Academy 2,111 to 2,107. Sam Houston was a distant third with a score of 1,980.

Buck Sullivan, Edward Koester, Lee Alexander, and Chip McCombs comprised the A&M squad with Sullivan and Koester finishing third and fourth as individuals, respectively.

Wrestling team

Led by seniors Bob Santini, John Sweatt and sophomore Ed Shower, the Texas A&M University wrestling team placed second in the State Wrestling Tournament this past weekend.

The three won first places in their weight divisions to win individual titles.

Wrestler/coach Santini said he was pleased with Aggs' showing in the tournament. The team was strong in individual weight classes and did well there, he said, but it was not good enough overall to win the team title.

Richland College won the title with Texas A&M second and the University of Texas third.

Fourth place finishers for the Aggs were freshman Ed Conway in the 118-pound division, senior Ric Edgemon in 126-pound division, sophomore Damian Cook in the 177-division and freshman heavyweight Ricky Lanacheck.

Greg Lewallen, a freshman, finished second in the 134-pound division. He was defeated in the last seconds of the match by Anderson from North Texas State University.

Sweatt pinned Fulmer from UT in 56 seconds and beat Ranson from NTSU 10-4 to win his third state title in the 142-pound division.

Shower defeated Gerome Woods from Texas Tech 4-0 and Ed Fry from Southwest Texas University 10-3 to win his first title in the 150-pound division.

Winfield, Frohman make strange pair

NEW YORK — Someone asked Dave Winfield if anything particularly exciting happened to him lately and after giving it some thought, he said in that soft laid-back manner of his, well, yes, come to think of it, he had been caught in an earthquake the other day.

"It happened last week while I was in Mexico," laughed the Yankees' new multi-million dollar slugger. "It wasn't too much of a quake. Just some earth tremors, that's all. In California, we get a lot of 'em."

Al Frohman, Winfield's closest friend and adviser, was hearing this for the first time. He's something of a second father to the big outfielder and worries about him constantly.

"You know," he said, "I don't know if you're covered in your contract if you're ever hurt like that, God forbid."

They make an odd couple, the huge, 6-foot-6, 29-year-old Winfield from St. Paul, Minn., and the twice as old, owl-like-looking, 5-foot-7, one-time kosher caterer and sweater manufacturer from Brooklyn, who doesn't especially care for agents and doesn't consider himself one.

"If not for him," Frohman says, looking at Winfield, "I would've been dead three years ago. I've had three heart operations and he

has given me new life. He's close to me as my own son and the relationship we have has absolutely nothing to do with money. When he didn't have anything gave him and when I didn't have anything, he gave me."

"That's right," Winfield says firmly.

It was Frohman, with his precia for figures and ideas, who helped Winfield as a free agent obtain a recent five-year contract with the Yankees that could reach \$23 million, and who club owner George Steinbrenner later discovered some cost-cutting aspects of the contract wasn't entirely aware of originally. It was Frohman who meticulously worked out another restrictive one. Winfield's new contract for a base pay of \$15 million still could go up to \$19 million.

Frohman unabashedly admits he loves Winfield and it shows. More than that, he seems to live his life through him. Winfield's personality and mind of his own but he respects Frohman's thinking and his baseball knowledge enough to call on him occasionally when he's having some problems on the field.

The two of them are riding limousine up to the Catskills Mountains where Winfield will participate in two sports forums the Concord and Nevele baseball

Mandlikova beats Bunge

HOUSTON — Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia overcame both her "bridesmaid" image and a sore hand Sunday to defeat Bettina Bunge, 6-4, 6-4, and win \$22,000 in a women's tennis tournament.

Third place was taken by Mima Jausovec of Yugoslavia with a 6-4 win over Kathy Jordan of King of Prussia, Pa.

Mandlikova, whose hand has been numb lately, said it still bothered her Sunday but her

serve gave her more concern. "I had problems with my first serve the whole match," she said. "I just had two aces. I usually have more. I lost concentration. My second serve was too short and she was coming in too quick. I couldn't do anything."

Second-place finishes in Detroit and Chicago, plus her second-place finish in the 1980 U.S. Open, had given her a "bridesmaid" image Sunday's win should erase.

"I'm very happy to win my first Avon championship," said Mandlikova, who was seeded second in the tournament. "The winter circuit is so tough. I had chances in Detroit and Chicago and lost."

"I had played her in the finals at Stockholm," said Bunge. "This didn't feel like the finals. I lost serve in the eighth game of the second set. I was leading 4-3 and saw a chance and tried to do too much. I lost three games in a row because I was thinking about that game."

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