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SWC baseball results

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Baylor — A Mark Simon lead-off homer and back-to-back shots by Eric Smith and Jay Jeffrey Tuesday powered the Baylor Bears to a 7-3 non-conference victory over Texas-Arlington. UTA came back in the nightcap, however, and earned a 5-3 double-header split with the Bears. Baylor is 11-11 and UTA is 13-10.
TCU — Warren Oliver had four hits and drove in three runs Tuesday to help pace the streaking Texas Christian Horned Frogs to a double header sweep over Indiana, 2-1 and 7-3. TCU, after losing its first five games of the season, has won 13 of

its last 15.
TCU senior second baseman Troy Brooks extended his streak of consecutive successful stolen base attempts to 15 with four steals during the afternoon.
Texas Tech — Kevin Rucker knocked in seven runs to lead the Texas Tech Red Raiders in Tuesday's 21-15 win over Southeastern Oklahoma State.
Rucker's runs included a grand slam homer, a two-run double and a groundout. The Red Raiders are now 16-10 on the year and 0-3 in Southwest Conference play.
Texas — Randy Richards hit a three-run homer to lead Texas to a 6-1 victory over Minnesota Tuesday to give the Longhorns a doubleheader sweep of the Gophers

in non-conference action. Texas won the opener 6-1.
In the first game pitcher Robert Culley scattered eight hits over five and two-thirds innings to earn his third victory in three outings. In the second game Richards' blast provided the only runs Texas needed as Mike Withrow stretched his record to 5-0, allowing just two hits over the last four and two-thirds innings.
The wins gave the No. 4 ranked Longhorns a 33-3-1 record. Minnesota dropped to 2-4.
Houston — Rayner Noble, Rob Riley and Mike Minturn led the Houston Cougars to a sweep of a doubleheader against Southwestern Tuesday, squeaking by 4-3 in the opener and trouncing the Pirates 5-2 in the nightcap. The wins up Houston's season record to 16-12, and Southwestern drops to 18-11.

Lawyers file documents in court detailing embezzlement scheme

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LOS ANGELES — Lawyers for Wells Fargo Bank have filed more than 1,000 pages of documents in Superior Court which detailed an alleged \$21.3 million embezzlement scheme they claim involved officials of Muhammad Ali Professional Sports.

Smith embezzled the funds. Esmond said the scheme involved skimming funds off bank transactions between branches of the bank. Lewis, according to Esmond, knew the bank's system well enough to avoid setting off security alarms within the system for nearly two years.

Lewis has not appeared publicly since his disappearance Jan. 24. Bank officials said they have been unable to recover about \$20

million of the missing funds. A federal grand jury in Los Angeles is gathering evidence in the MAPS' scandal.

Included in the documents were allegations former three-time heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali was given more than \$1 million of the \$21.3 million. But there was nothing to indicate Ali knew the money he took had been embezzled.

"The manipulation of the branch settlement by Mr. Lewis resulted in the embezzlement and theft of \$21,305,705.18 from the Beverly Drive office of Wells Fargo," Esmond said in his documents.

The filing of the documents Monday was the first legal action taken in nearly two months in the slow-moving investigation. Wells Fargo had filed a suit late in January, charging MAPS' founder Harold Smith, MAPS' official and former Wells Fargo Bank employee Ben Lewis and others connected with the boxing promotion firm in connection with the alleged embezzlement.

The payments to Ali, in the form of Wells Fargo cashier's checks, were endorsed by Ali and drawn on accounts held by Muhammad Ali Professional Sports, a boxing promoting firm to which Ali lent his name, but with which he had no working business involvement.

In the documents released Monday, William Esmond, assistant auditor for Wells Fargo, detailed the bank's view of how

The embezzlement scheme was uncovered Jan. 23 and the two leading characters in the drama — Smith and Lewis — disappeared the next day. Smith has since surfaced and denied any wrongdoing on his part. He said the bank was involved with "organized crime figures" and is using him as a scapegoat.

Cancer victim attempts return

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DALLAS — For one player at SMU's spring football practice just being a walk-on is great. A year ago, not many people would have thought Jeff Apodaca, son of former New Mexico Gov. Jerry Apodaca, would ever play the game again. In fact, most of the colleges that had been at the young athlete's door with scholarship offers had quietly slipped away.
The reason was simple. After the fifth game of his highly successful senior year, Apodaca found himself in a battle more serious than any football game — he was diagnosed as having cancer.
Fifteen months after hearing that not only his gridiron career, but his life, was threatened, the 5-9, 180 pound running back has returned to the field, looking for a spot on the SMU roster.
An All-State candidate in his senior year at Santa Fe High School, Apodaca woke up one day unable to urinate. His mother, Clara Apodaca, says they took him to the doctor but initially were not overly concerned.
Then a cancerous tumor was found, large enough to cut off his urinary tract.
"No one really thought it would be cancer," said his brother, Jerry Apodaca Jr., a wide receiver for the University of New Mexico. "It upset us a lot for the first few months until we could learn to live with it. And mother and father hurt a lot to see the pain Jeff was going through."
"It will always stand out in my mind," said his father. "The time when my wife and I and the doctor had to tell him he had cancer."
He said his son's major concern when he heard the news was whether he would be able to continue playing football.
"The seriousness of the illness just didn't penetrate," the governor said.
Concern about his playing career quickly faded after the family made their first trip to M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston for treatment.
"For three or four days the doctors pounded us with the worst. They talked about saving his life, his bladder and all of a sudden football seemed so unimportant," the governor said.
Last November, the nightmare finally ended. Doctors, deciding the tumor had gone into complete remission, stopped chemotherapy. Jeff's tests have been negative for the last nine months.
With his illness seemingly conquered, Apodaca's thoughts again returned to the gridiron. The once highly sought athlete found that the illness had not only taken its toll on his body, but had affected his marketability as a college football player.
The only major college still interested in him was SMU, and so Apodaca came to SMU as a walk-on.
During the illness, SMU coach Mike Barr, who recruits in West Texas and New Mexico for the Mustangs, kept in contact with Apodaca. He even sent the athlete a work-out schedule while he was undergoing chemotherapy, Mrs. Apodaca recalls.
"I figure there are a few small schools in New Mexico that I could play for, but I like SMU and I like the big-time atmosphere. And I know if I don't regain my speed that with the depth of this team I won't be around long," Apodaca said.
There has been no star treatment for Apodaca in the Mustang camp. During the first few days of work-outs, the New Mexican has been assigned to the scout team.

"I think Jeff understands his position," said Barr. "He's a very mature individual. A lot of us don't ever have to face the fact we might only have a year to live. About the most he can hope for is a spot on the junior varsity next year and to earn a scholarship, a walk-on has to establish himself as an integral part of our top two teams."
Despite the difficulties of the past 15 months, there has been no attempt to hide his problem.
"People shouldn't hide the fact they have cancer," his brother said. "Sure it complicates life and kills people, but I'm convinced a total cure is just around the corner. A few years ago, Jeff wouldn't have had a chance."

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