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Texas tries to hold tight

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The most recent addition to this year's No. 1 club — the Texas Longhorns — make the first defense of their newly won honor Saturday. And they will have to do it in Fayetteville, Ark., which at first glance might seem a poor place to have to do it.

But for the Longhorns, Fayetteville has been a pleasant place to visit in recent years. The Arkansas Razorbacks have not beaten Texas in Fayetteville in 16 seasons and Arkansas coach Lou Holtz knows his team will have a hard time ending that streak.

"We might be playing the best team in the country," surmised Holtz. "Texas has all the things that can hurt you. They have speed at wide receiver, a quarterback with a strong arm, a strong running back and an offensive line that controls the line of scrimmage. They are playing better than any Texas team has since I've been at Arkansas."

Sixteen of the last 22 Horns-Hogs games have had a direct bearing on deciding which club has won the SWC crown.

Thus, the Arkansas-Texas tilt will be the top attraction in the league, although the unbeaten SMU Mustangs and the always dangerous Houston Cougars should put on a good show in the Astrodome.

SMU, 5-0 and off to its best start in 31 years, will be trying to do its part in setting up what could be the most important game in the conference race this year — the Mustangs' battle with Texas next week. Houston, 3-2, will try to get back into the chase after dropping a 7-6 decision to Texas A&M last week.

Despite its record, SMU is a narrow underdog against Houston.

"The Astrodome is an intimidating place in which to play," said Mustangs' coach Ron Meyer, whose team is ineligible for network television or post-season competition because of its NCAA probation. "And Houston's defense ranks up there with Texas."

The other two conference contests will find Texas A&M 4-1 and unbeaten in two league games, visiting Baylor, 3-3, and the Texas Tech Red Raiders, 1-4, hosting Rice, 2-3.

TCU, 2-3, will host Utah State in the next-to-last intersectional battle of the regular season. To date, the SWC has a non-conference record of 18-7, tops in the NCAA among major college conferences.

Texas is the fourth team to occupy the No. 1 spot this year. Michigan had it before losing to Wisconsin, Notre Dame had it before losing to Michigan and USC had it before losing to Arizona last week.

"You have to be concerned about a letdown," Texas coach Fred Akers admitted. "But when you stop and analyze the importance of the game coming up, there shouldn't be any trouble getting the players' attention."

"Being No. 1 should be a motivational force."

Holtz thinks extra motivation is the last thing Texas needs.

"Their defense is intimidating and they take the physical approach," said Holtz. "Texas put on an awesome display of football in the second half against Oklahoma. But we are not awed or intimidated by them."

"I think we have a capable football team."

Bears fan says team doesn't play up to par

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ROCKFORD, Ill. — A die-hard Chicago Bears fan is suing the club for a \$58.40 refund, claiming it is fraudulently billing itself as a "professional" football team.

After watching the hapless Bears lose Sunday 24-7 to the previously winless Washington Redskins, James Tulley filed his small claims complaint, alleging he did not see a professional game.

The complaint filed Wednesday asks the Bears to refund him \$58.40 — \$23 for the game tickets for himself and his wife, Sue, \$18 for gasoline, \$15 for a babysitter and the rest for highway tolls to get to the game.

The 31-year-old school supply salesman said the team was guilty of false advertising and consumer fraud.

"I went to see a professional football game," he said. Instead, the team made mistake after mistake.

"If Barry Manilow came on stage in Rockford and suddenly got laryngitis or couldn't talk, I'd get a refund," Tulley said. "If the Rolling Stones came to Rockford without Mick Jagger, that would be misrepresentation."

Tulley mailed the complaint to the Cook County Sheriff's Department, which will present it to the Chicago Bears Football Club Inc., and it will be heard in small claims court Nov. 10.

"I love the Bears. I'm not angry," Tulley said. "But we've been rebuilding for 47 years."

Women's tennis team on tough road

By RICK STOLLE
Battalion Staff
The Texas A&M University women's tennis team will be on the road this weekend, facing tough competition in Houston.

The team travels to participate in the Houston Open Tennis tournament, open to anyone signing up.

Many of the top female tennis

players in Texas will participate with many top teams entered. Since it is an open tournament, no team standings will be kept, but many schools will send their entire team.

Texas A&M, Rice University, the University of Houston, Trinity University and North Texas State University are some of the schools to be represented.

"It is always a tough tournament," said Aggie women's coach Jan Cannon, "but is also always good experience for us."

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Cannon said: "Each year, this tournament is full of surprises. Sometimes we come away happy and sometimes not. This year, I am looking for us to be happy by the time Sunday and the end of the tournament rolls around."

Ag runners need strong meet finish

After canceling his team's appearance in last week's meet, Coach Bill Nix of the Texas A&M University cross country team looks for a good showing in the United States Association of Track and Field 5,000 meter meet today.

In the last three meets, the Ags have been able to get two or three women in the top 15, but others have been slowed due to injuries.

Kim Cloud, injured two weeks ago in the University of Texas at Arlington meet, is out for the season and has remained in Dallas to undergo tests.

Lisa McCorstin is recovering from a severely sprained ankle and Suzanne Sheffield has yet to recover from an illness that has slowed her since the start of the season.

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