

Annual rivalry

Texas, OU set for showdown in Cotton Bowl

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There is always something, it seems, that makes the annual meeting between the Oklahoma Sooners and Texas Longhorns extra special.

Their yearly confrontation in the Cotton Bowl doesn't need anything extra, since it has long since developed into one of the largest hate-fests in the nation and is played out in the midst of the State Fair of Texas, where the fans can gaze at the prize steers and eat all the greasy fried chicken and french fries they'll ever want before the kickoff.

But as usual, this year's game has a twist.

The natives are restless in Oklahoma this year and if Texas expands on its current domination of the Sooner faithful may become downright unfaithful.

The Texas-Oklahoma series has always been one of streaks. Bud Wilkinson beat the dickens out of the Longhorns for years and then Darrell Royal did the same to the Sooners and for a while Barry Switzer kicked Texas around and now Fred Akers is having all sorts of fun with Oklahoma.

A tie between the two teams in 1976 ended a five-game Oklahoma winning streak and now the Longhorns have won the last three and four out of the last five.

Last year Texas overcame a 14-3 halftime deficit to roll past Oklahoma, 34-14.

The Longhorns warmed up last week with a 34-7 thrashing of Rice while Oklahoma subdued Iowa State, 13-3. But losses to West Virginia and USC—the

latter being the first shutout laid on the Sooners in ages — have brought grumbles.

And the Sooners grumble loudest when they lose to Texas.

The Longhorns will again be the favorites Saturday in the Cotton Bowl, where the game will be played before yet another sellout throng.

But for all its accumulated lore, the Texas-Oklahoma affair does not count in any conference standings and there are some important SWC games on the slate next weekend.

The SMU Mustangs will face their toughest test to date in trying to stay unbeaten against the Baylor Bears while the Arkansas Razorbacks will confront the suddenly spunky

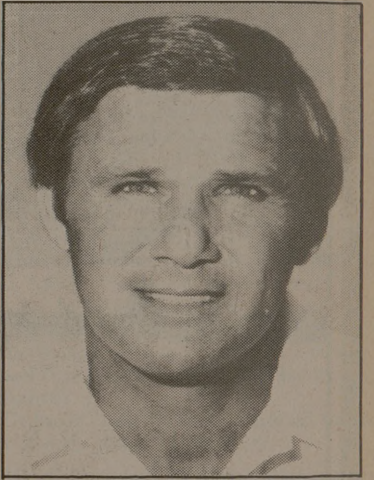
Texas Tech Red Raiders.

Texas, Arkansas and SMU have emerged as the major contenders for the SWC crown after the early rounds of action.

Arkansas' defense put on one of the better shows in recent memory at Little Rock last Saturday night, holding TCU to two first downs in picking up a 35-0 win.

Razorbacks' coach Lou Holtz called it the most complete game his team has had since he came to Arkansas. In Texas Tech, however, the Razorbacks will face a team riding along on a very big high.

The Red Raiders knocked off Texas A&M, 24-15, in the first conference victory for coach Jerry Moore since he arrived in Lubbock last year.



Fred Akers' squad to face Sooners in annual shootout

Aggies capture second softball tournament title

by John Wagner

Battalion Staff
The Texas A&M women's softball team captured its second tournament title of the year this weekend, winning all five games of the All College Classic in Oklahoma City, Okla.

And though the Aggies extended their winning streak to 13 games with the five victories, coach Bob Brock says he's worried about intensity.

Brock says although the Aggies seem to playing championship-caliber softball, his team could use a shot or two of the big 1.

"I think we need to work on keeping our intensity (throughout the tournament). That's the difference between a young team and a veteran team," he said.

"The intensity of the whole team is not as good as it was at this time last year. We're getting here, but we've still got a way to go."

The Aggies may not be there yet, but they spread enough intensity around the playing fields in Oklahoma City to beat some of the best teams in the nation.

The Aggies opened the tournament against the always-tough Oklahoma State University Cowgirls, and it was a typical Texas A&M-OSU contest—low scores, high emotions, and late innings.

The game was scoreless until

the top of the 14th, when Patti Holthaus doubled for Texas A&M. Holthaus went to third on a throwing error by the OSU right fielder, and scored on Carrie Austgen's bunt single to give the Aggies a 1-0 victory.

After surviving that opening game scare, Texas A&M defeated the University of Oklahoma 8-1 in Friday night's second game. The Aggies pounded OU pitcher Patti Graham for 15 hits, with Austgen, Iva Jackson, and Linda Lancaster leading the offensive attack. Lancaster had five RBI and two hits in the game.

The Aggies then defeated Oklahoma City University and Kansas to set up the championship game against Louisiana Tech, a team Texas A&M had already beaten twice this season.

Lori Stoll was the starting pitcher for the Aggies, and she held the Lady Bulldogs hitless until the seventh inning, when she gave up her only hit. The Aggies scored one run in the fifth to take a 1-0 victory and the tournament championship.

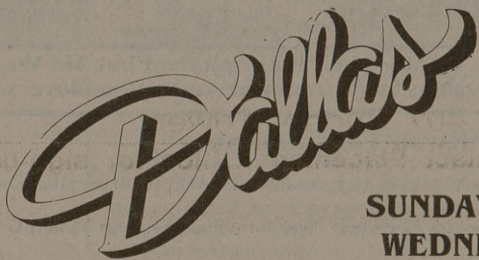
Lancaster led off the fifth for Texas A&M with a triple, and was replaced with pinch-runner Ann Hadley. Mary Schwind tried to drag bunt Hadley home, but was tagged out by the Bulldog first baseman. Hadley was unable to advance on the play.

However, Gay McNutt, the next batter, doubled to center

field to score Hadley for the winning run. The Aggies were unable to score again, but the one run was all they needed.

Austgen and Stoll were given defensive player of the tournament and pitcher of the tournament awards, respectively.

The Aggies travel to Huntsville today to take on Sam Houston State in a doubleheader that begins at 6 p.m.



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