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LA beats Jersey in USFL opener

Texas takes SWC swim title; A&M finishes in fifth

From staff and wire reports
AUSTIN — Fueled by Rick Carey's American record in the 200-meter backstroke, the Texas Longhorns outdueled the SMU Mustangs Saturday night to wrap up the Southwest Conference swimming championship.

Texas, ranked No. 1 in the nation, piled up 648 points to 549.6 for the second-ranked Mustangs.

And despite swimming to seven NCAA-qualifying times, the Texas Aggies could manage only fifth in the meet.

Arkansas finished third at 372.5 followed by Houston with 225.5, Texas A&M with 186.5, Texas Tech with 82.

TCU with 60 and Rice with 31.

Texas won three of the seven events on the third and final night of competition, with Carey turning in a 1:45.35 in the backstroke to set the new American standard.

The Aggies scored 27 more points at the meet than they did last year, and set 13 school records in the process.

Along with Caray, other Texas winners Saturday night were Chris Rives in the 200-yard butterfly, who set a SWC record of 1:46.28, and the Longhorns' 400-yard freestyle relay team which covered the distance in 2:55.89.

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No matter what Herschel Walker goes on to accomplish during his professional career, one thing he'll always remember about his USFL debut is "that we lost."

Walker was held to 65 yards on 16 carries during his first game as a New Jersey General running back, a 20-15 loss to the Los Angeles Express at the LA Coliseum Sunday. Walker scored New Jersey's first touchdown on a 5-yard run but was overshadowed by Express quarterback Tom Ramsey and runner Tony Boddie.

"I don't come to play thinking about setting records or stuff like that," Walker said. "I was hoping to do better. But you can only do the best you can. The rest of it is out of your control."

The 220-pound halfback, who left the University of Georgia during his junior year under a cloud of controversy to sign with the fledgling USFL, clearly was not used to the team's system after reporting to camp late. The Heisman Trophy winner

with the \$5 million contract wasn't the dominating factor in the game.

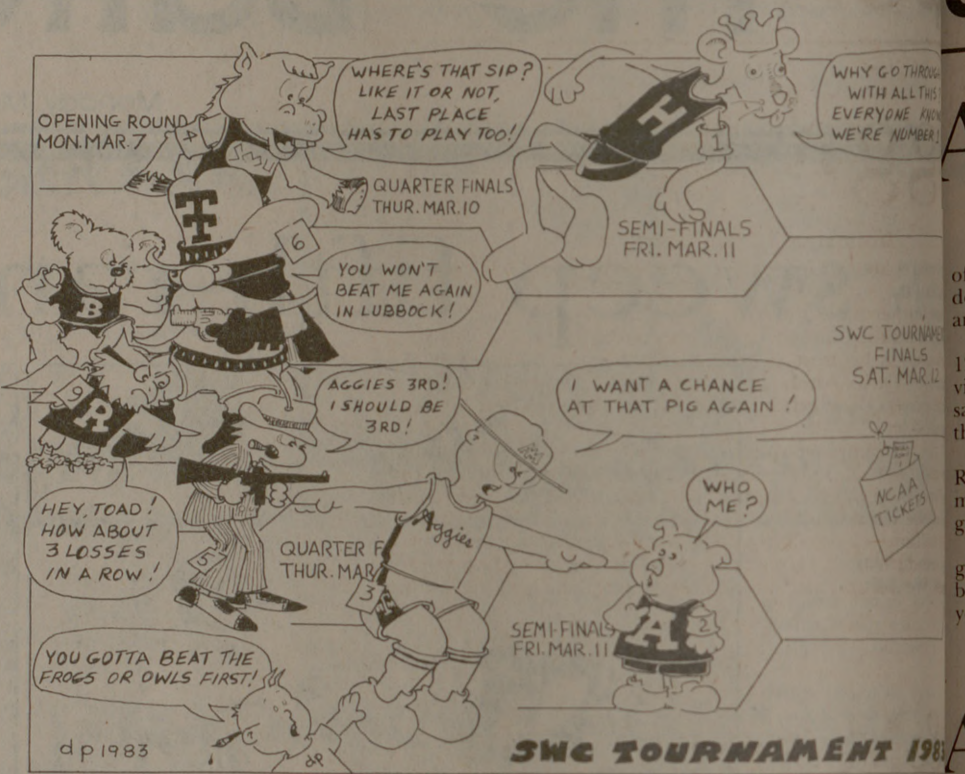
Los Angeles Coach Hugh Campbell, however, saw more than enough of Walker.

"Their offense was so different with him than without him," he said. "They made us adjust to two different offenses. They're a completely different team with him in there."

"From where I was standing, it looked like he made 3 yards when he's really making 9, 10 or 12 yards."

Ramsey fired a pair of touchdown passes, hitting Boddie from 11 yards out and Vister Hayes from 24 yards away after replacing starter Mike Rae five minutes into the second quarter. Ramsey finished 8-for-20 for 117 yards and one interception.

In other games, Tampa Bay stopped Boston 21-17, Chicago blitzed Washington 28-7, Philadelphia defeated Denver 13-7, and Oakland downed Arizona 24-0.



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