

SWC roundup

Horns 'back on track' after romping Owls

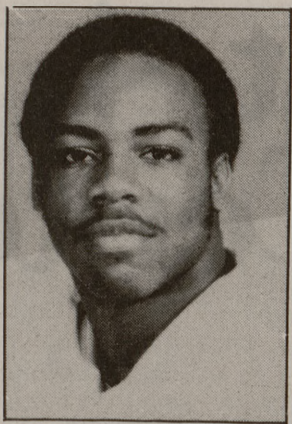
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It remains to be seen how far the tracks might take the Texas Longhorns this year, but at least they are back on them.

So are the Baylor Bears and Arkansas Razorbacks, although their destination might eventually be somewhat different than that of Texas.

But the Texas A&M Aggies and Houston Cougars seem to be going nowhere.

The first full weekend of Southwest Conference action produced some large numbers and one mildly surprising result, but of prime importance was the play of the Longhorns — who bounced back from a lackluster showing against North Texas to throttle the Rice Owls, 42-6.

With a huge crowd on hand celebrating the 100th anniversary of the University of Texas, the Longhorns gave folks a little glimpse of freshman Edwin Simmons in advance of this weekend's showdown with Oklahoma.



Reggie Dupard led SMU's rushing attack over UTA

"We sure came close to playing two good halves," said Texas coach Fred Akers. "I hope we learned last week that there are other teams that can play this game. The first conference victory is always a big one."

The first conference victory was certainly a big one for Baylor, and it would have been, too, for A&M and TCU if they could have pulled one off.

Baylor took advantage of another night of Houston turnovers to down the Cougars, 42-21; Arkansas played its best game of the season by far in overpowering TCU, 38-21; and a 51-yard field goal in the first half by Ricky Gann stood up to give Texas Tech a 3-0 decision over Texas A&M.

Both Houston coach Bill Yeoman and Texas A&M coach Jackie Sherrill changed quarterbacks, but it didn't help.

Houston fumbled five times and A&M could muster just 149 yards total offense.

"Doggone it," said Yeoman, "things like this are going to happen. We played hard, but not real well."

Southern Methodist, unbeaten in 20 games and ranked 12th, had an easy time downing Texas-Arlington, 34-0. SMU ran up some impressive numbers with freshman Jeff Atkins and sophomore Reggie Dupard both gaining more than 100 yards on the ground. The Mustangs rushed for 425 yards.

All of that left Texas Tech (2-0) on top of the conference race with Texas, Arkansas and SMU (all 1-0) a half step behind. Everybody else has at least one league setback while TCU and Rice have two.

And the current standings make for some interesting matchups next weekend.

With Baylor (3-1) on the rebound, the Bears could prove to be an excellent test for SMU (4-0) in Texas Stadium Saturday night.

Astros beat Reds, 3-2; Rangers lose to Angels

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HOUSTON — Rookie Jeff Heathcock pitched a four-hitter over eight innings and Craig Reynolds drove in the winning run with a single Sunday night to lead the Houston Astros to a 3-2 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

Heathcock, 2-1, pitched the first eight innings and was then relieved by Frank DiPino, who picked up his 20th save.

The Reds opened the scoring in the fourth when Kelly Paris led off with a single and eventually scored on a single by Duane Walker.

The Astros tied it in the fourth with an unearned run off starter and loser Jeff Russell, 4-5. With one out, Denny Walling walked and one out later, Craig Reynolds lined a single to right. When right fielder Walker threw wildly to third base, Walling scored.

The Astros scored two runs in the sixth. With one out Kevin Bass singled to left and one out later, Tim Tolman singled. Reynolds and George Bjorkman then hit RBI singles.

Paul Householder singled home a run in the ninth for Cincinnati.

Jose Cruz of Houston, who entered the game with a chance to win the National League batting title, went 0-for-4 to finish with a .318 average, seven points behind league leader Bill Madlock of Pittsburgh. He tied for the NL lead in hits with Andre Dawson of Montreal with 189.

Rangers lose
ARLINGTON — Rookie Steve Brown pitched a six-hitter for his first major league shutout and Rob Wilfong drove in the winning run with a third inning single Sunday, leading the California Angels to a season-ending 2-0 victory over the Texas Rangers.

Brown, 2-3, struck out three

and walked one in going the distance for only the second time. The 26-year-old right-hander retired 13 straight batters from the first through the fifth innings. After yielding a leadoff single to Curtis Wilkerson and a double to Mickey Rivers in the sixth, he struck out Pete O'Brien and George Wright and retired Tommy Dunbar on a popup to escape the rally.

Wilfong gave the Angels a 1-0 lead in the third against rookie Al Lachowicz, 0-1, who was mak-

ing his first major league start. Gary Pettis slapped a one-out bad hop double over first baseman O'Brien and scored when Wilfong chopped his base hit through the middle. It was one of eight hits off Lachowicz, who pitched six innings and struck out six while walking two. He was replaced by Mike Mason, who pitched the last three innings.

The Angels added a run in the sixth to make it 2-0 on Mike Brown's RBI single with two out.

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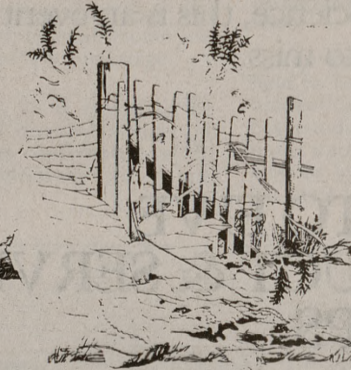
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High school roundup

Bobcats upset Midland Lee

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Hamlin lost a shutout streak, San Angelo gained an edge in the slugfest for supremacy in west Texas and Waxahachie was eliminated in a district battle with Corsicana in weekend Texas high school football play.

Defense proved the key for San Angelo, ranked No. 3 in Class 5A, in the Bobcats' 14-9 win over No. 6 Midland Lee in a classic, district 4-AAAAA showdown.

The district, possibly the strongest in the state, boasts three of the top 10 teams in the United Press International Class 5A poll, with perennial state contender Odessa Permian ranked fourth.

Against Midland Lee, it took

a host of goal-line stands for the Bobcats to emerge as the district frontrunner.

San Angelo drew first blood on the fourth play of the game, with tailback Derrick Campbell racing 69 yards for the touchdown. Midland Lee then fumbled the ensuing kickoff and the Bobcats cruised in to gain a 14-0 lead with Lee never having snapped the ball.

Then, the Bobcat defense took over.

"We made the big play defensively when we had to," said San Angelo coach Jimmet Keeling. "We have seven juniors playing on defense, and they are all outstanding. There is no one star."

The Bobcat defense stopped Midland Lee three times deep in

its own territory and the offense cranked up a long, six-minute drive in the fourth period to preserve the win.

This week, San Angelo faces Permian, 34-14 winners Friday over Abilene, in what may be the biggest game in the state this season. Both teams are undefeated.

"They have a great team, a great program," Keeling said. "They're prepared week after week, season after season. What they've accomplished is amazing."

"In our league, you've got to play it out one Friday at a time, and this Friday, I think it will be a heck of a game."

For the first time this season, Hamlin coach Bill Grissom's Pied Pipers had to rely on an

explosive offense to win. Hamlin dropped a tough Wall team 29-12, as expected.

But the points were the only ones Hamlin has given up through five games. Through the same stretch, the Pied Pipers are averaging just over 40 points per contest.

Hamlin running back Eddie Bolden again proved the key, gaining 217 yards on 25 carries and scoring one touchdown to run his season rushing total to 855 yards.

A&M's Hill wins singles title at Invitational tennis tourney

by Scott Griffin

Battalion Staff

The Texas A&M men's tennis team showed a marked improvement in their singles play at the A&M Invitational this weekend, while the women's team fared poorly at their second tournament — the Westwood Invitational in Austin.

A&M men's coach David Kent said he was "over the moon" with the play of Greg Hill, a fourth-seeded player who won the singles title by beating teammate Mark Smith in the finals — 1-6, 6-4, and 6-2.

The men weren't as successful in the doubles bracket. Last week, A&M dominated in doubles at the University of Texas tournament with three of the four teams in the semifinals.

But Greg Hill and Grant Connell, who won the doubles title at UT, were beaten in the semifinals this time by Tarek El Sakka and P. Hughesman of Southwest Louisiana.

Hughesman and El Sakka won the doubles title

on a default by Dacio Campos and Steve Couch of Houston.

For the women, Gaye Lynn Gensler was the only winner as she captured first in the consolation singles. No. 1 singles player Vanne Akagi lost in the third round of play to Lee Elliott of Trinity — 6-4, 7-5.

Volleyball team plays UT

The Texas A&M volleyball team will start their conference season in Austin today against the University of Texas.

The Aggies currently have a season record of 9-10, with a loss to Lamar last Thursday in Beaumont. Although A&M is 3-0 at home, their road record is a poor 6-10.

Head coach Terry Condon said last week she is anticipating a tough battle against Texas.

UT's only loss of the season was a 16-14 loss to Stanford in the finals of the California tournament two weeks ago.

The game is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in Austin.

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