

SWC roundup

Horns, Ponies looking to jump in the ratings

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If the Nebraska Cornhuskers are No. 1, then perhaps the Texas Longhorns are 1-A.

And, while various teams are being affixed with certain numbers, what of the SMU Mustangs? They finished No. 2 in the country a year ago and, as surprising as it seems, the Mustangs might be better this year.

No matter where the Longhorns and Mustangs wind up in the rankings this week, they appear to have turned the Southwest Conference race into a two-team affair — although the Arkansas Razorbacks will have a chance to argue that point next Saturday.

In two very convincing outings Saturday, the second-ranked Longhorns brushed aside old rival Oklahoma and the 12th-rated Mustangs produced an overpowering effort to beat a team that traditionally gives them problems.

The Texas A&M Aggies, meanwhile, showed some life behind a new quarterback, TCU won its first game for coach Jim Wacker and the Texas Tech Red

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Raiders' up-and-down season experienced a down weekend.

Of prime interest, however, will be how much of an impression Texas made on those whose ballots decide the No. 1 team in the country.

No. 1 Nebraska, which had previously rolled over everybody with ease, almost ran afoul of the Oklahoma State Cowboys before finally coming away with a 14-10 win.

Texas, meanwhile, was putting together a third-quarter surge that pushed the Longhorns to a 28-16 win over the Sooners.

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The Longhorns' defense held Oklahoma's Marcus Dupree to just 50 yards on 14 carries and limited the Sooners to only 197 yards. Of that total, 81 yards came on three scrambling runs by quarterback Danny Bradley.

"Oklahoma was hoping to win with a big play," said Texas linebacker Tony Edwards. "We came out in the second half just trying to play our kind of ball. When we had to we shut them down."

A few hours after Texas got through with Oklahoma, the SMU Mustangs began cranking

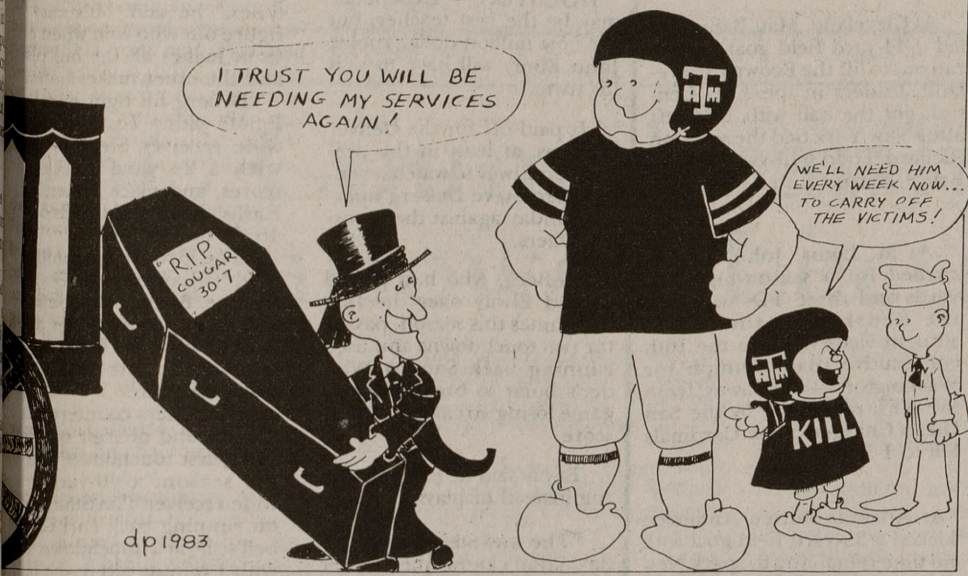
out a 42-26 win over Baylor. The Mustangs owned a 42-14 lead at one point, thanks to four touchdown passes from Lance McIlhenny, who has now thrown 97 consecutive times without an interception.

SMU, which has next week off, will take an unbeaten streak of 21 games into its meeting with Texas Oct. 22. SMU has not lost a game since the Longhorns beat them in Texas Stadium two years ago.

In the other Southwest Conference games over the weekend, TCU bombed the Rice Owls, 34-3, and the Texas A&M Aggies swarmed over Houston, 30-7. Texas Tech, meanwhile, was stunned by New Mexico in Lubbock, 30-10.

For the fifth straight week the Frogs scored first, but this time they made it stand up.

"This was a very special win," said Wacker, who had coached two Division 2 national championship teams in a row at Southwest Texas before coming to TCU, but who had endured an 0-3-1 record to start his tenure with the Frogs.



High school roundup

Permian uses mystique to blast No. 4 Central

United Press International
In the rough-and-tumble District 4-AAAAA neighborhood of Texas high school football, Permian has in years past consistently emerged as the class of the league.

But the district this year has no less than three teams rated in the United Press International Class 5A Top 10, with San Angelo Central and Midland Lee kicked to finish ahead of Permian in the district race.

No. 3 Permian and the No. 4 Bobcats, both sporting 5-0 records, squared off before 21,000 fans in San Angelo Friday night.

When it ended, Permian was the bully on the block, 37-21. For the Mojo faithful, it was Permian mystique — nurtured by a 31-1-3 record the past four years — which won the game.

For Permian coach John Wilkins, it was a surprisingly explosive offense, a late-jelling defense and a little bit of luck.

"I think the main thing is, we were able to stop them," Wilkins said. "They had the ball four times in the first half and scored three times. Then we were able to stop them and that was the

Permian actually trailed 21-14 at halftime. But Wilkins' defense, headed by quarterback Lambert, controlled the game for 16 of the final 24 minutes and the defense held the Bobcats scoreless.

Lambert ended the night completing 10 of 15 passes for 148 yards and two touchdowns. State linebacker candidate Hager added two touchdowns, on runs of 1 and 21 yards from his fullback position.

And then there was the luck. Leading 31-21 and facing a crazed San Angelo crowd, Permian recovered an onside kick to seal the game.

But it wasn't a classic maneuver. "Everybody thought it was a great coaching decision," said Wilkins. "Really I called for a onside kick. There were 21,000 people screaming and I yelled to our kicker to squib it."

"In the noise, he thought I called for an onside. It caught us by surprise and them by surprise and we got the football."

Permian, unable to move, pinned San Angelo on its 1-yard line with a punt and then intercepted a Bobcat pass, scoring a short time later to put the game away.

The San Angelo-Permian slugfest was one of two contests matching top 10 Class 5A teams, but the similarity ended there.

In contrast to the track meet in San Angelo, the struggle between No. 6 Plano and No. 10 Lewisville for prominence in District 12-AAAAA was a battle matching strong defenses against conservative offenses.

The result: Plano 7, Lewisville 6.

The game started out like anything other than the bruising two hours of trench warfare it proved to be. Plano scored on its first possession, with Monty West running five yards for the score to cap a 58-yard drive.

Lewisville immediately responded with fullback Rodney

Murphy who rushed nine times for 52 yards and scored on a 1-yard dive.

John Collette missed the extra point and the scoring was over. But the football was just beginning.

Lewisville saw a long drive end at the Plano 8-yard line with a fumble. Plano opened the third quarter with its own, methodic 10-minute drive, only to lose the ball at the one-inch line on a fumble.

Lewisville then missed a 30-yard field goal early in the fourth period and midway through the final period the Wildcats watched a clinching field goal try go errant.

"When you have two outstanding teams it is hard to say if there are any losers out there," said Plano coach Tom Kimbrough, whose Wildcats went to 6-0 with the win. "We were fortunate to win. Anytime you beat Lewisville, you're fortunate."

Lewisville coach Neal Wilson, who saw his team drop to 5-1, lamented the Fighting Farmers' errors.

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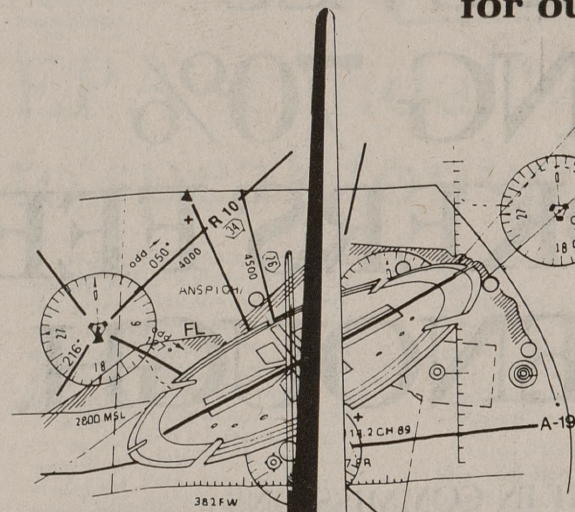
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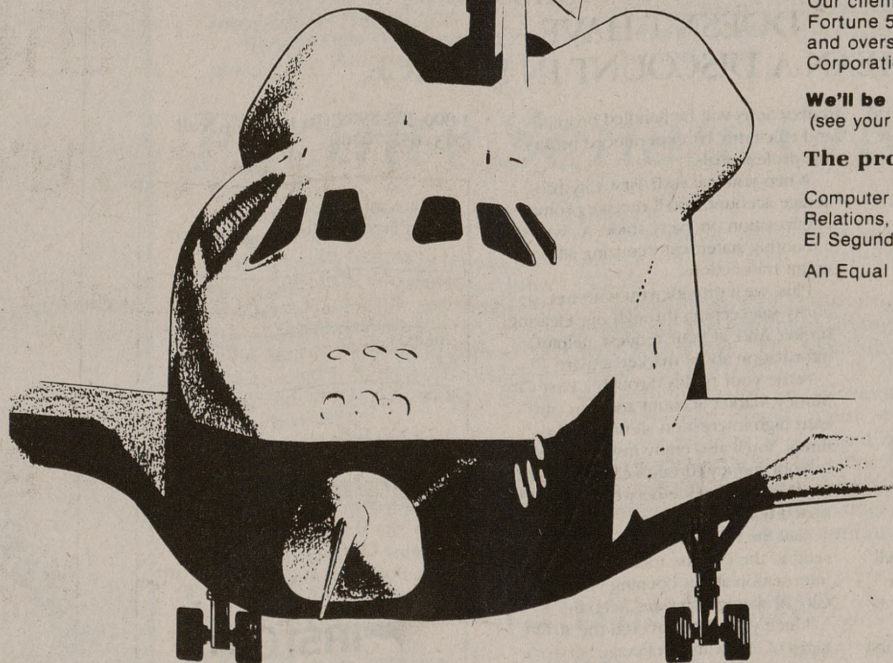
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