

Tech tops Pepperdine

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Beset by defections and a disciplinary problem that forced coach Gerald Myers to kick three players off his team, the Texas Tech Red Raiders experienced an unpleasant season last year.

There were more Tech cheerleaders at the games than basketball players and the Raiders suffered through an 11-20 season, the first losing campaign since Myers took over the team in 1971.

But because of Myers' ability to get the most out of a team, it was expected Tech would be back in a hurry. And the Raiders made it back even quicker than that.

Texas Tech won its fifth consecutive game Saturday night,

drubbing Pepperdine in Lubbock, 82-64. Earlier in the week Pepperdine had beaten nationally ranked Wichita.

In addition, Tech owns a victory over Nebraska in Lincoln — the same team that knocked off Arkansas Saturday night, 67-54. Tech shot 54 percent from the field, turned the ball over only nine times and generally outplayed the Waves.

"But it was our second half defense that did it," said Myers. "Make no mistake, Pepperdine is a good team."

Just how good a team Tech might be could be answered this week when the Raiders reward themselves by taking a trip to Tokyo for two games in the Sun-Tory Classic.

Tech will face DePaul on

Thursday and Alabama on Friday.

The Raiders will take a 5-1 record to Japan, one of three SWC teams with such a mark.

Houston advanced to 5-1 as well with a key win early in the week over LSU and a 71-55 decision over St. Mary's Saturday night. Michael Young continued his early season work with 24 points while Akeem Olajuwon claimed 13 rebounds and blocked six shots.

Southern Methodist is also 5-1, having shaken off a one-sided loss to Louisville to post wins over Pennsylvania and lightly regarded Georgia State.

The shocker of the week was Arkansas' loss in Nebraska, where the Cornhuskers took advantage of cold Razorbacks

shooting in the second period to pull off the surprise.

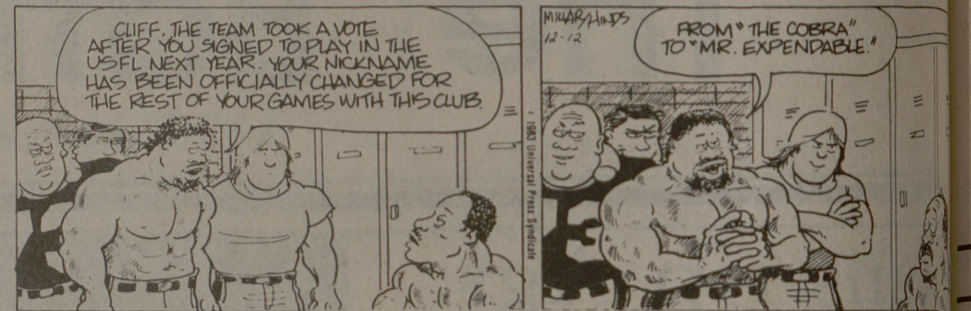
"I don't believe I've ever had a ball club go as cold as we did at the beginning of the second half," said Arkansas coach Eddie Sutton. Elsewhere around the conference there was not much to gloat about.

TCU did slip past Idaho State, 53-52, in the opening round of the Marshall Memorial Invitational, but then the host school routed the Horned Frogs, 90-67.

Other than Tech's trip to Tokyo, the highlights of next week's schedule will feature SMU's appearance in the Dallas Morning News Classic, Houston hosting the Kettle Classic and Texas A&M taking part in the Indiana Classic.

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Midland Lee rolls to Texas 5A final

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The Midland Lee Rebels have one more team left to convince. They certainly convinced the Plano Wildcats last Saturday as they defeated the Wildcats to advance to the Texas 5A state football championship.

"I'm like (Odessa Permian coach) John Wilkins," said Plano coach Tom Kimbrough. "I think Midland Lee will win the state championship."

But to do so the Rebels must overcome Converse Judson in the Class 5A title game which will feature two ground attacks that are not used to stopping for anybody.

Midland Lee and Converse Judson will meet next Saturday in Texas Stadium to decide one of the five state championships that will be on the line.

The Rebels used touchdown runs of 32, 45, 72 and 61 yards — the last two of those by Walter Jones — to overcome a 14-6 halftime deficit and oust Plano from the playoffs, 35-14. Last week Lee defeated powerhouse Odessa Permian 20-0.

Converse Judson likewise came from behind in the second half to defeat Houston Yates, 29-19. Judson running back Chris Pryor became the single-season rushing record holder for Texas 5A football, raising his 1983 total to 2,600 yards to surpass the record of 2,411 held by former SMU star Craig James.

The rest of the championship races final matchups were also decided:

- Class 5A**
Midland Lee vs. Converse Judson, at Texas Stadium, Irving, Saturday 2:30 p.m.
- Class 4A**
Lubbock Estacado vs. Bay City, at Memorial Stadium, Amarillo, Saturday 1 p.m.
- Class 3A**
Sweeny vs. Daingerfield, at Baylor Stadium, Waco, Saturday 1 p.m.
- Class 2A**
Boyd vs. Groveton, at Baylor Stadium, Waco, Saturday 2 p.m.
- Class A**
Knox City vs. Bremond, at Weatherford, Friday, 8 p.m.

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