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SWC teams dream of Cotton picking

United Press International
The coaches around the South-west Conference insisted before the season began that this was the year parity would become a reality in the league.

Of course they say that every year. But now the law of averages seems to have finally caught up with them and they actually have a chance to be right.

It still may turn out that the Texas Longhorns will roll through the SWC unbeaten and show up in the Cotton Bowl New Year's Day.

But the returns from last Saturday, which came in during another weather-plagued day around the SWC, reveal that surprises are possible.

The SMU Mustangs found that out against the Houston Cougars and the Longhorns themselves came close to being left speechless by the Arkansas Razorbacks.

Arkansas rallied from a 24-3 deficit in the fourth quarter and came up four yards short of a victory before falling, 24-18. On the last play of the game Brad Taylor hit Jamie Lueders with a pass that Lueders carried to the 4-yard line before being stopped by Tony Tillmon and John Hagy.

"I'm getting tired of our games being decided in the last 10 seconds," said Texas coach Fred Akers, whose third-ranked Longhorns managed a tie on the final play against Oklahoma a week ago.

"Arkansas made a courageous effort to try to take the ball game."

Texas thus stayed unbeaten (4-0-1), but the Longhorns do not have a clear path to the league title. All sorts of teams have risen up this year to give an indication that the SWC could produce a few twists before the season is completed.

There is the University of Houston to worry about. The Cougars have won all three of their conference games including a 29-20 upset over the seventh-ranked SMU Mustangs last Saturday.

Quarterback Gerald Landry pulled off a number of big plays and Houston recovered all seven of its fumbles to hand the Mustangs only their second regular season loss in three seasons.

TCU must be considered a title challenger, having beaten Arkansas and having won three games in a row for the first time in 17 years.

The Frogs most recent win was a 34-3 inter-sectional conquest of North Texas in which Kenneth Da-

vis gained 219 yards for TCU. It was the second 200-yard day for Davis this season and only one other running back in SWC history — Earl Campbell — has had more than one 200-yard rushing performance in a single season.

"I don't worry about publicity," said Davis, who went into the game as the nation's third leading rusher. "All I want is a win."

Baylor must not be counted out as far as the spoiler role goes since the Bears have a history of playing Texas tough. They also became the latest in a growing number of teams to whip the struggling Texas A&M Aggies.

The Bears downed A&M, 20-16, during the worst of the weather that stormed through the region. The Aggies, winless in three league games, saw a series of mistakes in the kicking game ruin their hopes for a win. For the second time in three weeks Baylor played in a game that was delayed because of violent weather.

Finally, SMU must not be counted out, despite its setback against Houston. The Mustangs travel to Austin next Saturday in hopes of beating Texas on its home turf for the third time in a row.

Parity, however, has not reached as far as the Rice Owls, who were handily stomped by the Texas Tech Red Raiders, 30-10.

For a number of years the basement in the SWC was decided between Rice and TCU. This year it apparently will be decided between Rice and A&M.

The win by Houston was the first major upset of the SWC season and the Cougars victory was no fluke.

"We have to get used to the idea," said SMU linebacker T.D. Briggs, "that just because we are SMU, teams are not going to lie down."

This marks the fourth time since Houston joined the league in 1976 that the Cougars have opened their conference campaign with three consecutive wins. On the other three occasions Houston went to the Cotton Bowl.

That thought was very much in the minds of the players as they left the field at Texas Stadium Saturday. "Cotton, Cotton, Cotton," they yelled.

But as the conference season neared the halfway mark, the Cougars were not the only team with lofty thoughts. The possibility of parity in the SWC has touched off a wave of championship dreams.

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learned something on that play."

The Aggie defense was what kept the Aggies in the game. Defensive end Ray Childress didn't seem to have a lot to say.

"When a team (Baylor) gets just six first downs for the whole game," Childress said, "and they score 20 points, there really is no justice in the world."

Childress showed princely restraint in not pointing his finger at the impotent A&M offense.

Sherrill did not put the quarterback question to rest either. Backup John Mazur played for one series before giving the ball back to Baylor on a fumbled snap.

"I will put Mazur in when I put him in," Sherrill said.

And so our story ends children. We have Sir Sherrill talking as though the Aggies were playing 5-0 ball and had just had a few bad breaks. I always thought the good teams made their own breaks.

We have a sputtering offense, and an ineffective quarterback.

We have a tough defense which has to offset the weak play of Stump and his knights — or knaves if you will.

So as we leave fair Aggeland, we know that there are many goblins and gremlins still to appear in this strange tale.

At least Jackie can say, "Let the Aggie fans eat cake (or cotton)."

Doug Flutie has a WVU sack attack

United Press International
Boston College and West Virginia taunted each other all week — but No. 19 West Virginia had the final say in its 21-20 comeback victory over the No. 4 Eagles.

WVU scored 15 straight points while holding BC scoreless in the second half to win its homecoming game Saturday in the battle for bragging rights in the East.

On its last two possessions BC moved into field goal range. But each time, linebacker Fred Smalls sacked Eagles quarterback Doug Flutie to take Boston College out of position.

"I'm surprised I got him," Smalls said. "He's hard to catch. The only thing going through my mind when I caught him was a victory."

The talking between the two teams began last week after some WVU players said their team was slighted in consideration for the Lambert Trophy. It was awarded last year to BC as the best team in the East. Both teams had 9-3 records but the Mountaineers had beaten BC during the season.

Flutie, in turn, called the Mountaineers "bush."

WVU, which rallied from a 20-6 halftime deficit, scored on three field goals by Paul Woodside, a 1-yard run by fullback Ron Wolfley seconds into the fourth quarter and a 5-yard run by tailback John Gay. Two passes for 2-point conversions failed. Gay's game-winning TD run

came with five minutes to go and capped an 80-yard drive.

"I never thought they could come back to beat us like that," BC coach Jack Bicknell said.

BC scored on two field goals by Kevin Snow, a 24-yard run by fullback Steve Strachan and a 42-yard pass from Flutie to Kelvin Martin.

On its final possession, BC drove to the WVU 38 but was taken out of scoring position when Flutie was sacked by Smalls on first down, for an 11-yard loss. BC surrendered the ball three plays later.

Flutie completed 21-of-42 passes for 299 yards. WVU's Kevin White connected on 17-of-30 for 227 yards and one interception.

"They came with nine men at times — something no other team ever did," Flutie said of the rush. "We couldn't get anything going on offense."

In other games involving ranked teams, No. 1 Washington (7-0) defeated Oregon 17-10, No. 2 Oklahoma topped Iowa State 12-10, and No. 3 Texas defeated Arkansas 24-18. No. 5 Brigham Young (7-0) defeated Air Force 30-25, No. 6 Nebraska (6-1) beat Colorado 24-7, and No. 7 Southern Methodist (4-1) was upset by Houston 29-20. No. 8 Ohio State (6-1) stopped Michigan State 23-20, No. 9 Louisiana State (5-0-1) downed No. 15 Kentucky 36-10 and No. 10 Miami (7-2) defeated Pittsburgh 27-7.

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