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Bob Breunig retires after 10 years with Cowboys

United Press International
 DALLAS — Dallas Cowboys middle linebacker Bob Breunig, whose final professional season was marked by injury and criticism, announced his retirement Tuesday and said he would probably never grow used to not playing football.
 "It is extremely tough to retire from this game," said Breunig, who spent 10 years with the team and whose career was abruptly halted by back problems.
 "People talk about an 'itch.' I don't think that 'itch' will ever leave me. When I see teams playing for a conference championship on television, I'll know exactly what they are going through."
 As Breunig was announcing his retirement, speculation was increasing that wide receiver Drew Pearson might return to the team next season.
 Pearson, 33, retired last season following an automobile accident

that killed his brother. Pearson suffered a lacerated liver in the accident last March 22, but he said if doctors give him the go ahead he would consider coming out of retirement.
 Dallas' offense sputtered through much of the 1984 season and the Cowboys' revamped receiving corps drew much of the blame.
 Breunig was only the third middle linebacker in the 25-year history of the Cowboys — the first two being Jerry Tubbs (now the team's linebacker coach) and Lee Roy Jordan.
 The fourth will become Eugene Lockhart, who stepped in as a rookie last season when Breunig's back spasms eventually forced him onto the injured reserve list.
 "When I had questions," said Lockhart, "it was great to have somebody like coach Tubbs and Bob to go to. I don't have Bob's telephone number. But I'm going to get it."
 Breunig will now devote full time to a career in the burgeoning real es-

tate business owned by former Cowboys quarterback Roger Staubach. Breunig was the first person hired by Staubach in 1977 when the one-time quarterback founded his company.
 Breunig, who made the Pro Bowl three times, started 119 games for the Cowboys but that streak was snapped in the third week of the 1984 when he first suffered back spasms. He eventually missed eight games during the season.
 Because of Lockhart's talents, there was a general outcry in the media as the season progressed for Breunig to be replaced as starter.
 "I thought a lot of the criticism was misplaced," Breunig said Tuesday. "But I tried to put it in perspective. There are children dying around the world and people are starving. There are a lot more important things than whether I get criticized or not."
 "I never said I was the best linebacker around. I just said I would go out and do my best."

Hoyas remain No. 1 despite Eagle scare

United Press International
 NEW YORK — Georgetown's near-loss to Boston College Saturday didn't hurt the Hoyas in the eyes of the UPI Board of Coaches because the Hoyas are No. 1 for the seventh week in a row. But it certainly helped the Eagles.
 Boston College took the defending national champions into overtime Saturday, losing 82-80 after erasing a 40-32 halftime lead. It was the closest game this season for Georgetown. The effort earned the Eagles a No. 17 ranking with an 11-1 record. It marks the first time Boston College has cracked the Top 20 all season.
 Georgetown and Boston College were two of five Big East teams to make the Top 20 this week, solidifying the conference's claim to being the strongest league in the nation. Joining the Hoyas and Eagles are No. 4 St. John's, No. 8 Syracuse and No. 20 Villanova.
 The Big Ten and Atlantic Coast Conference each have three teams in the Top 20.
 Georgetown remained the overwhelming choice as the top team in the nation, collecting 40 of the 41 first-place votes cast. One coach did not vote this week. The Hoyas, 13-0, picked up 612 points. Duke, 10-0, held its No. 2 ranking for the fourth straight week, gathering 573 points.
 Southern Methodist climbed to No. 3 after placing eighth last week.

The Mustangs, 11-1, beat Arkansas in overtime Saturday 63-60.
 St. John's, which tallied the other first-place vote, remained No. 4.
 Memphis State edged North Carolina for No. 5 a point. The Tigers fell two spots in the rankings after losing to South Carolina 60-58 Saturday. The No. 6 Tar Heels, meanwhile, climbed three places with two victories.
 No. 7 Oklahoma vaulted seven spots, the biggest jump of any school. No. 8 Syracuse, which suffered its first loss to Villanova, fell from No. 5. Kansas was No. 9 while Georgia Tech, one of nine ranked teams to lose Saturday, took No. 10. The Yellow Jackets, No. 7 last week, were knocked off by Wake Forest.
 Rounding out the Top 20 are: No. 11 Indiana, No. 12 Oregon State, No. 13 Louisiana Tech, No. 14 Michigan State, No. 15 DePaul, No. 16 Illinois, Boston College, No. 18 Louisiana State, No. 19 Washington and No. 20 Villanova.
 Other than Boston College, three other teams cracked the Top 20 for the first time — Oregon State, Michigan State and Villanova. Dropping out from last week were Maryland, Michigan, Virginia Commonwealth and Ohio State.
 Illinois took the biggest dive among the top teams, going from No. 6 to No. 16. The Illini lost both their games last week.

Top 20	
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The United Press International Board of Coaches Top 20 college basketball ratings. First-place votes and records through games of Jan. 6 in parentheses. (Total points based on 15 points for first place, 14 for second, etc.):	
1. Georgetown (40) (13-0) 612	11. Indiana (9-3) 140
2. Duke (10-0) 573	12. Oregon State (11-1) 138
3. SMU (11-1) 488	13. Louisiana Tech (11-1) 120
4. St. John's (1) (10-1) 438	14. Michigan State (11-1) 101
5. Memphis State (9-1) 381	15. DePaul (9-3) 92
6. North Carolina (10-1) 380	16. Illinois (11-4) 83
7. Oklahoma (10-3) 230	17. Boston College (10-1) 74
8. Syracuse (8-1) 217	18. LSU (9-2) 58
9. Kansas (10-2) 209	19. Washington (9-3) 55
10. Georgia Tech (10-2) 158	20. Villanova (9-1) 49

Outsiders bowing to SWC cagers

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 DALLAS — For the first time since the years immediately after World War II, all Southwest Conference basketball teams are headed for winning non-conference records in 1984.
 With 11 regular season non-conference games remaining — even against a lineup of some of the powerhouse teams in the country — all nine SWC members have mathematically clinched winning records against "outside" competition.
 SWC schools have fashioned a 69-25 non-conference record with a winning percentage of .734, just off

the .735 pace in 1982 that ranks as the best SWC aggregate since Houston joined the conference in 1976.
 Non-conference records range from SMU's 9-1 with three games left to Baylor's 7-4 mark. The Bears and TCU are the only teams that have already completed outside play.
 SMU will be the busiest in outside play with games scheduled against North Carolina, North Carolina State and Louisville. Houston (8-2 in non-conference) has games left with DePaul and Illinois, while Arkansas (9-3) still has Virginia and Georgetown on its schedule.
 The four other schools all have

one outside game remaining — Rice (7-3 after defeating Notre Dame Monday night) plays Tarleton State, Texas Tech (7-3) meets Southern Cal, Texas Tech (7-3) takes on BYU-Hawaii, and Texas A&M (7-3) plays Marquette Wednesday night at The Summit in Houston.
 The recent success record of 75-27 set in 1982 saw seven teams post winning records, while SMU and TCU broke even against outsiders with identical 5-5 records. Not once in the almost ten seasons that the SWC has been a nine-member conference has it failed to produce a winning outside record.

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