

SPORTS

No. 2 SMU too much for Texas

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SMU 54, Texas 46

AUSTIN — The Texas Longhorns resorted to what seemed the best method to foil No. 2 Southern Methodist, but the Mustangs celebrated their highest college basketball ranking ever with a 54-46 Southwest Conference victory Wednesday night.

The Longhorns tried to control the tempo of the game with a careful shot selection, but failed to hit enough baskets to make the scheme work.

"They did a great job dictating the tempo," said SMU Coach Dave Bliss. "Defensive impatience and those turnovers caused us problems and kept the game close."

Texas Coach Bob Weltlich said that when you play against a top-ranked team, using up the clock is the best approach.

"When you do that, you have to shoot well from the perimeter and we weren't doing that," Weltlich said.

Olympian Jon Koncak of SMU led all scorers with 18 points. The 7-foot senior also pulled down 10 rebounds and scored three consecutive field goals in the last five minutes to give SMU its cushion before 11,499 in the Frank Erwin Special Events Center.

"(Koncak's) a great player," Weltlich said. "He poses a lot of problems. He's a really good, highly intelligent player. I don't know that much about the other ranked teams, but it seems SMU deserves their ranking."

The crowd, the largest at Texas since Weltlich took over as head coach three years ago, saw SMU lift its record to 16-1 overall and 6-0 in the SWC. Texas fell to 10-7 and 3-4.

Koncak also swatted away at least three field goal attempts by Texas' 6-10 John Brownlee, who scored just 10 points — about eight below his SWC average.

Carlton Cooper led Texas with 14 points, including 10 in the second half. Mike Wacker and Alex Broadway each had 10 points for the Longhorns.

SMU got 10 points from Carl Wright, but the touted Mustang forward turned the ball over three times.

Texas led only once, 22-20, with about three minutes left in the first half, but two field goals by Kevin Le-

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Ag golfers head south of the border

Coach Kitty Holley's Texas A&M women's golf team is opening its spring schedule at the Guadalajara/Oklahoma State Invitational in Guadalajara, Mexico, today through the weekend.

The 15-team field includes other Southwest Conference schools SMU, TCU and Texas, along with national powers Tulsa, Florida and host Oklahoma State.

"Things are looking good for us this year," Holley said. "We only lost one starter, Susan Yantis, from last season's No. 18 team in the nation and we have a well-balanced team in terms of classification this year."

Ag tracksters go indoors at Baton Rouge

The Texas A&M men's and women's indoor track teams will take to the road for the second straight weekend as they travel to Baton Rouge, La. for the LSU Relays Friday and Saturday.

Arturo Barrios and Francisco Oliveras came home the only winners from last weekend's Sooner Relays at Oklahoma City.

Tournament Ticket Sales

Tickets to the 1985 Southwest Conference Post-Season Basketball Tournament, scheduled for March 8-10 at Reunion Arena in Dallas, are on sale at the Texas A&M ticket office in G. Rollie White Coliseum. Tickets are \$50 for the entire seven-game tourney. No single game tickets will be sold.

Adult Soccer Registration

The City of College Station is extending Adult Soccer Registration through Friday, Jan. 25. Teams may register Monday through Friday from 7:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Central Park Office.

The entry fee is \$300 per team. Leagues offered include: Men's Class A, Men's Class B, 30 and Over and Women's Recreational. For further information contact the Parks and Recreation Office at 764-3773.

wis gave SMU a 24-22 halftime lead.

In an effort to stay close, Texas repeatedly used up most of the 45 seconds on its shot clock and often had to throw up a last-second field goal attempt against the Southern Methodist zone.

SMU only this week moved up to No. 2 behind Georgetown. It's the first year since 1967 that the Mustangs have ranked among the nation's top 10 college basketball teams.

Arkansas 67, Rice 56
FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Center

Joe Kleine scored 27 points and freshman Andrew Lang rejected five shots to lead Arkansas to a 67-56 Southwest Conference basketball victory over Rice Wednesday night.

Arkansas never trailed in the game and was tied only once early at 2-2.

The victory snapped a two-game losing streak for the Razorbacks and raised their SWC record to 4-3. Arkansas is 13-6 overall.

Rice fell to 8-8 overall and 1-5 in conference play.

Kleine pumped in 14 first-half

points as the Razorbacks built a 32-18 halftime advantage. One key to Arkansas' success was going the first 19 minutes without a turnover.

Lang, a 6-11 forward from Pine Bluff, blocked four shots in the first half, three coming in the first 2:08 of the game.

Rice was led by junior center Terrence Cashaw with 14 points. Forward Charles Balentine added 14 for Arkansas.

The Razorbacks shot 79 percent from the field in the second half hitting on 15 of 19 attempts.

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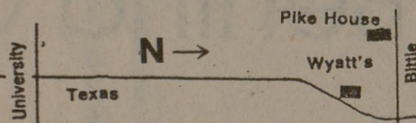
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