

SWC sees nothing cute about Bears' 3-0 record

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The Baylor Bears are for real and they aren't as nice as their cute little cub mascot who drinks soda after every touchdown.

The Bears, snapping a four-game losing streak to Southern Methodist, clawed their second consecutive Southwest Conference opponent on the road to set up a big showdown Saturday night in Waco against surprising Texas A&M.

Baylor is 3-0 and and being closely hounded by Arkansas and A&M, each 2-0, after Saturday's round of SWC jousting.

Baylor took a 21-14 bite out of SMU in Texas Stadium, while A&M piled up its most points ever against Houston, winning 43-16 in Kyle Field. Arkansas kept its record spotless by whipping Texas Tech 30-7 in Lubbock.

Rice won its first SWC game since 1981 by downing Texas Christian 34-27.

Texas, which is 1-0 in SWC play, tumbled from the unbeaten ranks with a 14-7 loss to Oklahoma in their annual Red River rumble.

"They'll be hanging from the rafters in Baylor Stadium when we play the Aggies Saturday night," said Baylor Coach Grant Teaff. "It's going to be quite a game."

Teaff said the SMU game convinced him that his Bears are a Top 20 team.

"I'd vote for us in the Top 20," said Teaff, whose Bears are already ranked No. 19 in The Associated Press poll. "For us to have a good year we knew we'd have to win on the road against some good teams. We're beginning to exhibit the characteristics of a good football team."

Baylor lineman Kevin Marsh said,

How the AP Top 20 Fared:

1. Iowa (5-0-0) beat Wisconsin, 23-13. Next: Michigan
2. Oklahoma (3-0-0) beat Texas, 14-7. Next: Miami (Fla.)
3. Michigan (5-0-0) beat Michigan State, 31-0. Next: at Iowa
4. Florida State (4-1-0) lost to Auburn, 59-27. Next: Tulsa
5. Oklahoma State (4-1-0) lost to Nebraska, 34-24. Next: at Kansas
6. Arkansas (5-0-0) beat Texas Tech, 30-7. Next: Texas
7. Florida (4-0-1) beat Tennessee 17-10. Next: SW Louisiana
8. Penn State (5-0-0) beat Alabama, 19-17. Next: at Syracuse
9. Nebraska (4-1-0) beat Oklahoma State, 34-24. Next: at Missouri
10. Alabama (4-1-0) lost Penn State, 19-17. Next: Tennessee
11. BYU (5-1-0) beat San Diego State 28-0. Next: at New Mexico
12. Auburn (4-1-0) beat Florida State, 59-27. Next: at Georgia Tech
13. Air Force (6-0-0) beat Navy, 24-7. Next: at Colorado State
14. Tennessee (2-1-1) lost to Florida, 17-10. Next: Alabama
15. Ohio State (4-1-0) beat Indiana, 48-7. Next: Purdue
16. SMU (2-2-0) lost to Baylor, 21-14. Next: at Houston
17. Texas (3-1-0) lost to Oklahoma, 14-7. Next: at Arkansas
18. Georgia (4-1-0) beat Mississippi, 49-21. Next: at Vanderbilt
19. Baylor (5-1-0) beat SMU, 21-14. Next: Texas A&M
20. LSU (3-1-0) beat Vanderbilt, 49-7. Next: Kentucky

"When you knock off somebody like SMU, then other teams have to look up to you."

Teaff said, "It doesn't get any easier from here. That's the way of life in the Southwest Conference. Next week will be for all the marbles just like this week was for all the marbles. The great thing for us now is that SMU is our ally. They're going to beat some people and help us out down the road."

The A&M-Baylor game overshadows a big traditional showdown, Texas-Arkansas. ABC-TV will televise the game from Fayetteville at 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

In other games, Rice is at Texas Tech at 12:04 p.m. in the SWC's TV game of the week, SMU is at Houston at 2 p.m. and TCU hosts North Texas State at 2 p.m.

A&M Coach Jackie Sherrill said his team "deserves to be in the Top 20."

The Aggies lost their opener to Alabama and have been unranked all season.

TCU Coach Jim Wacker has seen his team fall off the cliff after he suspended seven players.

"I guess it can't get any worse," Wacker said. "We just have one basic problem — we're not a very good football team."

Rice Coach Watson Brown said, "I'm proud that the idea of winning their first conference game is off the backs of our kids."

For Arkansas, it was their ninth straight victory in Lubbock and 13th victory in the last 14 games against Texas Tech.

Ag Spikers

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tween winning and losing for the Aggies.

It must have been the morning breakfast of Wheaties, right?

"I had three bowls of ice cream today," Gildner said, "And I don't even eat that much ice cream. They were small bowls though."

After that match, Gildner should be put on an ice cream diet.

"I don't think I've ever played bet-

ter," Gildner said. "I am at my peak now. It took a lot to get here. I have been really getting down on myself."

"This is an incredible feeling. It's so exciting. I can still see us on nine (with the score 14-9 in favor of Purdue). I know in my heart we won, but my head's telling me we're still on nine."

Condon's game plan was to go to the outside hitters to offset the Purdue front line made up of 6-2 Smith and 6-0 Debbie Leeman.

"We did try to use Sherri and Stacey (Smith) to get their middle blockers going," Gildner said. "Once we got them going to the middle, then Lasha and Chris started setting to us on the outside."

Although Condon might have doubted the Ags' comeback abilities, the players certainly believed they could do it.

"We just kept telling each other we couldn't give up," Beakley said.

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Flickerball-Sorry, no slam dunking allowed. Entries close Tues., Oct. 15 for Flickerball. Games will be held at the Penberthy Intramural Complex. The classes available include A, B, and C. Schedules will be available Thursday, Oct. 17 at the Team Managers meeting. There is a \$15 entry fee.

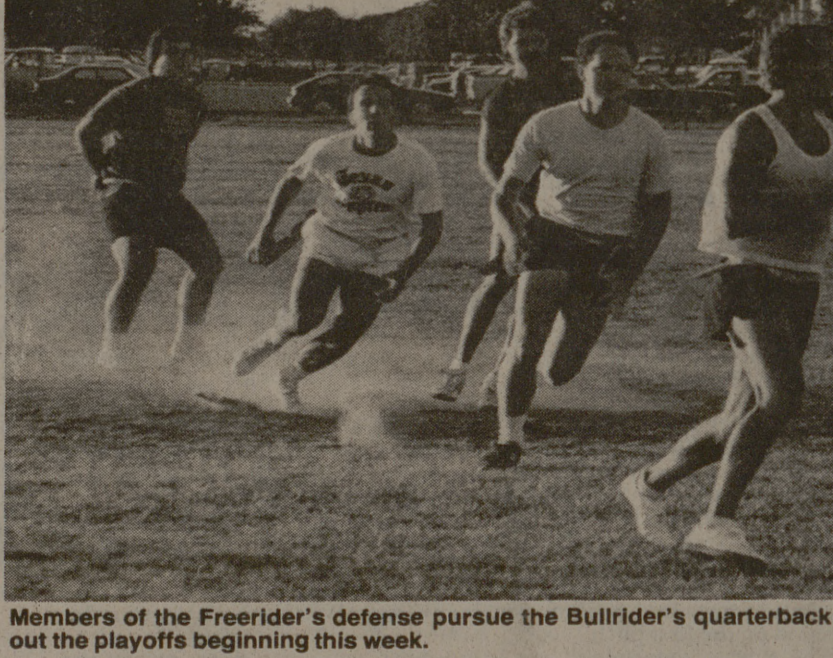
Field Goal Kicking Contest-Get your tee and head for the field. Entries close Tuesday, Oct. 15 for the IM Field Goal Kicking Contest. The event will take place Wednesday, Oct. 16 at 7:00 p.m. in Kyle Field. Awards will be given in Men's and Women's divisions. There is no entry fee and entrants must furnish their kicking tee.

Horseshoe Singles-No need to bother your horse, we provide the horseshoes for this competition. Entries close Tues., Oct. 15. Schedules will be posted after 3:00 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17. Matches consist of the best two out of three games to 15 points. Horseshoe pits are located directly north of the Penberthy Intramural Complex and are available for practice.

Swim Meet-Armchair Olympians, heres your chance. Entries close Tuesday, Oct. 15. Team and individual entries must be submitted to the IM-REC Sports Office prior to 6 p.m. The Swim Meet will be held at P.L. Downs Indoor Pool. For more information and a list of events, contact the IM-REC Sports Office at 845-7826 or come by Room 159 Read.

ENTRIES OPEN

Badminton Doubles-Watch the birdie. Entries open Monday, Oct. 14 and close Tuesday, Oct. 18. Schedules will be posted on Oct. 20 and play begins Tuesday, Oct. 25. Most matches will be played between 5 and 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Competition will be in classes A, B, C, and D-Recreation.



Members of the Freerider's defense pursue the Bullrider's quarterback in regular season action. Check out the playoffs beginning this week.

LONG DRIVING KICKS OFF SPECIAL EVENTS PROGRAM

About 40 participants showed up Wednesday, October 2 to test their ability to drive a golf ball. Steve Taylor won the Men's Division with a distance of 274 yards and 1 foot. He was quite a bit off the record of 323 yards made by Traylor Sells last year. Traylor placed fifth in this year's competition. Patsy Greiner won the women's division for the second year in a row. Patsy's drive of 139 yards was short of the record of 200 yards established by Cindy Phillips in 1981.

OFFICIALS NEEDED

There is still space available for individuals interested in becoming flickerball officials. This fast action, fun packed game requires similar mechanics to football. Those interested should contact Chris Koperniak in Room 159 Read Building or call at 845-7826 as soon as possible.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLAG FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS began Sunday, October 13 (yesterday). Teams that have not checked the schedule should do so immediately.

SWIM MEET SCRATCH AND INFORMATION MEETING will be held Thursday, October 17 at 6 p.m. in Room 164 Read Building. Anyone needing to scratch participants should do so at this meeting or they may lose forfeit points at the meet.

Flickerball Team Captain's Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 17 at 6 p.m. in 167 Read Building. All team captains should plan to attend.

SPORT CLUB NEWS

The Men's Soccer Team will be playing t.u. on Saturday, October 19 at 2:00 p.m. The game will be held on the Simpson Drill Field unless it rains. In case of rain, the game will be held on the East Campus Fields.

The Rodeo Team will be having an Invitational Rodeo Friday, October 18 at 6 p.m. in the Freeman Arena on FM 2818.

The TAMU Racquetball Club will be hosting the Aggie Open Racquetball Tournament October 18, 19 and 20. Action will begin Friday, October 18 at 6 p.m. at the Read Building Racquetball Courts.

The A&M Water Polo team will be hosting several area teams in a tournament Saturday, October 19. Stop by the Cain Pool (outdoor pool) at 10 a.m. to check out the action.

DRILL FIELD A NO NO WHEN IT RAINS!

The Simpson Drill Field is a widely used facility on the A&M Campus. Many sport club teams practice and hold their home games there -- when it doesn't rain. In the event it does, these activities are moved to East Campus.

Unfortunately for the groups that use this facility, some students find it a great place to play mudball when it rains. This activity ruins the field and defeats the purpose of moving the scheduled activities. However, beginning last week, Grounds Maintenance will begin posting a sign to indicate whether the field can be used or not. When this sign is posted, all groups will be prevented from using the field.

This procedure is necessary to maintain the field in playable condition. We are asking all students to cooperate with the Intramural-Recreational Sports Office and Ground Maintenance in this matter. For more information on the Simpson Drill Field, please call the Intramural Office at 845-7826.

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