

Football Forecast



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Texas A&M at (14) Baylor	Ags by 4	Bears by 2	Ags by 7	Ags by 7	Ags by 86	Ags by 3
Texas at (4) Arkansas	Hogs by 7	Hogs by 7	Hogs by 10	Hogs by 7	'Horns by 1	Hogs by 3
SMU at Houston	Coogs by 3	'Stangs by 14	Coogs by 3	'Stangs by 10	'Stangs by 10	'Stangs by 7
Rice at Texas Tech	Red Raiders by 11	Red Raiders by 3	Raiders by 17	Red Raiders by 6	Red Raiders by 13	Red Raiders by 6
North Texas St. at TCU	Frogs by 6	Frogs by 1	Frogs by 14	Frogs by 3	Eagles by 4	Frogs by 8
(2) Michigan at (1) Iowa	Wolverines by 7	Wolverines by 6	Hawkeyes by 2	Wolverines by 3	Wolverines by 7	Wolverines by 3
Purdue at (11) Ohio State	Buckeyes by 13	Buckeyes by 10	Buckeyes by 8	Buckeyes by 7	Buckeyes by 3	Buckeyes by 7
Miami (Fla.) at (3) Oklahoma	Sooners by 14	Sooners by 13	Sooners by 5	Sooners by 14	Sooners by 6	Sooners by 7
(8) Auburn at Georgia Tech	Tigers by 17	Tigers by 10	Tigers by 12	Tigers by 10	Tigers by 7	Tigers by 3
(20) Tennessee at (15) Alabama	Tide by 4	Tide by 2	Tide by 1	Tide by 1	Vols by 3	Tide by 3
Cincinnati at Houston	Bengals by 10	Bengals by 3	Bengals by 16	Bengals by 3	Bengals by 7	Oilers by 7
Dallas at Philadelphia	Pokes by 10	Pokes by 7	Pokes by 9	Pokes by 3	Pokes by 10	Pokes by 7
Last Week's Record	9-3	9-3	8-4	12-0	8-4	6-6
Overall Record	46-13-1	45-14-1	44-15-1	43-16-1	38-21-1	37-22-1

SWC title picture to develop

BRANDON BERRY
Sports Analysis

And then there were four. . . . The 1985 college football season is only half finished, but the Southwest Conference race is already finished for half of the contenders.

Houston, Texas Tech and TCU fell out of the Cotton Bowl picture with losses last Saturday, giving those teams, at least, two conference losses.

SMU and Rice stand in precarious positions with 1-1 conference records and have the majority of the conference's unbeaten teams still remaining on their schedules.

And who are the unbeaten teams?

Baylor leads the conference with a 3-0 record, followed by Arkansas and Texas A&M at 2-0 and Texas at 1-0.

The inside track to the Cotton Bowl should be established this weekend. All of the SWC's unbeaten teams will pair off and play one another, with A&M moseying up Highway 6 to face 14th-ranked Baylor in Waco and Texas butting horns with No. 4 Arkansas in the Ozarks.

To the victors will come the spoils of a little breathing room. To the losers will come the pressure of must-win situations the rest of the season.

So, who are most likely to be the victors and the pressured losers?

Texas at (4) Arkansas
(Razorback Stadium in Fayetteville — 2 p.m. — ABC-TV)

The Texas offense had better have been working overtime this week.

After facing an Oklahoma Sooner defense that limited them to seven points, four first downs and 87 yards of total offense, the Longhorns will now face the second best defensive team in the nation this week.

And Arkansas possesses a much more versatile offense than what the Sooners threw. . . .

excuse me, ran. . . at Texas last weekend in Dallas.

The Longhorns have a much better team than they showed against the Sooners and a much better team than anyone expected in preseason forecasts, but they've made their trip to the Cotton Bowl for this season — Razorbacks 17, Longhorns 13.

Texas A&M at (14) Baylor
(Baylor Stadium in Waco — 7 p.m.)

The "Battle of the Brazos" appears to be even defensively, with the Aggies ranking second in the conference in total defense and the Bears a close third.

And while the A&M offense leads the SWC and Baylor ranks seventh, the Bears have faced the defenses of SMU, Georgia and USC.

The Aggies have seen only one Top 20 team's defense, resulting in a 23-10 loss to Alabama.

For the Aggies to escape Waco with a victory, they must avoid the penalties that stymied them

against the Crimson Tide in their season-opener.

For the Bears to defeat the Aggies, they need to capitalize on big plays, passing the ball when the A&M secondary misses a coverage.

Baylor doesn't do anything great, it just does everything well.

A&M had superior ratings in almost every offensive and defensive category, it just hasn't been able to put these good performances together on the same night.

When consistency meets explosiveness, consistency is the safest bet. But the '85 Aggies are different from any other A&M team in recent years — they're hard to bet against — Aggies 28, Bears 24.

SMU at Houston
(Astrodome in Houston — 7 p.m.)

Who cares?
The Mustangs have finished
See SWC Picture, page 12

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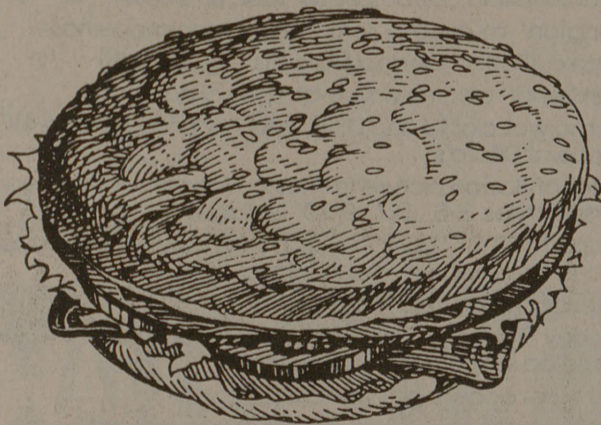
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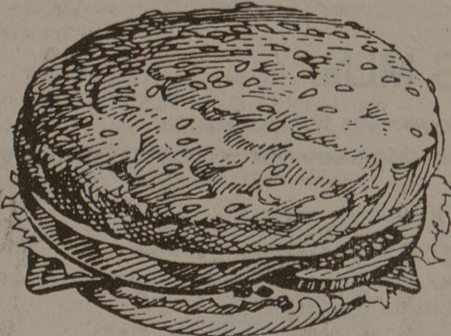
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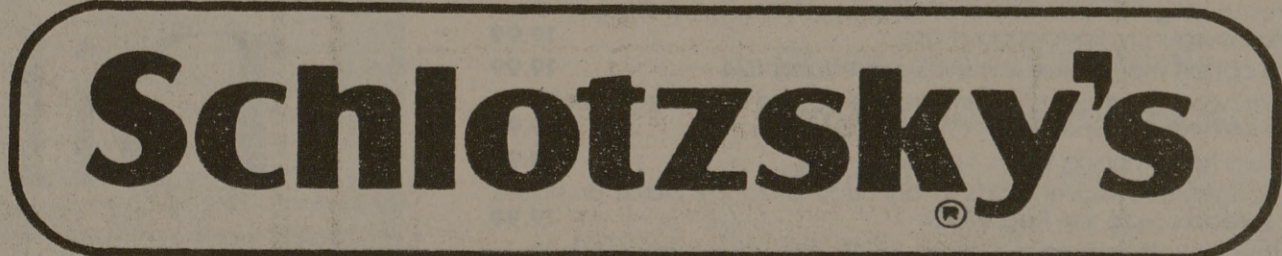
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