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TCU at Texas Tech	Red Raiders by 7	Red Raiders by 9	Red Raiders by 1	Red Raiders by 1	Red Raiders by 6	Frogs by 4
Rice at SMU	'Stangs by 20	'Stangs by 17	'Stangs by 18	'Stangs by 10	'Stangs by 13	'Stangs by 14
(14) UCLA at Arizona	Bruins by 11	Bruins by 12	Wildcats by 2	Bruins by 2	Wildcats by 3	Bruins by 14
(20) Alabama at (15) LSU	Tigers by 10	Tide by 3	Tigers by 7	Tigers by 3	Tigers by 3	Tide by 1
(17) Georgia at (1) Florida	Gators by 17	Gators by 4	Gators by 7	Gators by 4	Gators by 2	Gators by 3
Illinois at (6) Iowa	Hawkeyes by 10	Hawkeyes by 6	Hawkeyes by 14	Hawkeyes by 14	Hawkeyes by 7	Hawkeyes by 3
(8) Miami (Fla.) at Maryland	Hurricanes by 6	Hurricanes by 21	Hurricanes by 4	Hurricanes by 7	Hurricanes by 4	Hurricanes by 1
Army at (5) Air Force	Falcons by 13	Falcons by 14	Falcons by 10	Falcons by 2	Falcons by 7	Falcons by 3
Dallas at Washington	Pokes by 4	Redskins by 7	Pokes by 3	Redskins by 3	Redskins by 5	Pokes by 6
Houston at Buffalo	Oilers by 3	Oilers by 16	Oilers by 6	Oilers by 3	Oilers by 7	Oilers by 4
Last Week's Record	7-4-1	7-4-1	6-5-1	8-3-1	7-4-1	6-5-1
Overall Record	65-28-3	64-29-3	64-29-3	63-30-3	56-37-3	55-38-3

SWC stepping on Red Raiders

With most of the "Eyes of Texas" firmly fixed on Houston and Little Rock, the most entertaining and important game in the Southwest Conference will be played in Lubbock.

When Texas takes on Houston, the 'Horns will be trying to stay alive in the hunt for the league championship.

When Arkansas hosts Baylor, the Bears will put their unblemished conference slate to its severest test of the season.

But when the Horned Frogs of TCU invade the West Texas domain of the Tech Red Raiders, approximately 30,000 die-hard fans will be treated to the only game in the conference that really means something.

TCU and Tech are both 0-5 in the conference, have both already lost to Rice and will both lose their remaining games.

Lubbock will be the battle ground and to the victors go the spoils of eighth place. To the losers go the agonies associated with ninth place.

This is college football drama at its finest and its only a wonder that it isn't the Raycom SWC Game of the Week.

The strangest thing about these two teams is that they were both un-

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defeated at different points in this football season.

TCU opened the season with wins over Tulane and Kansas State.

But SMU stopped the "Rolling Toads" win streak, which began a seven-week long series of futilities for the Frogs.

TCU starts freshmen everywhere, and the inexperience is manifesting itself in confusion, mistakes and penalties.

The Red Raiders, meanwhile, used their wishbone offense to gallop off to three straight nonconference victories.

But Tech's brief run of success was successfully "de-boned" by the born-again Baylor Bears in a 31-0 pasting.

Tech has tried breaking the wishbone, throwing from the flexbone, connecting the arm bone directly to the leg bone and throwing the dogs a bone, but the Raiders don't seem to possess enough beef to compete with their much-bigger SWC rivals.

So, in a battle of battered bones against tired-out tadpoles, who stands to escape the inglorious ignominy of a last-place finish?

The Horned Frogs are headed for better times for the same reasons they are now experiencing problems. Their freshmen, who coincidentally are ranked by nearly everyone as the best recruiting class in the SWC, will someday be seniors and TCU will someday be back in the lilly-padded paradise of contenders and bowl games.

Watson Brown has given the traditionally-doormattish Rice Owls a new offense, some much-needed wins and a new lease on somewhere other than the conference cellar.

The Raiders, isolated from the rest of the conference by miles of fertile fields and fetid desert, have lost their ability to successfully compete in the SWC because of an inability to harvest one of the few crops that grows in the West Texas sun — good high school football players.

The best of the highly-regarded bunches of talent at Odessa Permian, Midland Lee and San Angelo

Central — schools that once served as Tech prep factories — are now starring at SMU, A&M, Arkansas and Texas.

Raider Coach Jerry Moore, who has failed to re-establish the pipelines that once fueled Tech as far as the Orange Bowl, is now rumored to be on his way out.

The wishbone offensive experiment has failed miserably and illustrated why the SWC deserted the formation years ago.

And about the only name being seriously bandied about as being the most-likely replacement for Moore is former A&M coach Emory Bellard, who presently leads the Mississippi State Bulldogs and achieved his lasting fame by being the "father of the wishbone."

Some would think the Raiders would have learned their lesson.

So, while everyone else tunes in to Houston or Little Rock, the smart observer will be watching Lubbock, a lame duck coach and a team that could be settling in for a long-term lease in the SWC basement.

A&M lacrosse team hosts Fall Classic

By DOUG HALL Sports Writer

The Texas A&M lacrosse team has a mission.

First, the Aggies are hosting the 5th Annual A&M Fall Classic Lacrosse Tournament this weekend, preparing them for next spring's Southwest Association spring schedule.

Secondly, the Ags plan to prove that there are some fine lacrosse teams south of the Mason-Dixon line.

"This is the largest tournament in the Southwest," said Steve Mathiason, a senior A&M midfielder from Houston. "But if we play up to our capability, we should win it, even though Texas and Sam Houston (State) will be tough."

The tourney, which will be held on the Ormond R. Simpson Drill Field Saturday and Sunday, includes

ten teams from the South. SMU, TCU, Baylor, LSU and Southwestern will all be in the tourney's bracket.

According to Mathiason, in the past five years, the Aggies have grown accustomed to winning games against southern opponents.

"We are a good lacrosse team," Mathiason said. "We expect to win a majority of the games we play in. There are some teams that have good programs as well, that we have to gear for, such as Tulane and (Texas) Tech. They have given us problems in the past. But if we play our game, we can beat — we should beat — anyone."

In fact, since 1981, the Aggies have been finalists in the Southwest College Association Championship three times, and finished third another.

Mathiason credits the Aggies' success to a combination of good ath-

letes — from all over the country, not just the North — and a strong lacrosse training program.

"We have a lot of man-power," said Mathiason, who is serving as publicity director for the A&M tourney. "As of this year, we have seven midfield lines (each line consists of three players) — most teams have trouble running four. We usually run three or four regularly, and once the game is in hand we'll put in the others, who are basically rookies or first-year players."

Mathiason said the Ags have several talented players, who have come from good lacrosse programs in the North, but a majority of the team has learned the finer aspects of the game while at A&M.

"Some people say you have to have a core of northern players," Mathiason said. "But we've got a lot of guys who didn't start playing regularly until they got here. They've

been taught through our system how to play, and by the time they're in their third or fourth year, they can play really good lacrosse against folks."

Mathiason said the level of play in the South has improved quite a bit since he came in as a freshman.

"It's improved a great deal," he said. "There is no question about it. When I came in as freshman, which was in the '82 season, we smoked everybody. It was pretty much a joke."

"But now, it's not that we've gotten worse, it's just that a lot of other teams have gotten better and have learned to play good lacrosse."

The Aggies will open this weekend's tourney Saturday morning at 9 a.m. against OSU, and then play Rice at 1 p.m.

Game times for Saturday are 9, 11, 1 and 3. Sunday's schedule, dependent on Saturday's results, will be posted Saturday afternoon.

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