

Blues snuff Flames 5-2 tie series

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Rick Meagher scored two goals, the second while his team was short-handed, to help the St. Louis Blues to a 5-2 victory over the Calgary Flames Thursday night and win their Stanley Cup semifinal series at two victories each.

The fifth game of the best-of-seven Campbell Conference final will be Saturday in Calgary. Game six will be here next Monday.

Danny McDonald scored both Calgary goals, each on a power play. McDonald's second goal, in the opening minute of the final period, followed Meagher's second by 26 seconds. But it was not enough to overcome the lead St. Louis had built. Meagher and Mark Hunter connected for Blues goals four minutes apart in the opening period. St. Louis made it 3-0 on Gino Cavallini's re-charge at 16:03 of the second session, outlasted a Calgary surge which stemmed from defenseman Rob Ramage's six minutes in penalties late in the second period. Ramage was flagged for a double minor for tripping and a two-minute penalty for hooking.

Bernie Federko, who ended the game with an empty-net goal with 1:30 seconds to play, won a faceoff in the Flames' zone to set up Hunter's opening goal, a slapshot that sailed past Calgary goalie Mike Vernon at 13:33 of the first period. Rookie Herb Raggan helped St. Louis make it 2-0 at 13:37 when he sent a pass from the right corner onto the stick of Meagher, who had Vernon at his mercy at the goalmouth.

Cavallini, a former Flame, scoring his fourth goal of the playoffs, beat Vernon on a rebound of Lee Norwood's blocked shot, sending home a 19-foot drive after Calgary's Paul Reinhart failed to clear the puck.

The Flames then began to stir. McDonald capitalized on the penalties assessed Ramage by referee Bob Myers with a 20-foot blast past Blues goaltender Rick Wamsley with 54 seconds left in the period.

But Meagher, who is in his sixth NHL season but had never been with the team which made the playoffs, negated that on a pass from Ric Natanson, who stole the puck from the Flames and skated into the Calgary end.

By winning, St. Louis atoned for a 3-setback here in Game Three.

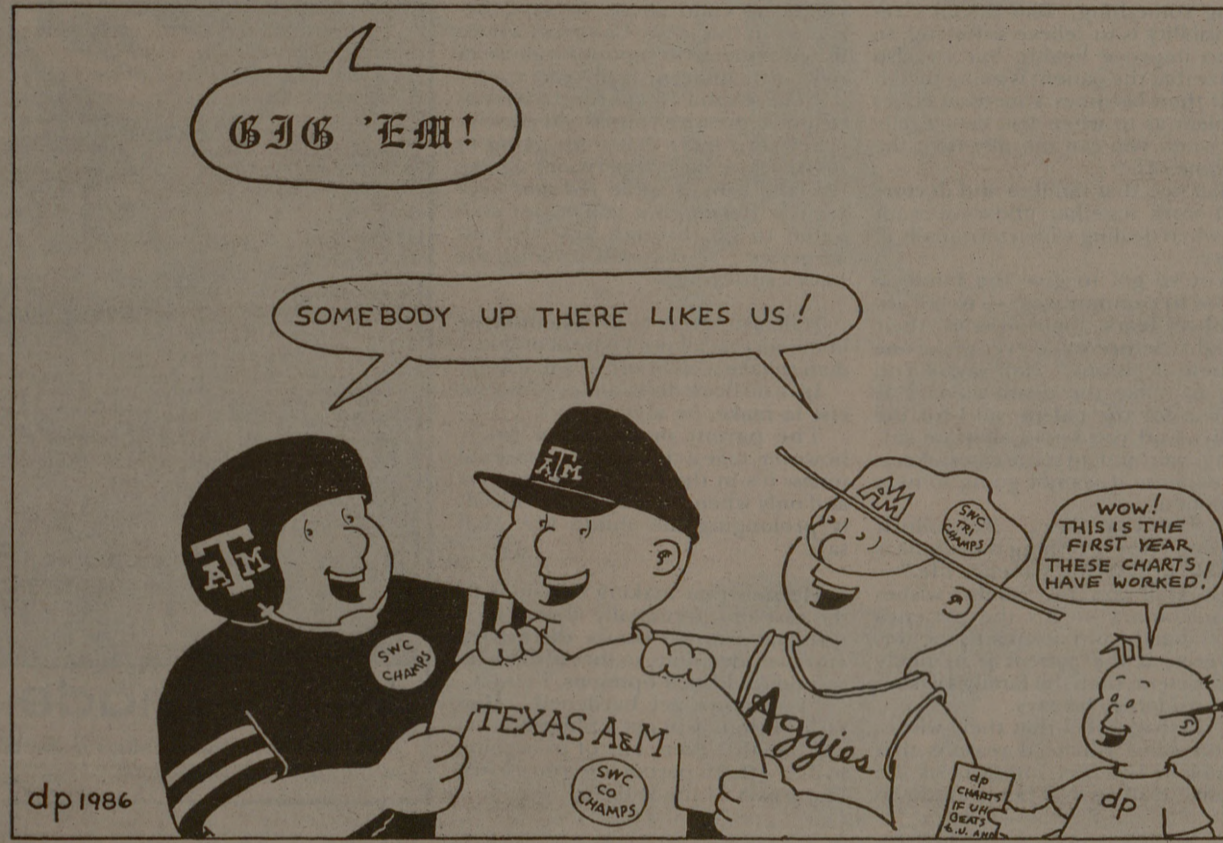
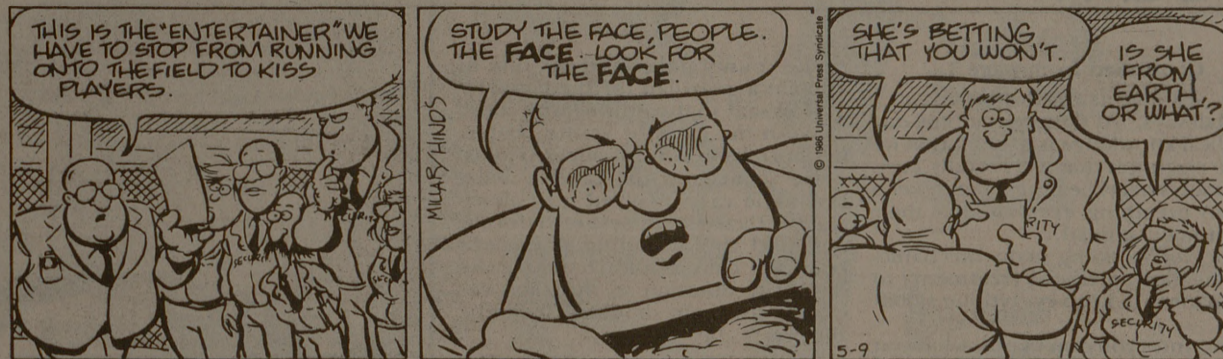
Scrappy Blues' penalty killing helped make the difference. St. Louis controlled the early action and killed minor penalties to Raglan and Doug Limour before McDonald got his power-play goal.

Weekend Schedule

Friday, May 9
Rangers at Montreal, 6:35 p.m.
Saturday, May 10
Louis at Calgary, 7:05 p.m.
Sunday, May 11
Montreal at N.Y. Rangers, 6:35 p.m., if necessary.

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TCU may accept penalties

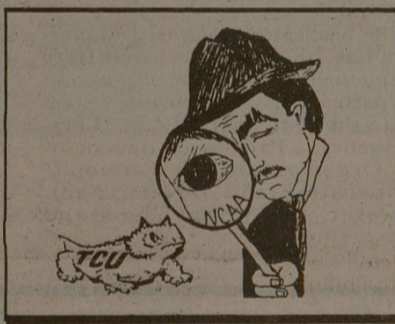
FORT WORTH (AP) — NCAA penalties assessed Texas Christian University's football program probably won't be appealed, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram said Thursday.

There has been no announcement outlining the penalties or the school's response, but a TCU press conference is expected Friday, the newspaper said.

TCU officials declined to comment to The Associated Press Thursday.

The Star-Telegram quoted an unidentified source as saying the penalties had been adjusted somewhat from those previously discussed between TCU officials and the NCAA's Committee on Infractions.

But TCU officials disagree as to the public response they will make. Indications are that the adjustments were insignificant and that TCU sees the penalties as too harsh in light of its self-disclosure and self-disciplinary measures.



The investigation began after coach Jim Wacker permanently suspended seven players when he learned last September they had been taking illegal cash payments from boosters and had been illegally recruited.

Five were key figures, including All-America running back Kenneth Davis.

Previous reports said the original penalties involved a ban on television

and bowl appearances for one year, a loss of 35 scholarships over a two-year period and a three-year probation.

The television ban could cost the school more than \$340,000 based on last year's shared revenue in the Southwest Conference.

Ricky Peele of the Raycom Network, which has the rights to SWC football games, said Wednesday TCU was not included on the 1986 Raycom TV schedule on orders from the NCAA and the SWC. That schedule is to be finalized at the SWC spring meetings later this month.

"About a week ago, the NCAA called and said to leave TCU off the schedule in football," said Peele, who works in the network's programming department. "I've seen the final schedule and TCU is not on it."

SWC Commissioner Fred Jacoby said, "We're just trying to cover all eventualities."

TCU has 15 days to appeal the NCAA's decision.

Cubs hold off Dodger comeback to win 6-5

CHICAGO (AP) — Shawon Dunston's leadoff home run started a four-run rally in the fifth inning Thursday, and the Chicago Cubs rang in for a 6-5 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Scott Sanderson, 2-1, was the winner although he was rocked for four runs in the first inning. Jerry Reuss, 1-1, was the loser. Lee Smith, the third Chicago pitcher, came on to lead a rally after the Dodgers drew to him a run in the eighth. He got his second save.

With the Cubs trailing 4-2, Dunston opened the fifth with his fifth homer into a 22-mile-an-hour wind against Reuss. Gary Matthews doubled and scored on a single by Keith Hernandez.

Pirates 8, Giants 2

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Mike Bielecki allowed four hits over seven innings and Sid Bream drove in three runs with a double and a single as the Pittsburgh Pirates defeated the San Francisco Giants 8-2 Thursday night.

Bielecki, 3-0, lost his shutout bid and a 15-inning scoreless streak when Joel Youngblood hit a pinch-hit homer leading off the eighth. He struck out four and walked four and held the Giants hitless for six innings until yielding solo homers in the eighth to Youngblood and Will Clark.

Jim Winn relieved Bielecki and finished with two hitless innings.

Braves 10, Reds 5

CINCINNATI (AP) — Dale Murphy hit two home runs to account for five runs as the Atlanta Braves whipped Cincinnati 10-5 Thursday, handing the stumbling Reds their 10th loss in the last 11 games.

Murphy's three-run, first-inning homer, followed by Bob Horner's fifth home run of the season, gave the Braves a four-run lead. Both belts came off John Denny, 1-4, who gave up six runs in three innings.

Craig McMurtry 1-1, blanked the Reds until he walked two batters in the eighth. Paul Assenmacher gained his first save with two perfect innings of relief.

Cardinals 13, Padres 3

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Pitcher Tim Lincecum tossed a five-hitter and drove in four runs Thursday as the St. Louis Cardinals emerged from a slump with 20 hits in a 13-3 rout of the San Diego Padres.

Left-hander Conroy, 2-1, hit a two-run double in a five-run seventh and added a two-run single in a three-run eighth as St. Louis won consecutive games for the first time since April 19. The Cards won for only the fourth time in 17 games while handing San Diego its fifth loss in six games.

Dave Dravecky, 2-3, surrendered 11 of the St. Louis hits.

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