

Sports

Bears' Goebel, Rose nab AP SWC honors

From The Associated Press
 Brad Goebel is living testimony to the old adage that if you hang there, good things will eventually happen.
 A skinny recruit out of Cuero, Texas, in 1986, Goebel was undrafted by the Dallas Cowboys. He was drafted by the Houston Oilers on a special assignment from Washington. He was drafted by the Oilers on a special assignment from Washington. He was drafted by the Oilers on a special assignment from Washington.

sick bed to play. Rose blocked a 47-yard Louisiana Tech field goal try and Robert Blackmon returned it 38 yards to the Tech 25, setting up the game's only touchdown.
 "Brad had not looked good in practice," said Baylor Coach Grant Teaff. "But that's the fun of this game to have someone perform well that was not expected. That's what Brad did. I'd call it a fiery baptism."
 "I think once I got a feel for things my confidence came back to me and good things started to happen," Goebel said. "I spent many hours in two-a-days getting ready for this opportunity."

He said the Bulldogs did just what he thought they would do — blitz.
 "I figured they'd blitz me because I was young and they did," he said. "I'm glad because I didn't mind the pressure."

Lady Aggs execute poorly in loss, drop 4th game of year to SHSU

By Hal L. Hammons
Assistant Sports Editor
 The Texas A&M Lady Aggies continued to struggle Tuesday night as the volleyball team fell to Sam Houston State in Huntsville 9-15, 14-16, 15-7, 15-9, 15-10.
 The Lady Aggies dropped to 1-4 on the year. They play the Lady Bearkats once again Sept. 16 at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

A&M Coach Al Givens said he was very disappointed in the team's effort.
 "We played really poor," Givens said. "This was by far the poorest execution we've had all year, including practice."

"You can't pinpoint one individual; it was a combined group effort."
 "The chemistry was not there tonight. We played as individuals. It was not a team effort. We didn't play together."
 "We played like we were afraid to take control. There were a lot of inconsistencies. We played in spurts, and even the two games we won, we struggled in."
 Kelli Kellen led the team with a career-high 22 kills, combined with 5 errors out of 45 total attempts for a .478 hitting percentage. Cheri

Stensma added 21 kills with 4 errors in 52 attempts for a .327 percentage.
 Yvonne van Brandt led the team with 29 digs. Liz Clifford had one solo block and six block assists.
 The Lady Aggies travel to Fullerton, Ca. this week for the Titan-Mizuno Collegiate Preview. A&M and 15 other teams will begin play Friday with the championship game Saturday.
 The Lady Aggies' bracket includes Eastern Washington, No. 20-ranked Long Beach State and first-round opponent Santa Clara.

A&M runners to begin 1987 season

By Loyd Brumfield
Sports Editor
 The Texas A&M men's and women's cross country teams, under new head coach Barry Colburn, will open the 1987 campaign Thursday at 6 p.m. when they host the 12th Annual Texas A&M Invitational at the University golf course.
 The Aggies finished sixth in the Southwest Conference meet last year, and finished ninth at the District Six Championships.
 Eight men's and women's teams will participate, including defending champion the University of Houston, which won both the men's and women's competition last year.
 Other teams scheduled to compete include Texas, Baylor, Lamar University, Prairie View A&M, Blinn Junior College and Houston Baptist.
 Baylor's Stephen Clark and UH's Michelle Dekkers, who won the individual competition last year, will return to defend their titles.
 "The smaller schools coming have distance-oriented programs, and in particular I'm looking forward to seeing what Houston Baptist brings," Colburn said.
 Colburn, 37, served as assistant athletic director at Rhodes College from 1983-85 and was head cross country coach at the University of Richmond from 1982-83. He has also served as an assistant track coach at the University of Alabama and Troy State University.
 The men's team returns six runners and the women's team returns two, including freshman standout Julie Soukup.
 "I've been impressed with their overall attitude going into the season," Colburn said. "You can tell that a number of them did some work over the summer and they're in good shape."

UT withdraws appeal in Lott eligibility case

AUSTIN (AP) — The University of Texas Tuesday withdrew its appeal to the NCAA in the James Lott eligibility case because it has learned the existence of a contract between Lott and a sports agent, Texas Athletic Director DeLoss Dodds said.
 "We are withdrawing the appeal because of new information which we have received," Dodds said. "When we formulated the appeal, we were basing it on the facts that James had only received a loan. It is now clear that a contract did exist between James and the agents."
 Lott, a starting defensive back and third-class high jumper, was declared ineligible by the university in August after it was learned that Lott

accepted a loan from agent Lloyd Bloom in September, 1986.
 After the NCAA reinstated the eligibility of a Pittsburgh player involved in similar circumstances, UT officials announced they were appealing to the NCAA.
 Lott provided the information to Texas regarding the contract.
 "This information was provided to us by James through his attorney as soon as he received the documents from his agents," Dodds said. "In our view, the existence of a contract changes our position on appeal."
 NCAA rules prohibit student athletes from signing contracts with agents prior to the completion of their eligibility.

CHICAGO (AP) — Frank Lucchesi was named interim manager of the Chicago Cubs Tuesday, replacing Gene Michael, who resigned after almost 1 1/2 years.
 General Manager Dallas Green announced Lucchesi's appointment and said, "Frank understands that it is for 25 games and no longer."
 Green said the move will "give us time to gather our thoughts and give us time regarding the managerial decision."
 "We'd like to make the decision in October or November, hopefully before the winter meetings. But we won't make a decision until we're completely satisfied."
 Third base coach John Vukovich has been considered a prime candidate for the job from which Michael figured to be fired at the end of the season.
 "It would be unfair to put someone like Vuke under the gun for the final 25 games," Green said. "The pressure would be terrific."
 Vukovich said Green called him Monday night after he had learned of Michael's resignation.
 "He explained it to me, and I understand completely," said Vukovich. "Certainly I want the job. Who wouldn't?"
 Lucchesi, 59, managed in the minor leagues for 17 years before taking over the Philadelphia Phillies from 1970-72.
 He replaced Billy Martin as manager of the Texas Rangers in 1975 and managed them until he was fired in 1977. His managerial record in the major leagues was 341-429.
 Probably the most memorable part of Lucchesi's managerial career came before the 1977 season.
 In spring training, Lucchesi believed second baseman Len Laine was his starting job, and Laine, angered by the demotion, punched Lucchesi. Lucchesi wound up in the hospital.
 Green said he would consider a list of candidates and the naming of a black manager "is a possibility. Billy Williams would be a good candidate."
 Commissioner Peter Ueberroth said earlier this year that baseball is committed to promoting blacks onto the managerial level, both on and off the field. None of the managerial changes this year has involved blacks.

Williams, a former star and a current coach with the team, was slated earlier in the season to begin managing in the Arizona Instructional League. He leaves the team Sunday for those duties.
 "I'll evaluate my situation after the instructional league," Williams said. "But I'll abide by whatever the Cubs decide."
 Lucchesi said he would not seek and was not a candidate for the regular job. He has been a part-time coach with the Cubs this season.
 Green moved quickly after learning through the media of Michael's decision to resign.
 "I don't think it's fair to the players, to Gene Michael or the organization to leave Gene in a lame-duck situation," Green said. "Gene's decision was his and his decision only."
 "I understand the situation," Michael said. "If the players know I'm not coming back, it's not a good position to be in."
 The Cubs were 46-56 under Michael last season and 68-68 this year for an overall record of 114-124.

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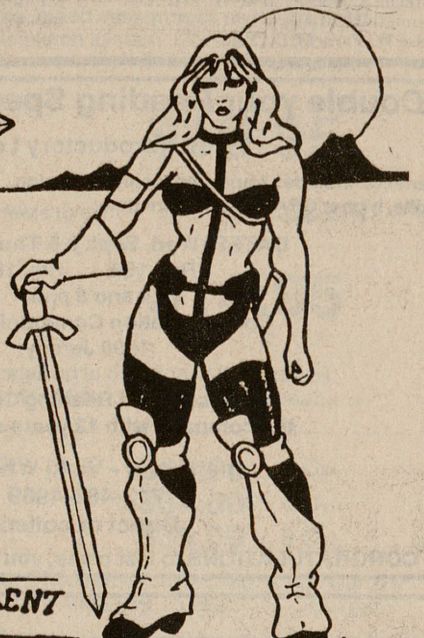


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