

# Longhorns' loss throws SWC race wide open

**From the Associated Press**  
 Notre Dame is the odds-on favorite to be the guest team in the Cotton Bowl on New Year's Day but the Texas Longhorns' disaster in the Astrodome has thrown the door wide open to the host team again.

Houston's amazing 60-40 upset of the previously unblemished Longhorns (3-1 in SWC play) put preseason favorite Arkansas (5-1), and defending champion Texas A&M (3-1) right back into the thick of the race. It was new Coach Jack Pardee's first SWC victory.

Arkansas survived a defensive battle against Baylor (2-3) with a 10-7 victory to set up Saturday's crucial showdown with Texas A&M in College Station. The Aggies were idle this weekend.

Texas Tech's wild 36-35 victory over Texas Christian (3-2) inflicted a second league loss on the Horned Frogs, who had won four games in a row.

Houston returned an NCAA record four passes for touchdowns, including three by cornerback Johnny Jackson.

The Cougars scored 31 points in the fourth quarter. It was the most points Texas had ever yielded in an SWC game.

"The kids proved to me they aren't quitters," Pardee said. "They could have packed it in for the season but they didn't."

Texas Coach David McWilliams was in shock.

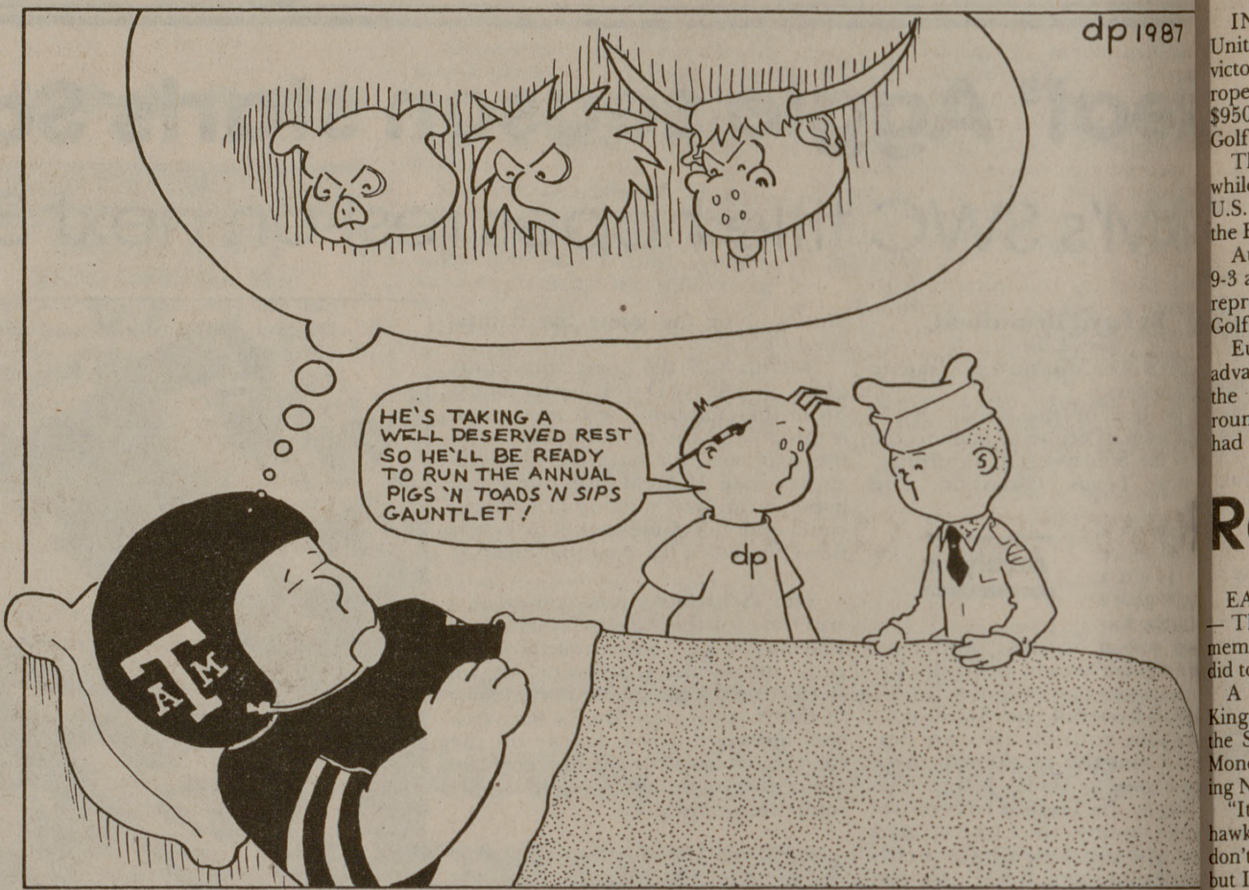
"I thought we had the game under control then the hammer dropped on us," McWilliams said.

Texas played the second half without quarterback Bret Stafford who injured both elbows. "Bret said he couldn't go and we missed him," McWilliams said.

"We knew they (the Longhorns) weren't all that strong at quarterback," Jackson said. "They have a good touch but they loft the ball up. Our corners were able to come over and pick them off. It's something I'll be able to look back on some day."

Tech is now 6-4 for the season and 3-3 in league play and the Independence Bowl is interested after the victory over TCU.

"It was a TCU win for us," said Tech quarterback Billy Joe Tolliver, whose 11-yard scoring pass to



Wayne Walker with 54 seconds left killed the Frogs. "Maybe this can get us a bowl invitation. We're off next week and if we can just beat Houston we could go somewhere."

Independence and Bluebonnet Bowl officials saw Tech's victory. Tech played in the Independence Bowl last year.

"We need the week of rest," said Tolliver. "We have our confidence back we're beat up a little. It should help us. Houston is a big, big game now."

TCU hasn't won in Lubbock since 1972 and the loss spoiled David Rascoe's four-touchdown passes performance. Rascoe also ran for a score.

"That last drive was the prettiest thing I've ever seen," said Tech Coach Spike Dykes. "We felt like we were doing a good job when all of a

sudden, wham-bam, thank you, and TCU was ahead."

Dykes said, "We beat a class team. TCU just kept hanging in there and they were in it all the way to the end. Those lost five minutes were the craziest of my life."

TCU Coach Jim Wacker was downcast about the Horned Frogs' failure to finish what would have been one of the SWC's most classic comebacks.

"That's a disappointing way to lose a game," he said. "We've got two games left and it will be a character test."

Rascoe tied a school record by figuring in five touchdowns, passing for four and running for another. Tony Jeffery scored five touchdowns in 1986 and Steve Stamp threw for five touchdowns in 1981.

Arkansas took advantage of a fumble by Jackie Ball in the first three minutes to score with 47 seconds left to play.

"I told some people this would be a homecoming they would never forget," Arkansas Coach Ken Field said. "That wasn't the score had in mind, though."

Baylor Coach Grant Teaff said the loss hurt the Bears' bowl hopes.

"We had everything right when we wanted it," Teaff said. "We led the lead and the ball. Then we lost it all."

In other games this week the scheduled 2 p.m. Arkansas A&M clash, TCU is at Texas A&M (Raycom TV) meeting, Baylor is at Temple in an 11 a.m. game.

## Houston, UT still dazed following 60-40 game

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston and Texas traded touchdowns in the first 39 seconds of their Southwest Conference game this weekend, getting the game off to an explosive start.

But that was nothing compared to the finish as the Cougars rallied to a record-breaking 60-40 blowout Saturday, breaking a 5-game losing streak and handing the Longhorns their first conference defeat.

"The win is not going to make us SWC champions, but it could begin something big at Houston," said Pardee, who got his first SWC victory as head coach. "I couldn't be prouder. It started off wild and woolly like I thought it would."

It finished even wilder. Houston, trailing 34-20 in the third quarter, scored 40 unanswered points in a game that included:

- An NCAA record three touchdown interception returns of 31, 53 and 97 yards by Cougar cornerback Johnny Jackson.
- An 85-yard touchdown pass from Houston's David Dacus to Brian Williams, the longest scoring pass in the SWC this season.
- Touchdown runs of 10, 1 and 2 yards by Houston's Kimball Anders.
- Houston safety Randy Thornton also returned a Texas interception 17 yards for another touchdown, giving the Cougars an NCAA record four scoring interceptions in one game.

It was Houston's first league victory in two seasons and the Cougars' third victory in 19 games. Houston now is 2-6 for the season and 1-4 in league play.

"I knew we had a good chance to beat them but I didn't think we'd score that much," said Anders, whose third touchdown put Houston ahead for good. "I knew if we came off the line we could move the ball."

Texas' Tony Jones fumbled the opening kickoff and Houston's Ed-

ward Thomas recovered at the Longhorn 10, setting up Anders' first touchdown after the first 23 seconds.

Bret Stafford hit Jones with a 71-yard touchdown pass on the Longhorns' first offensive play of the game.

Stafford sat out the second half with an elbow injury and the Longhorns stretched a 24-20 halftime lead to 34-20 in the third quarter before Houston exploded.

"You have to get back up after something like this," Texas coach David McWilliams said. "We were leading the conference and now we're back in the pack."

"But we still have a great job of bouncing back all season."

The Longhorns had eight turnovers, seven in the second half.

Texas safety John Hagy credited the loss to Houston's defenders. "I didn't think they were that ef-

fective (offensively)," Hagy said. "They beat us deep a couple times, but other than that their position and their defensive back running back four interceptions, touchdown was what beat us."

The Cougar defense went into game ranked 102nd among the NCAA Division I schools in pass defense and they gave up 476 passing yards to the Longhorns.

Stafford completed 15 of 23 passes for 238 yards in the first half and Shannon Kelley completed 36 of 53 passes for 363 yards in the second half. Halfback Eric Metz completed a 5-yard touchdown pass to Keith Cash.

"When we see the films, we'll see that turnovers made the difference," McWilliams said. "When we turn the ball over we get beat."

"We played well even into the third quarter. But after a couple turnovers we lost our intensity. That's my responsibility."

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Santos has two more games, both in San Diego, to add to his record. The Aztecs play Colorado State on Saturday and New Mexico on Nov. 21.

## San Diego State's Santos sets passing record

PROVO, Utah (AP) — Todd Santos of San Diego State became the NCAA's career passing leader Saturday against Brigham Young, which refused to give him a scholarship, but his team lost 38-21.

Santos set the record with one minute and 36 seconds to play with a 23-yard pass to Ron Slack that gave him a career total of 10,632 yards, pushing him ahead of Fresno State's Kevin Sweeney atop the NCAA Division I-A career passing list.

With 16 seconds to play, Santos threw a 13-yard scoring pass, his first of the game for the 6-foot-2 senior, to increase his record total to 10,661 yards. He completed 19 of 38 passes for 248 yards in the game.

Sweeney passed for 10,623 yards from 1982-86. Santos entered the game with 10,413 yards, ranked third behind Doug Flutie, who had 10,579 career passing yards for Boston College from 1981-84.

Santos, a Mormon who once wanted to play for church-owned BYU but was not offered a scholarship, picked apart the Cougar defense early in the game.

He completed his first three passes, including a 60-yard pass to Kerry Reed-Martin that set up the Aztecs' first touchdown. He also entered an 80-yard second-quarter scoring drive by completing three of four passes.

Santos was recruited by BYU, owned by the Church of Jesus Christ

of Latter-day Saints, but the Cougars elected to sign Sean Covey, a Provo native, instead.

Covey, a sophomore who went on a church mission, started for the first time last week against Air Force.

Santos averaged 324 yards passing per game this season, but he did not have great success previously against the Cougars, who vowed before the game not to let him set the record against them.

In his last three starts against BYU, he failed to pass for more than 200 yards in any game. He passed for 65 yards as a freshman, 176 yards as a sophomore and 168 yards as a junior.

On Saturday, he was sacked four times before he set the record and

had to throw many of his passes under pressure. Meanwhile, the secondary allowed him few open receivers and intercepted him three times.

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