

Red Raiders must wait and see if a bowl bid is in the near future

From the Associated Press
 Three Southwest Conference teams will be in bowl games but the Texas Tech Red Raiders feel like a suitor whose date didn't show up.
 Arkansas is in the Liberty Bowl Dec. 29 against Georgia.
 Texas A&M and Texas will decide Thanksgiving night who meets Notre Dame in the Cotton Bowl on New Year's Day. The loser plays in the Bluebonnet Bowl in Houston on New Year's eve against Pittsburgh.
 Texas Tech could have wrapped up an Independence Bowl victory by defeating Houston but had to settle for a 10-10 tie.
 Now, the Red Raiders will have to wait while the Independence Bowl officials take a second look.
 "I don't know where we stand," said Tech Coach Spike Dykes.
 "We'll go back to the drawing board. We're talking to West Virginia and some other people," said Independence Bowl chairman Smokey Hyde. Sunday, Sun Bowl officials in El Paso announced West Virginia would play against Oklahoma State in that game.
 Tulane is the other team for the Dec. 19 game in Bossier City, La.

A&M is the two-time defending SWC champion. A&M has defeated Auburn and lost to Ohio State in the last two Cotton Bowls. Texas hasn't played in the Cotton Bowl since a 10-9 loss to Georgia that cost the 'Horns the national title in 1984.
 It will be Notre Dame's fifth appearance in the Dallas game, The Irish are 3-1.
 Saturday, Texas' Eric Metcalf scored three touchdowns to take the 'Horns to a 34-16 victory over Baylor. Metcalf returned a punt 59 yards for a score.
 "We want to play Notre Dame in the Cotton Bowl," said Texas cornerback Tony Griffin. "We didn't have any fun the last time we were in the Bluebonnet Bowl."
 A&M's Darren Lewis ran 80-yards for a touchdown to kill off TCU.
 Lewis fumbled an option pitch, picked the ball up, broke a tackle, and ran the distance for a fourth quarter score to propel the Aggies to a 42-24 victory.
 "I can play a little basketball, too, maybe (A&M basketball Coach) Shelby Metcalf can use me," said Lewis, a freshman who had 194 yards rushing. "I missed the ball but it just came right back up to me."

A&M Coach Jackie Sherrill said of the peculiar play: "Somebody is looking out for us and is on our side."
 TCU Coach Jim Wacker said the run knocked all the emotion out of the Frogs, who had just gone ahead on a field goal.
 "We collapsed on the ball when he fumbled it and boom he goes 80 yards," Wacker said. "You can't get a play much more bizzare than that."
 TCU was hampered by the absence of ace running back Tony Jeffery, who was declared ineligible by the NCAA on Friday for dealings with a professional agent.
 "Anytime you take your best football player off the field it's tough," Wacker said. "Our running backs gave it everything they had. We just made too many critical errors."
 The showdown with Texas is what A&M was looking for after an early season loss to Texas Tech.
 "This is what we've worked for," said Sherrill. "It should be a tremendous game. We'll have to quit our mistakes. I thought we were going to give this one away."
 Houston and Rice finish their seasons on Saturday in a noon game from Rice Stadium.

OU going to Orange Bowl again; USC upsets UCLA for Rose Bowl bid

From the Associated Press
 Oklahoma is heading to the Orange Bowl for the fourth straight year, and Southern California upset UCLA Saturday for a trip to the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day.
 The No. 2-ranked Sooners renewed their claim to the No. 1 spot it lost last week to Nebraska, beating the Cornhuskers 17-7 Saturday for the Big Eight title and a spot in the Orange Bowl against No. 3 Miami in a possible showdown for the national championship.
 The victory gave the Sooners an 11-0 record and extended the nation's longest winning streak to 20 games.
 Nebraska, 9-1, will play in the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 1 against Florida State.
 Rodney Peete threw a pair of fourth-quarter touchdown passes as underdog Southern Cal rallied to beat crosstown rival UCLA 17-13 and earn the Rose Bowl berth against Big 10 champion Michigan State.
 Both the Trojans, 8-3, and the fifth-ranked Bruins finished with 7-1 Pacific-10 Conference records, but Southern Cal earned the Rose Bowl bid by virtue of its win over UCLA.
 UCLA will play in the Aloha Bowl in Honolulu against Florida, 5-4.
 The Sugar Bowl confirmed an open secret on Saturday and picked sixth-ranked Syracuse to meet the

Southeastern Conference champion in the New Year's Day classic.
 Syracuse was undefeated after defeating West Virginia in its final game of the season.
 The host team will not be decided for another week. Auburn, 8-1-1 and ranked No. 10, meets No. 17 Alabama, 7-3, on Nov. 28 in the game that will decide the SEC title. Auburn, with a conference tie, leads Alabama and No. 9 Louisiana State University, each of which has a conference loss.
 Syracuse met LSU in the Sugar Bowl in 1965, bowing 13-10 after holding a 10-0 lead.
 Notre Dame accepted an invitation to play in the Cotton Bowl New Year's Day against the winner of the Texas-Texas A&M Southwest Conference game on Thanksgiving.
 The seventh ranked Irish suffered their second defeat of the season Saturday against Penn State, 21-20, and dropped to 8-2.
 Defending national champion Penn State accepted an invitation to the Citrus Bowl in Orlando, Fla., where the Nittany Lions will meet Clemson New Year's Day.
 This will be the 19th bowl appearance for Penn State since Joe Paterno became head coach in 1966. The Lions are 12-5-1.
 Scott Secules passed for 269 yards and two touchdowns as Virginia withstood a strong North Carolina

State rally for a 34-31 Atlantic Coast Conference victory, ensuring the Cavaliers a berth in the All-American Bowl against Brigham Young.
 Indiana's Hoosiers, ending the regular season with an emotional 35-14 victory over Purdue, regained possession of the Old Oaken Bucket and celebrated with an invitation to the Jan. 2 Peach Bowl against Tennessee.
 Matt Frantz kicked a 26-yard field goal with 5:18 remaining, lifting Ohio State to a 23-20 Big Ten Conference victory over Michigan that sent fired Coach Earle Bruce out a winner.
 Michigan, which could have clinched a tie for second in the Big Ten with a win, finished 7-4, 5-3 in the conference. The Wolverines were expected to accept a bid to the Hall of Fame Bowl on Jan. 2 at Tampa, Fla. against the SEC runner-up.
 Craig Burnett passed for 261 yards and Gerald Abraham rushed for 145 as Wyoming clinched the Western Athletic Conference title and a Holiday Bowl bid by defeating Texas-El Paso 37-13. The Cowboys will play Iowa.
 The 13th ranked Oklahoma State Cowboys formally accepted a bid to play in the Sun Bowl in El Paso, Texas, on Christmas Day. Although it had not been confirmed, Minnesota was also expected to play in the Sun.

Men's swimming team places 3rd at meet

MIDLAND — The Texas A&M men's swim team finished a disappointing third this weekend at the Midland Invitational Swim Meet.
 SMU, which totaled 200.5 team points, placed first in the meet, followed by The University of Texas' 182 points and the Aggies' 92.5.

TCU finished fourth with 74 points. Men's Coach Mel Nash was obviously unhappy with the Aggies' performance.
 "We were tired, we looked tired and we swam tired," Nash said. "Mike Barozza in the 50 butterfly did well."

Barozza, who placed second in the 50 meter butterfly with a time of 23.53, was the only A&M men's swimmer to place third or higher in any event.
 The men's team's next competition will be the Pittsburgh Invitational Dec. 4 and 5.

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