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# SPORTS

Tuesday, March 28, 1989

# A&M remains atop baseball poll

Texas drops to seventh while Arkansas moves up four spots

By Jerry Bolz

ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

One week and three games later the Texas Aggie baseball team is still the number one team in the nation, according to the ESPN/Collegiate Baseball poll released Monday.

#### ESPN/Collegiate Baseball **Baseball Poll**

Team	Record
1.Texas A&M	29-1
2.LSU	26-3
3.Wichita St.	24-2
4.Miami	23-7
5.Miss. St.	16-4
6.Arizona St.	25-9
7.Texas	30-8
8.Okla. St.	20-4
9.Long Beach St.	27-4
10.Arizona	24-11
11.Clemson	18-3
12.Southern Cal	26-10
13.Arkansas	23-4
14.California	23-8
15.San Jose St.	26-4
16.Fresno St.	20-10
17.Florida	23-9
18.Florida St.	23-9
19.Houston	29-5
20.AlaBirmingham	15-6
21.UNLV	24-7
22.South Florida	24-8
23.Fullerton St.	18-9
24.Michigan	12-4
25 Couth Carolina	15-7

The Aggies (29-1, 3-0 in Southwest Conference) scored 53 runs in a

(18-11, 0-3 in SWC) in Lubbock, winning 27-2, 15-1 and 11-4 to keep its No. 1 rank for the fifth straight

Lousiana State (26-3), No. 2 again this week, was the only other team in the top 10 to make it through the week undefeated, going 4-0 to give them a 26-3 mark. Wichita State (24-2) went 6-1 to keep its No. 3 ranking. The rest of the top 10 was

jumbled from last week's standings. Miami won three of four games to oust Texas from the No. 4 spot in the poll, sending Texas, 3-2 for the week, to seventh.

Mississippi State (16-4) made the biggest top-ten jump of the week going 5-1 to move from No. 9 to No.

Arizona State (25-9) climbed one spot to claim No. 6 while Oklahoma State (20-4) and Cal State-Long Beach (27-4) both moved up two spots to take No. 8 and No. 9, respectively. Arizona (24-11) dropped from sixth to tenth with a 2-3 record for the week to finish out the top ten

Only California (23-8), also 2-3 the past week, dropped out of the top 10, falling from last week's No. 8 spot to No. 14

With the exception of Baylor and Rice, this weekend was the first of league action for SWC teams.

A&M was not the only Southwest weekend series against Texas Tech Conference team to carry an unde-

A&M third baseman John Byington reaches for a grounder during a recent practice at Olsen Field. A&M continues to lead the national baseball polls.

feated league mark out of the weekend. Arkansas (23-4, 3-0 in SWC) moved four spots in the ESPN matched A&M's 3-0 mark by tripThe Razorbacks were 7-0 overall ping up Houston (29-5, 0-3 in SWC) the past week to jump from No in Favetteville.

swept Rice (18-15, 1-5 in SWC) in 19 the conference's opening series

The Aggies are in action again

March 17-18, lost two of three to night in a doubleheader against It. the conference's opening series Texas this weekend. The Longhorns las Baptist beginning at 5:30 at 0 now have a 2-1 mark in conference

Arkansas and Houston H Baylor (26-6, 4-2 in SWC), who the week to drop from No. 15 to

> sen Field. The games mark 25 cent Hot Dog Night at Olsen.

## Hearing begins in Carter eligibility case

AUSTIN (AP) — A state district judge finished hearing arguments Monday in a case between Texas education officials and the Dallas public school district over a Carter High School football player's grade and ineligibilty ruling.

The outcome could affect educa-

tion policies statewide.

"The main issue in this case is not football," Royce West, an attorney representing the student told state District Judge Paul Davis. "It's local control over state control" of school districts and grading policies.

'The (state education) commissioner should not impose his will on local school districts and on elected officials," West said.

Attorneys for the Dallas Independent School District sued the Texas Education Agency, saying Commissioner William Kirby had no authority to interfere with local grading.

The TEA and the University Interscholastic League argued that Kirby has authority to decide grade disputes and that the lengthy admin-istrative process normally used could not apply to the Carter case because of time contraints.

Davis gave both sides a week to submit other courts' rulings support-ing their positions. Neither side of-fered new evidence or testimony and DISD asked Davis to refer to evidence it submitted during a Decem-

The controversy started in November before the state football playoffs, when an anonymous tipster urged the TEA to examine the grades of Carter senior running back Gary Edwards. It was then discovered that Ed-

wards received a failing grade in algebra for the first six weeks of the fall 1988 semester, which under the state's no-pass no play rules made him ineligible to play football. School district officials said the

teacher had erred in grading and that Edwards was eligible. But Kirby ruled in a December hearing that Edwards failed the course.

As a result, Carter was disqualified from the playoffs for allowing Ed-

wards to play in three games while he was ineligible. The school distri-obtained a temporary injunction from Davis, which allowed the text to compete and eventually win in state's Class 5 A championship. If Davis rules in favor of the TEA

Carter's title would be invalidate but it would not affect college sch arships the team's graduated played have been promised, said believes, DISD attorney. "I don't think the comm

trying to hurt the district," His said. "I think what we have here is attempt by (Kirby) ... to further of fine the scope and extent of fine power and he really ought to have right to know that."

## Excuses don't cut it for losers in sports

Some people explain a lot of things that happen in sports as superstition, luck or some other illogical reason. There are others that have a simple explanation for everything. Who's

Are sports victories, defeats, injuries, streaks and all other such things bound by hexes, jinxes, curses or chance? Or are all occurrences able to be explained rationally and simply?

To be honest, I'm not sure. But it's an interesting question.

For instance, the Texas A&M baseball team won 26-straight games before losing to Oklahoma State.

To most onlookers, the loss came either

A) OSU has a jinx on the Aggies. B) A&M can't win the "big one

C) the streak had to end sometime D) A&M left too many men on base because of

poor hitting with runners in scoring position which was caused by playing until after midnight

When something bad happens, people are more likely to blame the incident on some hidden thing in their life. Like when Joe Theismann's leg was broken in a game several years ago. How many people thought: "Well, Joe's sins finally caught up with him.'

Others would say that Theismann never did a thing in his life to deserve a break like that. But actually, except for grace, we all deserve breaks like that. That still doesn't answer my question.



Jerry Bolz **Assistant Sports Editor** 

But it does bring in the fact that many people see occurrences in sports as divine incidents.

Think about the last time you were playing a

pick-up game of basketball. I was playing the other day with some friends. There was a question as to whether a foul was

committed, or who the ball was out of bounds on something like that, it doesn't really matter. Of course, to get the game rolling again, a

decision had to be made as to who got possession You know how it's determined if we made the right call? If the team who got possession makes a basket on the ensuing play, the right call was made. If the team doesn't score, the other team knows they should have gotten the ball. It's happened to you, hasn't it? You kind of

joked about the simplicity of the officiating method, but you really believed the correct verdict was reached.

referee for a pickup game. And even if you have refs, you have to get instant replay officiating to

It's amazing how far we will go to make sure Whether it be placing electric eyes on the

boundaries of tennis courts to back up the line judges and umpires or videotaping a marathon to make sure nobody joins the race midway through, we are obsessed with keeping fairness in the sports world.

After all, it's great to know the true outcome

an event - without any disagreement. How we despise a victory won by a team who obviously cheated the whole game and never got caugh Like the old Oakland Raiders. They were th dirtiest team around, and they always won-b

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the dismay of opponents and their fans. What is it? Do these dirty, unfair teams and athletes have all the luck? Do they have a hex on the "good guys?" Or is it that the evildoers are

getting away with something now, but they'll "g In the life of every athlete and fan, they will encounter events that make it look like the trull

prevails while others will make them think there is no justice in sports.

But face it. Everyone will get "done wrong" i

their lives. But it's the athlete, team or onlooker that doesn't make an issue of wrongs done to them — or the grace given to others — that is deserving of respect.

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