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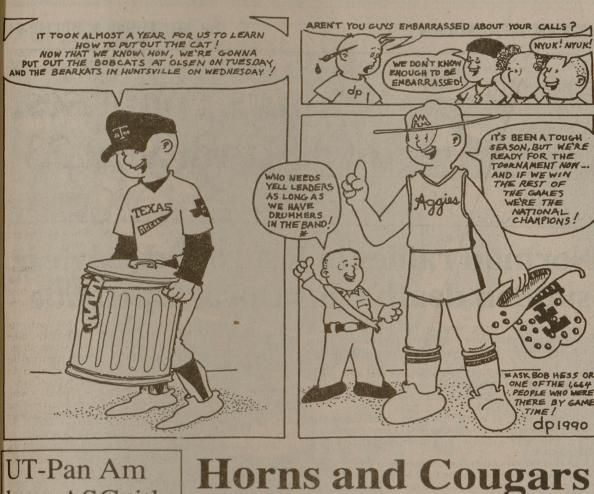
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UT-Pan Am loses ASC title to UNO, 45-44 JONESBORO, Ark. (AP) -

University of New Orleans coach Tim Floyd wasn't happy with his team's 34.8 percent field-goal shooting Sunday night.

But it was enough to gain the American South Conference tournament championship for the Privateers (19-10), who who topped Texas-Pan American 48 44 to take the crown. UTPA (21-9) shot just 28.9 percent. "We feel very fortunate to get out of this thing alive," Floyd said. "Pan Am's defense was the per Proceed in four veges. And

best I've seen in four years. And our defense wasn't bad either — the best we've played all year." It was a pair of three-point plays in the final 29 seconds —

one by Willie Richardson and the other' by Tank Collins — that gave UNO the win. UTPA had led by one, 41-40,

before Richardson put in a re-bound shot and was fouled. He sank the ensuing free throw with 29 seconds left for a 43-41 UNO

Then when the Bronce' Gabriel Valdez missed a 14-fonter with 15 seconds left, Collins was fed a ong pass that led to a dunk and w-up free throw with 11 seconds showing

The resulting five-point edge, 46-41, was enough to give UNO the win. UTPA has suffered its only three losses in their last 15 games at the hands of regulareason ASC co-champion New Orleans.

"It just came down to posses-sions, plus, at the end, Willie Richardson's offensive board," said Floyd

Tony Harris, the ASC's Player of the Year who was also named the tourney Most Valuable Player, led the Privateers with 21 meet in SWC finale

ton Cougars fight for the silver medal on Monday night. With the Arkansas Razorbacks al-

ready in possession of the Southwest Conference's regular season basket-ball championship trophy, all that's left is second place.

The winner of the clash between the Longhorns and Cougars at Hofheinz Pavillion in Houston earns the second seed and will play the Rice Owls on Friday in the first



round of the SWC Post-Season Basketball Classic at Reunion Arena in Dallas at 3 p.m.

The loser takes third place in the SWC standings and will play Texas A&M University at noon in the tournament which gives the winner an automatic berth into the NCAA playoffs.

Both Texas and Houston own 12-3 records in league action and are hoping for NCAA playoff spots. Texas did itself some good in that regard on Saturday by defeating De-Paul 89-79 on national television. It gave Texas and coach Tom

Penders a second consecutive 20-victory season. Arkansas.

which defeated Ri

The Texas Longhorns and Hous- coach of the Razorbacks, who finished the regular season 12-2 in SWC play and 23-4 overall.

Texas Christian and Baylor play in the late game of the SWC Tourna-ment next Friday about 9:30 p.m. TCU lost to Mississippi State 64-60 in non-conference action at Stark-ville Mer ville, Miss.

"I guess we'll need two bolts from God to beat Arkansas," said SMU coach John Shumate whose Ponies have been pounded twice by the Ra-zorbacks this year. "Nobody will give us a chance.'

Nobody gave SMU any hopes against Baylor in Waco on Saturday, either.

The Bears had beaten Arkansas in Ferrell Center two weeks ago but it was the Mustangs who surprised.

John Colborne hit 12 of 13 free throw attempts and 9 of 13 from the field for a career high 30 points in a 76-64 victory over the Bears. Colborne said "after struggling all

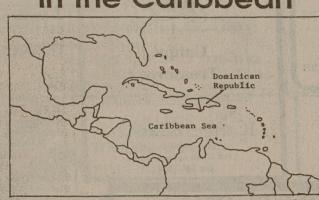
season, winning three out of the last four games shows how much we have grown. Our attitude is positive going against the Razorbacks." SMU coach John Shumate said the game is something the Mustangs

can build on.

"We made a statement for SMU basketball in the future," Shumate said . "After what they (the Bears) did against Arkansas here by upsetting the Razorbacks, for us to come in and do this is tremendous. If one million people were giving odds not one of them would have given us a chance

After Arkansas downed Rice, the Razorbacks fans were chanting "three-peat, three-peat" meaning they want to win another title next year

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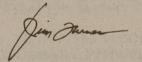
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points. Richardson added 10 points and Collins 9 in a game characterized by tight defense and poor shooting by both clubs.

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104-80 to close its championship season on a successful note, meets Southern Methodist at 7 p.m. on Friday. Arkansas coach Nolan Richardson notched his 100th victory as a on the road to Baylor and TCU.

"That's all right with me," Rich-ardson said. "I'd like to win three, four, five, and so on. It's a good feel-

ing." Arkansas' only SWC losses were



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