# Jenkins praises Cougar defense

HOUSTON (AP) — University of Houston coach John Jenkins makes certain the No. 6 ranked Cougars' glittering run-and-shoot offense doesn't out-shine the defense.

In the same breath that he praised David Klingler's seven-touchdown, 457-yard performance in Saturday's 62-28 victory over Arkansas, Jenkins carefully noted the defense's part in beating the Razorbacks for the first time in eight years.

"I'm so excited to see our defense rally and contain Arkansas," Jenkins said. "We got the big interception and then they came back and took the lead. It shows the character of this team that we came back and dominated Arkansas."

Klingler tied the school and SWC record of seven touchdown passes set last season by his predecessor, Heisman Trophy winner Andre Ware. The Cougars had 613 total yards and extended the nation's longest winning streak to 11 games.

But it was the defense that shut down the Razorbacks when the fought back with 14 third-quarter points.

"When they got the score to 45-28, they thought they could score at will on us," said cornerback Jerry Parks, whose 26-yard interception return on the third play of the game, provided Houston's first score.

"But we stopped them. Before, they were still confident but after that they just wanted to get the game over and get out of there."

It was a happy day for the Cougar seniors, who beat the Razorbacks (2-5) for the first time in their careers.

"This was our last chance to beat them," linebacker Reggie Burnette said. "No one in this locker room had ever beaten Arkansas before. There could be nothing greater for the seniors on this club."

# Reds' championship ring not taken likely by Texas product

PARIS, Texas (AP) — Just four years after pitching the Prairiland Patriots to a high school baseball championship in Texas, Scott Scudder, 22, has reached baseball's pinnacle.

As a member of the Cincinnati Reds, Scudder will receive what all baseball players at any level can only dream of: a World Championship ring.

With all of this in a relatively short time, what else is left? More of the same, he hopes.

"Winning never gets old. I love the feeling every year," Scudder said. "Next year, if we don't make the playoffs, and I'm sitting at home watching whoever, it's going to get to me a bit."

Scudder is almost a bit embarrassed about being a world champion when so many superstars, like a Nolan Ryan or Ernie Banks, have never even been to a World Series.

"It seems selfish and unfair that some of those guys haven't made it or won't make it," said Scudder. "That's what makes it unique."

Cincinnati pulled off what many feel is one of the most stunning sweeps in World Series history: wiping out the heavily favored Oakland Athletics.

Oakland, with its collection of superstars, won a major league high of 103 games. Cincinnati won 91 games and led the National League West from the first game of the season.

But the Reds played below .500 ball from the All-Star Break until the end and had to work to advance past Pittsburgh in the National League Championship Series.

By sweeping the A's, the Reds became only the second team to have lost at least 12 more games than a World Series rival and go on to sweep. The New York Giants did the honors in 1954 over the Cleveland Indians.

"It's a cliche, but we just peaked at the right time. They are a great team, but I think man for man we have them matched or are better. They had a lot of experience in the playoffs and we didn't," Scudder said.

"But we were just better at that time of year," he said. "They were talking about dynasties, and we were just talking about winning and making a good showing."

# Tech trying to ready self for upcoming showdown with Longhorns in Lubbock

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech is still trying to find its way out of the wreckage wrought by the Hurricanes of Miami.

The Red Raiders gave up 563 yards to Miami's typhoon-like offense and the Hurricanes' swarming defense mugged Tech quarterbacks for 10 sacks en route to a 45-10 blowout.

"The thing we can't do is give up the ship," Tech coach Spike Dykes said Monday. "Miami might have made us tread a little water, but it's still afloat."

And Dykes says if there's one thing that could bring Tech's Titanic to the surface, it's a victory this week over the dreaded 14th-ranked Texas Longhorns.

"This is a traditional rivalry for us," Dykes said. "It's a big game and has been for a long time. A win over Texas would go a long way in soothing some of this season's pain."

Tech (2-6 overall, 1-4 in the Southwest Conference) has beaten Texas (5-1,3-0) three of the last four times they met, including the last two.

Last year, Texas Tech turned a third-and-26 late in the fourth quarter into a 65-yard touchdown pass from Jamie Gill to Anthony Manyweather to give Tech a 24-17 victory in Austin.

The Longhorns, who were 4-2 heading into last year's game, snapped after the defeat, losing four of their last five games.

This year, the Longhorns have an inside track to the Cotton Bowl.

"The road to the Cotton bowl goes through Lubbock and they have to win here if they want to get there," Dykes said. "It's a very important game for them."

Texas will be the fifth Top 25 team to tangle with the Red Raiders this year.

"Our team believes they can win this game," Dykes said. "They are not going around beating their chest, but there is a sense of opportunity there. I don't think we are in the tank, just destitute and calling it quits."

Dykes said Tech will have to play a perfect game to beat the Longhorns, who have beaten Arkansas, Rice and Southern Methodist in conference play.

"When you lose a couple of games in a row, if you're not careful you lose a little sparkle in your eyes and that's the thing we can't afford," Dykes said. "If we don't play well, we won't have a chance. It will be just like last week because Texas has great players."

Dykes said Tech's defense will have to slow down an array of running backs, including Phil Brown and freshman Butch Hadnot, who verbally committed to play for Tech last year, but then enrolled at Texas.

The Longhorns' defense, which ranks first in the SWC, giving up an average of 290 yards, is a grave concern, Dykes said.

"They have got mobility, agility and they have got hostility," Dykes said. "They have got all the 'ilities' you can come up with and they do a darn good job of using them."

Dykes said his team escaped injury against Miami and should be at 100 percent this week.

Kickoff is at 12:06 p.m. CDT, televised regionally by Raycom Sports. A sellout crowd of around 50,000 is expected.

## *McWilliams getting nervous*

AUSTIN (AP) — Coach David McWilliams of No. 14-ranked Texas said Monday he's nervous, but not scared, about playing this weekend at Texas Tech, the team that started the Longhorns' downfall last year.

Texas, which has not beaten Tech since 1987, was 4-2 last season when the Red Raiders scored on a 65-yard touchdown pass on third-and-26 to upset the Longhorns, 24-17, at Austin.

The Longhorns finished 5-6 for its second consecutive losing season, the first time that had happened in half a century.

This year, Texas is 3-0 in the Southwest Conference, 5-1 overall. Tech is 1-4 in the conference, 2-6 for the season.

"As far being nervous, sure every week you're nervous, you're always nervous about playing the game. But I'm not scared of getting ready to play this game or any other we've got this year," McWilliams told his weekly news conference.

Tech has lost its last two games, to Rice and Miami. McWilliams said "the big thing" going against Tech has been injuries to starters such as quarterback Jamie Gill, receivers Lloyd Hill and Rodney Blackshear.

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