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SMU surprises Coogs, Hogs first to win 20 as SWC play heats up for stretch drive

DALLAS (AP) — If Southern Methodist coach John Shumate is looking for respect, he's made a believer out of Houston Cougars coach Pat Foster.

"SMU just lined up and whipped us," Foster said after the Mustangs won for the sixth time in seven games, upsetting Houston 81-75 Saturday night.

"They played extremely hard and deserved to win. If they aren't a good basketball team, then I must be missing something. They ran their offense well and screened us all over the floor."

In other Southwest Conference games Saturday, Arkansas became the first Division I team to post 20 victories this season by holding off Baylor 73-68;

Texas whipped Texas Christian 90-49 in Austin; and Rice handled visiting Texas A&M 98-76.

Texas Tech ended a five-game



losing skid by beating Southern Illinois-Edwardsville 94-66.

Southern Methodist improved to 9-9 overall and 4-3 in league play, thanks to substitute center Greg Kinzer, who scored 7 points during a pivotal 17-6 second-half run. Tim Mason led the Mustangs with 21 points.

Becker smashes Lendl, leaves stadium to celebrate

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — In their moments of triumph, champions sometimes cry or shout or hug their loved ones. Boris Becker ran away.

Introspective, sensitive, an artist in his own way, Becker fled the stadium and crowd and a defeated Ivan Lendl seconds after the final shot at the Australian Open on Sunday to be alone with his thoughts.

This was not just another victory and paycheck for Becker, even if his 1-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 win gave him a fifth Grand Slam title and \$250,000.

This was about becoming No. 1 in the world rankings, displacing Stefan Edberg, achieving at age 23 the most important goal of his seven-year career, and perhaps moving on with his life away from tennis.

He jogged through a tunnel in the stadium, past bewildered officials, to the grassy park outside, pumping his arms in the air and exulting

among the Chinese elm trees under a canopy of fluffy white clouds.

"He was on top of the world. He was ecstatic," said Glen Sharam, head groundsman at the National Tennis Center, who was told by the tournament referee to follow that redhead.

"Keep away," Becker shouted, and Sharam, a professional sprinter when not tending the center, stayed a respectful 70 yards behind.

Becker loped up the jogging path on Batman Avenue, then picked up speed, running hard, clearing out his lungs and his mind. He ran back just as hard before slowing down in the park on the way back into the stadium.

A half-dozen people in the park watched him go by and applauded him, then he disappeared again into the tunnel.

"I just couldn't sit down and relax, I had to move," Becker said. "There was so much going

"There's no question that Houston is a national basketball team," Shumate said. "Anytime that you beat a national team, it gives you some credibility."

The Cougars (12-6, 4-3) hit only one of 12 shots during the fateful run that saw SMU turn a 47-46 deficit to a 63-53 lead with eight minutes left.

Byron Smith led the Cougars with 20 points. Alvaro Teheran scored 17 points, but only two in the last 15 minutes while Kinzer and Bobby Holkan were guarding him. Kinzer finished with 13 points.

The Mustangs were down 11-2 and 36-27 in the first half, but freshman Chad Allen's pair of 3-pointers tied the game at 37 at halftime.

Baylor (9-7, 2-5) scared Arkansas with flashbacks of last year's upset.

The Bears put together a 15-6 run, ending on David Wesley's 3-pointer, to close to withing 68-66

with 34 seconds left. But Arkansas hit 5 of 6 foul shots to preserve the victory.

Oliver Miller led Arkansas (20-1, 8-0) with 22 points.

"We will be a better team for having to overcome the adversity we had to overcome tonight," Razorbacks coach Nolan Richardson said.

Arlyn Bowers and Lee Mayberry scored 11 points each for Arkansas. Todd Day, the SWC's leading scorer, was held to a career-low five points.

"I didn't expect it to be this tough," Mayberry said. "I thought we would win by 10 or 12 points. We didn't play like the No. 2 would in the nation. We were having flashbacks to last year — that was in the back of our minds."

A year ago, Arkansas was ranked third in the nation when it came to Baylor, and the Bears pulled off an 82-77 upset.

Seles sharpens game in second Grand Slam victory

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Monica Seles has Grand Slam title No. 2. What she's aiming for is No. 1.

Demonstrating one of the characteristics of a true champion, Seles adapted her game to the needs of the moment Saturday to beat Jana Novotna for the Australian Open women's title.

The 5-7, 6-3, 6-1 victory on a baking center court at the National Tennis Center gave Seles her second Grand Slam championship, to go with the French Open crown she'll defend on the clay courts of Paris in May.

"It's great to win a second Grand Slam and not be labeled a clay-court player," Seles said.

Seles is just 38 points adrift of Steffi Graf at the top of the women's rankings. Graf has been there for a record 180 weeks. Seles could end



that reign this week, in the Pan Pacific Open in Tokyo, but a change is more likely in April or May.

If that's the case, there is one record for youthful success Seles won't break. The youngest French Open champion at 16 and the youngest Australian Open champion at 17, Seles would have to overtake Graf quickly to be the youngest No. 1. Tracy Austin holds that mark, at 17 years, 2 months, a milestone Seles will pass on Feb. 2.

Does all this matter to Seles, who was No. 86 just three years ago? Not one bit.

"To me, it's just another tournament. I won it and it's great," Seles said. "I can move on next week and play another tournament. To me, it's just win a tournament and play as perfectly as possible."

Novotna has reached her first Grand Slam singles final with a string of upsets — over eighth-

seeded Zina Garrison in the fourth round, Graf in the quarters and sixth-seeded Arabtxa Sanchez-Vicario in the semis.

The 10th-seeded Czechoslovakian started strongly and took Seles out of her game. The second-seeded left-hander, with the two-fisted groundstrokes and world-class grunts was unable to dictate the pace from the baseline. She made error after error and Novotna, a serve-and-volley wonder against Graf, simply laid back and waited for the mistakes.

After losing serve in the 11th game of the first set and watching Novotna hold on her second set point for 7-5, Seles got angry.

Seles argued several line calls and was agitated by Novotna taking her time between points.

Novotna tied it 3-3 but that was her last gasp.

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