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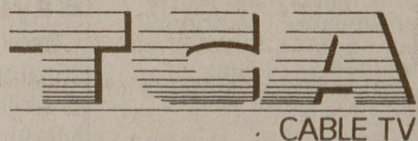
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Texas vs. Mississippi State

McWilliams, Sherrill stir up old rivalry

AUSTIN (AP) Texas coach David McWilliams on Monday downplayed his rivalry with former Texas A&M coach Jackie Sherrill, who now heads the revitalized Mississippi State team the No. 13 Longhorns will play Saturday.

"I think he's a great coach," McWilliams said Monday during his weekly news conference. "He has done a great job bringing teams back into national recognition. I have always gotten along with him very well."

Sherrill, who was forced to resign from Texas A&M three years ago amid allegations of NCAA rules infractions, was out of football before taking the job at Mississippi State. In his first game at the helm of Mississippi State, his Bulldogs

beat Cal State-Fullerton 47-3 Saturday.

McWilliams admits this week's match has more incentive since he has failed to beat Sherrill in three

Texas offensive coordinator Lynn Amadee, who worked under Sherrill at Texas A&M, said Sherrill has done a good job revitalizing the Mississippi State program.

"He's got 'em excited from the press box to the playing field," Amadee said. "He doesn't go at it like 'I'm Jackie Sherrill.' He told them he knows how to win, but he needs their help."

McWilliams said the Longhorns' season opener is a chance to show that last year's 10-2 record and Southwest Conference title

were no fluke. "We're ready to play," McWilliams said. "They've been watching games on television and they're tired of beating on each other. I expect us to go in with a lot more confidence."



Lewis closes historic meet in Tokyo by winning gold

U.S. men run 37.50 in 400-meter relay to win gold

TOKYO (AP) - Maybe Carl Lewis should've run in more events. It might have meant even more world records would've fallen at the 3rd World Track and Field Championships.

Lewis punctuated one of the most incredible meets of anyone's career by anchoring the United States 400-meter relay team which won the gold medal in a world record time of 37.50 seconds.

It was the third world record smashed at the Championships, and all involved Lewis.

"This was my last meet of the season," Lewis said on Sunday. "There is nothing I can do to top it."

Lewis broke the men's 100 meters on his own, winning in 9.86 seconds to shatter Leroy Burrell's time of 9.90. Five others finished under 10 seconds, including Burrell in 9.88. It was the first time Lewis had won an event by setting an individual world record.

In the sprint relay on Sunday, he took the baton from Dennis Mitchell and in a few strides had pulled away from the French team by three meters. The U.S. team, which also included Andre Cason and Burrell, clipped a substantial 17 off the mark set in Zurich on Aug. 15 by another American team featuring Mike Marsh instead of Cason.

Lewis also pushed Mike Powell to a mind-boggling 29 feet, 4 1/2 inches in the long jump, erasing the oldest world record in the books, the 29-21/2 jump by Bob Beamon at the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City. Lewis was second at 29-23/4 with the greatest series ever in the event, but not enough to win the gold medal.

With 10 gold medals, along with the three world records, the U.S. may have been the true winner at the Championships.

The Soviet Union led in total medals with 28, including nine golds, to 26 for the Americans and 17 for Germany, with five golds.

But the U.S. medal count could've been even better, if not for some baton fumbling for the two women's relays and a hamstring injury which stopped heptathlete Jackie Joyner-Kersey.

"We swept the 100, we won the 200 and we set the world record in the relay," Lewis said. "We re-established the dominance and focus that American sprinters have had in the past."

All indications are that the Americans will be tough to beat in the Barcelona Olympics next summer.

The championships also provided some old trends and some big surprises.

The Soviet Union managed to remain a strong contender despite the political turmoil at home, but Tokyo could very likely be the last appearance for a competitive and united Soviet team, as more and more of the country's republics seek independence.

Three Baltic republics - Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia - are expected to be given independent recognition this month by the International Olympic Committee. Others are expected to follow the trend before the 1992 Olympics.

A united German team was disappointing and, as many had predicted, merging two good teams produced more tensions and setbacks than successes.

At the 1987 World Championships in Rome, East Germany collected 31 medals, to 25 for the Soviet Union and 19 for the United States. West Germany had three. Putting the two teams together meant going from 34 medals to 17, a substantial dropoff.

Giants slip past 49ers

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) Matt Bahr, who beat the 49ers in the NFC title game last season, did it again Monday night with a 35-yard field goal with five seconds left for a 16-14 win in a matchup of the past two Super Bowl winners.

Bahr's kick, which capped a drive that started with 4:40 left at the Giants 22, ended the 49ers 19-game road winning streak and made a winner of Ray Handley in his coaching debut. He had taken over in May when Bill Parcells resigned.

It was the third straight defensive struggle between the rivals from the East and West coasts. The Giants have won two, despite scoring only one touchdown in the three games.

The 49ers had gone ahead 1:23 into the final period on a 5-yard rollout by Steve Young. The Giants then reached the 49ers 34, from where a 51-yard field goal fry by Bahr was just short.

The Giants took over again and Jeff Hostetler, who completed 17 of 31 passes for 228 yards and ran five times for 45 more in his first game since beating out Phil Simms as the starter, began to move the team.

The key plays were Hostetler's 14-yard connection to Stephen Baker, a 5-yard, third-down run by Otis Anderson and an 8-yard run on a pitchout on third-and-5 by Dave Meggett.

On third-and-10 from the 37, Hostetler connected with Mark Ingram, who put the Giants well within Bahr's range. They then ran the clock down before the winning kick.

Young completed 12 of 22 passes for 162 yards filling in for the injured Joe Montana.

Young also had a 73-yard first-quarter touchdown pass to Jerry Rice, but the Giants dominated most of the first three quarters. Hostetler scrambled and passed them to a 1-yard TD run by Anderson and 35- and 28-yard field goals by Bahr.

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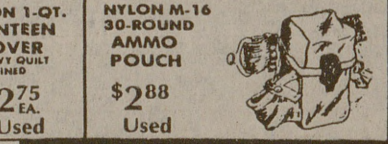
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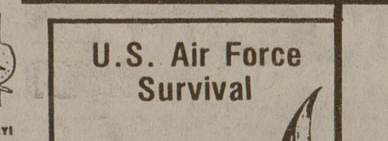
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NEW YORK (AP) - Rookies Ryan Bowen, Rob Mallicoat and Al Osuna combined on a six-hitter to lead the Astros to a 3-0 victory over the Mets on Monday.

Bowen (4-2) allowed five singles and four walks in 6 1-3 innings before Mallicoat came on to

stop a rally in the seventh. Osuna got his 10th save with two innings of one-hit relief.

Houston took a 1-0 lead off slumping Frank Viola (12-13) in the second when Andujar Cedeno scored on third baseman Howard Johnson's throwing error.



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