

Aggies drop out of Top 25

Loss to Tulsa hurts A&M's national ranking

From Staff and Wire Reports

Texas A&M slipped completely out of the Associated Press Top 25 poll Monday following the Aggies 35-34 loss to the Tulsa Golden Hurricane last Saturday.

A&M, 1-1, faces the University of Southwestern Louisiana this Saturday at Kyle Field at 6 p.m. The Aggies defeated the Ragin' Cajuns 63-14 last year.

A&M, previously ranked No. 15 in the nation by the poll, joined the University of Houston, ranked No. 21 last week, as two of the Southwest Conference's three teams to drop from the poll.

Baylor remains the only SWC team

SWC Standings

	Conf.	Overall
Arkansas	1 0	2 1
Baylor	0 0	3 0
TCU	0 0	3 0
Rice	0 0	2 0
A&M	0 0	1 1
Houston	0 0	1 2
Tech	0 0	1 2
Texas	0 0	0 2
SMU	0 1	0 2

in the AP Top 25. The Bears, 3-0, are ranked No. 12 in the country following their 47-21 victory over Missouri Saturday.

Houston, 0-2, continued its slide after a 51-10 scalding by Illinois and 40-10 pounding by the University of Miami on Sept. 12.

The Cougars will be idle this weekend and begin SWC play against Baylor on October 5. The Bears open conference play this Saturday against SMU.

The Aggies open their conference season Oct. 5 in Lubbock against Texas Tech.



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Texas A&M cornerback Kevin Smith breaks up pass during last year's 63-14 victory over Southwestern Louisiana. The Aggies, who

dropped out of the Associated Press Top 25 this week, play the Cajuns this Saturday at Kyle Field at 6 p.m.

As Smith goes, so go the Cowboys

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys have become Emmitt Smith's team.

If he does well, the Cowboys win. If he doesn't have a big game, they lose.

Even quarterback Troy Aikman admits: "Our success is based on Emmitt running the ball."

Smith, the NFL's 1990 rookie of the year, carried 23 times for 182 yards and scored touchdowns on runs of 60 and 12 yards in the Cowboys 17-9 victory over Phoenix Sunday night.

It was the third highest rushing total for a single game in Dallas history. Tony Dorsett had days of 183 and 206 yards during his career with the Cowboys.

Smith also had long runs of 13 and 37 yards and caught three passes for 19 yards as Dallas evened its record at 2-2.

It was the sixth time that Smith had rushed for more than 100 yards in his career and the Cowboys have won on five of those occasions. The only game they lost was 33-31 to Washington two weeks ago when Smith gained 112 yards.

"Give that little man just a crease and he's something special," said offensive tackle Nate Newton. "He can stop on a dime and give you nine and one-half cents change."

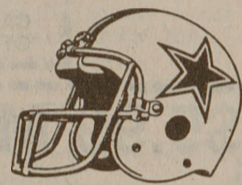
Phoenix safety Tim McDonald said tackling Smith looks easy until you try to wrap him up.

"He's not fast but he's quick and he's stronger than he looks," McDonald said.

Smith, who carried 32 times in the Cowboys opener against Cleveland, was in the hot tub at Valley Ranch on Monday soothing his nicks and bruises.

"I felt much worse after the Cleveland game," Smith said. "But I'll bounce back for next week. Twenty-three carries is more like it. It gets tough when you get over 30 carries."

Smith said he knew he would become



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Aggies must focus on positive aspects of Tulsa loss

Texas A&M has lost its unbeaten status for three days now, and the pill is still bitter to swallow. It's hard to think of the Aggies with a loss. It's as if there should be an asterisk beside it, because it was a fluke.

But it wasn't. Whether it was by one point or one hundred doesn't matter. Hello, loss column.

After the Aggies' 45-7 dismantling of Louisiana State University last weekend at Kyle Field, beating up on lowly Tulsa seemed inevitable. The experts in Vegas picked A&M by 18 points. But then again, they also picked the Longhorns over Auburn.

Still, the men in maroon looked solid until intermission. Granger's passing attack, which was a stark contrast from the option offense of Bucky Richardson, was right on the money. The play fake that scored a 61-yard touchdown in the first quarter was executed to textbook perfection.

Greg Hill was well on his way to 100 yards - again.

The defense looked a little sluggish in Tulsa's touchdown drive early in the second quarter, but with a 28-10 lead, there was no room for complaints.

In the second half, there was nothing

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