

## Around the SWC:



### Baylor rides 3-0 wave

WACO, Texas (AP) — Inching toward the Top 10 with a 3-0 record, the Baylor Bears aren't interested in talking national championship yet. They're just concentrating on Southern Methodist.

Baylor, ranked No. 12 in The Associated Press poll, thrashed Missouri 47-21 Saturday night and is looking to go 4-0 for the first time since 1980 when the Bears travel to Dallas to play SMU (0-2) on Saturday.

While three Southwest Conference teams have dropped out of the Top 25, the Bears are rising. "I was a little disappointed the way the rest of the conference looked this week," said sophomore quarterback J.J. Joe. "But here at Baylor, we just have to do all we can do and take care of our business."

"I can honestly tell you, I don't know where we're ranked," Baylor coach Grant Teaff said Monday.

Someone suggested No. 3. "Well, I do know it's not that high," Teaff said. "Our players are not talking national championship. We do have our goals."

"The rankings don't mean anything right now," said defensive tackle Santana Dotson. "It's nice, but I want to be No. 1 on Jan. 2."

Baylor, which is 9-2-1 in its last 12 games, faces a SMU team that leads the nation in pass defense just as Joe is coming off his best passing game.

Joe, who came into the season with the reputation as a running quarterback, drilled Missouri for 300 yards, and for the season has 623 yards passing.

"J.J. has one of the most accurate arms in the conference," said receiver Melvin Bonner, who hooked up with Joe for 149 yards on two catches. "He knows where the ball has to be. I think we have shocked some people."

SMU has not beaten Baylor since 1986, and in their last two meetings the Bears have outscored the run-and-shoot Mustangs 101-20.

"I think this is the best Baylor team I've ever seen," SMU coach Tom Rossley said.

The 1991 version of the Bears is drawing comparisons to the 1980 SWC champion team and the 1988 team that started 3-0.

"The teams we have beaten this year are better ones than we beat in 1988," Teaff said.

Baylor's 649 yards in total offense against Missouri was the second best in school history, and the Bears are averaging 483 yards a game.

### Monday night's game . . .

## Bears beat Jets in OT, 19-13

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Bears twice escaped almost certain defeat and improbably beat the New York Jets 19-13 Monday night on Jim Harbaugh's 1-yard touchdown dive with 18 seconds to go in overtime.

The game seemingly ended a play earlier and both teams had left the field. But replay official

Bill Fette ruled that Cap Boso had been stopped 6 inches from the goal line on a pass from Harbaugh that covered 22 yards.

Chicago, trailing 13-3 entering the final period, tied the game on Neal Anderson caught Harbaugh's 6-yard pass on fourth down as the clock expired.

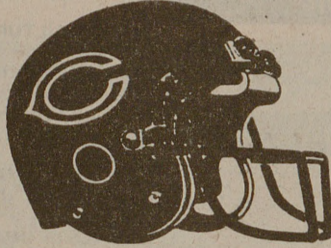
That touchdown was set up when Steve McMichael stripped

the ball from Blair Thomas as the Jets tried to run out the clock.

Then the Bears watched as Pat Leahy, one of the NFL's most consistent kickers for the past 15 years, missed a 28-yard field goal with 3:50 left in overtime after the Jets elected to kick on first down from the Bears' 11.

The usually reliable Leahy, the league's oldest player at 40, missed wide left. Harbaugh, who set career highs with a 28-for-42 performance for 285 yards, then drove the Bears 80 yards to win it and give Mike Ditka his

100th win as an NFL coach. The victory left Chicago as one of four unbeaten NFL teams, along with New Orleans, Washington and Buffalo, where the Bears will play next Sunday. The bitter loss left the Jets at 1-3.



### Smith key to Pokes' season

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the focus of the Dallas attack after coach Jimmy Johnson promised the team was going to "get back to basics."

"I knew I would get the ball a lot," Smith said. "I don't mind when the offensive line was blocking like it did against the Cardinals."

They were great. On the 60-yard run, there was an enormous hole up the middle."

The New York Giants come to Texas Stadium on Sunday and Smith could get some backup help from the injured reserve list.

Ricky Blake, the leading rusher

in the World League of American Football for the San Antonio Riders last spring, will be activated by the Cowboys. Blake was a training camp sensation before he wore down.

Smith's performance came after the Cowboys set a club record for offensive futility in a 24-0 loss to Philadelphia. Smith gained only 44 yards in that game.

"For this team to win, we need Emmitt Smith running the football," offensive coordinator Norv Turner said.

Smith did. So did the Cowboys.

## Whitley

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ing but room. Something happened at intermission that would make the final 30 minutes a comedy of errors.

It was all triggered by the first play. Jeff Granger flubbed up a pitchback to Greg Hill. Tulsa recovered at the A&M 10, and would eventually pick up a touchdown. Granger would not recover from that play.

Neither could the receivers. Granger's 13-for-28 passing is somewhat misleading when you consider there were more than five certain catches that the receivers just flat out dropped.

The defense turned into a sieve letting Tulsa's Chris Hughley run to his heart's content. He wound up with 231 yards, the biggest rushing total given up by the Aggies since they faced Eric Dickerson.

However, there was a ray of hope in the fourth quarter. A&M put together a good, solid, methodical drive capped by a 28-yard-pass from Granger to sophomore Tony Harrison. That put them back in the lead, 34-28.

After dodging the proverbial bullet several times, when Tulsa coughed up the ball three times deep in Aggie territory, it looked pretty good that A&M might pull it out after all.

Then came The Play.

By now, most A&M fans have seen the clip of Marlin Haynes and Patrick Bates running into each other as Tulsa's Chris Penn went down the sideline unscathed into the end zone to clinch the Hurricane upset.

It's impossible to determine what happened to cause such a huge turnaround to occur. Everything, on every side of the ball, fell apart.

Texas A&M looked like reinforced steel before halftime. When they came out, they looked like a wet paper bag.

The biggest excuse to come from Saturday is the lack of experience, which has some merit. Not only did an all-freshman offensive backfield play for much of the game, but it was its first game in hostile territory.

But what happens when these same Aggies go to Lubbock? Or Fort Worth? Or Waco?

It is still conceivable that Texas A&M is a Cotton Bowl contender. The Aggies have proven they have the talent to put them in the running.

But now they must go one step further. They must show that they have the tenacity to win when the chips are down - the trademark of a winner.

A&M must move on, and stop lying on Tulsa time.

### Horns beset with long list of injuries

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas coach David McWilliams read a football-long list of injuries Monday and said it would be difficult to say who will start at quarterback when the Longhorns play next, against Rice on Oct. 5.

Jimmy Saxton, relieved No. 1 quarterback Peter Gardere on Saturday night in Texas' loss to Auburn.

Saxton was among the injured as he was knocked out with just over 6 minutes to play. McWilliams said Saxton is having headaches and cloudy vision, but hopefully will return to practice by Thursday.

Offensive tackle Chuck Johnson injured his knee, and his sub, Alan Luther, went out with leg cramps Saturday.

Offensive guard Jeff Boyd was hit on the bone above the ankle and left the game, but McWilliams said he thought he would return by the Rice game, which opens the Southwest Conference for both teams.

Top running back Butch Hadnot sprained an ankle and also was taken out but is expected to be back by next week.

More tests are scheduled for kicker Jason Ziegler, who has been bothered by soreness in his kicking leg.

Linebacker Winfred Tubbs, who stretched a nerve in his neck during the preseason, is still sidelined.

Safety Willie Mack Garza has mild sprains in both ankles.

Anticipating a question about his quarterbacks, McWilliams told his weekly news conference:

"I think that Jimmy did some good things in the football game. I think he made some mistakes in the football game. I think Peter did some good things, and I think he made some mistakes."

A 17-yard scoring run by Saxton is Texas' only touchdown in losses to No. 13-ranked Auburn, 14-10, and No. 21 Mississippi State, 13-6.

"As far as the work right now, nothing changes from what we've been doing. We've always alternated those guys," McWilliams said. "Jimmy is not able to work out right now, and so for me to say who's going to start against Rice at this point, it's hard to say."

### Tech needs winning ingredients

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Texas Tech coach Spike Dykes knows there are some necessary ingredients for a player to succeed in football:

1. Defensive players should be possessed with the desire to rearrange the number of the quarterback with bone-crunching tackles. The ones that cause mothers to shudder when they hear their son wants to play football instead of golf.

2. Offensive players should never stop smelling the end zone, with running backs pushing for that extra yard and linemen knocking people out of the way to set up a dive over a goal-line pile for the game-winning touchdown.

Necessary to both descriptions is enthusiasm. And Dykes says that is what his Red Raiders (1-2) lacked in a 22-17 loss at Wyoming (2-2) last Saturday.

"We need more get-up-and-go," Dykes said Monday during his weekly press conference. "You can't play football unenthused. You can play chess and you don't need to be enthused. But you can't play football like that. You really have to play with emotion."

Dykes said he would take the blame for his team's inconsistent play against Wyoming. Tech mustered only 88 total offensive yards — 18 rushing yards on 11 carries — in the first half.

Tech's quarterbacks, Jamie Gill and Robert Hall, combined for only 11 completions on 34

passing attempts for 115 yards. They were sacked three times.

"That's my fault," Dykes said. "It's my job to get the team ready to play. You know, sometimes you leave it on the practice field. Sometimes you don't do enough on the practice field. I don't know what happened."

Despite the 1-2 start in non-conference competition, Dykes says the ultimate goal still lies ahead of Tech.

"Our record really is 0-0 starting the (Southwest Conference schedule)," Dykes said. "And our whole aim ... when we started this thing was to be a contender for the (SWC) championship. I still think we can do that."

The beaten path to the Cotton Bowl begins at home this week against Texas Christian (3-0) in both teams' conference opener.

"TCU does it all," Dykes said. "They have a prolific offense with great receivers. They score a lot of points. It's get-after-it-time for us. It's homecoming and we have to be ready to play."

Dykes praised TCU for its unblemished record despite the loss of star quarterback Leon Clay, who is out for the season with a fractured left leg.

"Most teams would take two or three steps backward with the loss of a great player like him," Dykes said. "But their (redshirt) freshman quarterback (Tim Schade) came in and did a good job in their ballgame last Saturday, (a 24-21 victory over Oklahoma State)."

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