SPORTS

Diamonds are the SWC's best friend in 1993

If there is a valid argument to be made for the preservation of the Southwest Conference, it is in the current USA Today Top 25 baseball

rankings. The SWC had five teams in the Top 25 entering Tuesgames. leaves only two con-

ference teams, Texas Tech and Texas Christian, on the outside looking in.
In the newest poll, 15-2 Texas

leapfrogged Louisiana State for the top spot in the nation, with 15-1 Texas A&M moving to third. A much-improved 17-2 Houston squad went to 15th, with 14-2 Rice hanging in at 19th and 16-3 Baylor sneaking in at the 25th position.

NORWOOD

Sports Editor

For anyone keeping count, SWC teams had a combined 100-14 record against non-conference opponents after last weekend. If that doesn't change before late May, the College World Series might have to be moved from Omaha to Austin. Sorry, College Station.

In some cases around the SWC, the hot start is not terribly surprising. Texas does not have a road game until April 6, giving new meaning to the term home field advantage. The Aggies have the most talented pitching staff in the conference, and the past two weeks have proven that their hitters are not far behind. Rice has one of the most underrated coaches in the South in Wayne Graham, and also has the

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Tech to provide seniors' swan song

Road ends for Brown, Decuir

By MICHAEL PLUMER

Another final chapter will be written in Texas A&M women's basketball history tonight as the Lady Aggies (15-9, 7-5) play host to the seventh-ranked Texas Tech Red Raiders (21-3, 11-1).

Senior forward Yolanda Brown and guard Karol Decuir will play their final home game at G. Rollie White Coliseum. For Brown, she said that she has confused emotions about the final tipoff.

"It is hard to say how things will go because I am not feeling any different about this game," Brown said. "Of course, that might change right before the game starts but only time will tell.

One place where she has had recent sensations is on the court. The past two games against Baylor and Southern Methodist, Brown has exploded onto the statistics sheet.

She poured in 24 points versus SMU while hauling down 18 rebounds in a 90-77 loss. Brown vented her frustrations from the Mustang loss against Baylor, scoring 26 points and grabbing 10 re-

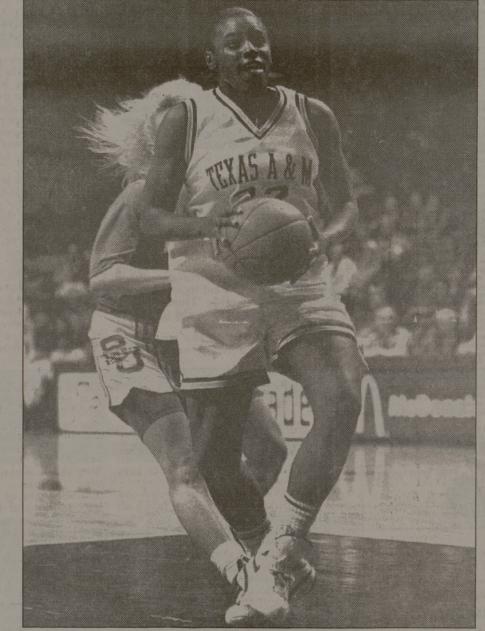
Brown said that the reason for her outburst has been due to a disease she has contracted in the past weeks - senioritis.

"I have concentrated a little more recently because my career is winding down," Brown said. "I don't worry about the details. Instead, I have realized that my playing time is coming to an end, so I need to take advantage of every opportunity I have."

A&M coach Lynn Hickey said that watching Brown's recent play has been very satisfactory for her.

"The last couple of games Yolanda has really fulfilled her potential," Hickey said. "In the Baylor and SMU games, she showed that she had the capability of performing at that level all the time. It

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A&M senior Yolanda Brown eyes the basket during Saturday's game against Baylor. Brown and fellow senior Karol Decuir make their last appearance at home tonight.

Split against Bobcats ends A&M's streak

By DAVID WINDER

Brian Parker's strong pitching kept the Aggies in the position to win, but for the first time this season the A&M offense could not come through at the crucial moment in the first game of the doubleheader against Southwest Texas Tuesday night at Olsen field. Bobcats pitcher Chris Potts worked himself out of numerous jams to secure the 1-0 victory and hand A&M their first loss of the season.

"We knew we were not going to go undefeated for the entire year," A&M coach Mark Johnson said. "But now we can use that loss as a motivating factor, because I know no one likes the taste of

Parker allowed seven hits while giving up one earned run, but it was all for naught as his teammates could only manage five hits against the Bobcat hurler.

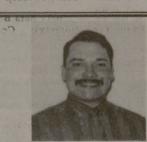
"He (Potts) pitched real good against us when we played them over their,"
Johnson said. "His split-finger was working really well tonight, and we just had a hard time getting our offense go-

ing."
Chris Clemons silenced the Southwest bats in the second game, and the offense came around capitalizing on 10 walks for

"In both games our pitchers were really hot - they kept us in the ball game," Johnson said. "In the second game we were just able to take advantage of the things that fell our way.

In the first inning shortstop Robert Harris scored the Aggies' first run of the night as he was advanced around the bases by Bobcat pitcher Dalton Dempsey's three straight walks. Clemons killed the only rally of the night for the Bobcats in the fourth inning after giving up one run by striking out short-stop Chris Poole with a runner on third. The Aggies came right back to the take the lead as Chad Alexander walked to

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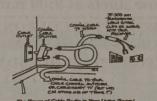


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