



coach Spike Dykes said Monday. Southwest Conference season Sat-

urday afternoon against Baylor (2-1) in Waco.

pulling out scrappy victories this season, including last week's game at Utah State. The Bears won 28-24 in the final 11 seconds. Baylor opened its season coming from behind to beat Fresno State 42-39 with 1:59 remaining.

'Success breeds success. I think

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elaborate playoff systems. A team with a losing record can actually get a shot at the playoffs in each league. Those teams are compensated for mediocrity.

There is valid reason for the playoff systems in other sports. An NFL team plays 16 games. An NBA team plays 82. And the NHL guys skate down the ice only 80 times.

The point is the best of the best are not usually separated until the playoffs in each league. But in baseball, a team plays 162 games. By the season's end, every team has usually had a chance to play their best ball and make a run at the lead.

Of course, the motivating factor for this new playoff format is money. It's the same reason that the league expanded the game count from 145 to 162. Dollar signs motivated the expansion of championship series from the best of five to the best of seven.

Profits stimulated the creation of expansion teams this season which diluted the talent pool,

playing outstanding games but al-lowing the late drive that costs them the game. A bad performance by quarterback Warren Moon is a new factor added to the equation. 'We still have too many things

that kill us off," coach Jack Pardee said. "We seem to get a good drive early and another one late and you can't win with inconsistency like that.'

Moon was pulled from the game for the first time in his career (other than injury) with the game on the line after throwing four interceptions, but Cody Carlson, his replacement, avoided talk

of a controversy. "There is no quarterback con-

troversy," Carlson said. "The fact is we are not playing good on of-

Texas Tech opens league play against Baylor

that really, really does help their confidence level," Dykes said. Texas Tech's own come-from-

behind rallies have started too late

to salvage losses to Nebraska and

There were some bright spots

The Associated Press

LUBBOCK, - The Texas Tech Red Raiders, who have skidded on a two-game losing streak, must stop letting the big plays get by,

Georgia. In Athens, Ga., last Saturday the Red Raiders languished be-hind 28-7 at halftime but edged Texas Tech (1-2) opens its within eight points in the fourth quarter. The Bulldogs prevailed,

52-37, for their first win of 1993. Dykes credited the Bears with for the Raiders, though. Senior quarterback Robert Hall had 34 completions to break Billy Joe Tol-liver's school record of 28. Senior split end Lloyd Hill caught 10 passes for 169 yards and two touchdowns despite the Bulldogs'

use of trick coverages.

causing good teams to turn sour.

For proof, check out the New York Mets.

Beginning in 1994, the league playoffs will have at least 16 more televised games. But, if every series goes seven games, there would be 28 more games to increase profits. There is a problem that is a lurking variable in

this new format. One division in each league will have four teams compared to five in the other divi-Those poor owners will have to add two more

expansion teams - surprise, surprise I bet if Babe Ruth was asked whether one of his

second place Yankee teams should go to the play offs, he might spit at the inquisitor.

Cal Ripken, Jr. would probably smirk and pretend no one was there if it was suggested that he should go to the playoffs this year if his team finished with the best second place record.

Baseball players thrive on one thing, to put out the maximum effort to win. Losing is nothing to be ashamed of, but a good athlete never wants to be rewarded for it. Leave it to the owners to spoil the sanctity of

the game.

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Carlson completed four of s passes for 43 yards and comple an apparent touchdown pass again Haywood Jeffires late in the gar that was called incomplete wh the official ruled Jeffires was ou of-bounds.

"This is no time to panic, Carlson said. "Who's to say w wouldn't have gone in and score if Warren had stayed in the game I'm glad they have confidence i me but it didn't change any thing.'

Moon, who disagreed wit Pardee's switch to Carlson, ha thrown six interceptions in three games, as the entire offense ha struggled in every game.

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The loss featured big plays th Dykes lamented Monday: Geo be the hour gia's Eric Zeier 80-yard touch 'No ste Bosn

down pass on the game's secon play, Chris McCranie returnin Tech's second punt 45 yards for score, and Jerry Jerman breakin away on a Tech kickoff for 7

yards.

"We shot ourselves in the foot," Dykes said. "We'd get fumble right off the bat, and pick it up, return it back to the 35-

40- yard line and we're offsides." The Texas Tech-Baylo matchup will feature the SWC new in thei peace plan leading offenses. The Red Raide are averaging 480.3 yards pe game, while the Bears have amassed a 440.3 yards per game average.

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The Associated Press

Oilers' run-and-shoot offense has

come to this. It can't outscore one

down and was stymied most of

the day by the Oilers defense. But

when it counted, the Chargers

drove down for John Carney's

Carney and the Chargers post-ed an 18-17 victory with three sec-

onds to play. That left the Oilers with a fa-

miliar task on Monday - trying to

figure out what happened on Sun-

shoot is misfiring. The defense is

Sound familiar? The run-and-

sixth field goal of the game.

San Diego didn't score a touch-

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