

BIG 12 CONFERENCE

Standings after October 28, 2000

NORTH Conference Record

Nebraska	4-1
Kansas St.	3-2
Iowa St.	3-2
Kansas	2-3
Colorado	2-3
Missouri	1-4

SOUTH

Oklahoma	4-0
Texas	4-1
Texas A&M	4-1
Texas Tech	2-3
Oklahoma St.	0-4
Baylor	0-5

Big 12 title unclear



The nation's undefeated teams have dwindled down to just three. But do not expect a repeat of last year's national championship game between the country's two untouchables with perfect records.

About the only team with a safe and comfortable finish is No. 9 TCU. Why can a school from the WAC do what some of the best teams in college football history cannot? Because it does not play anyone good.

The strength of schedule makes teams in power conferences, such as the Big 12, television-worthy each week.

On Saturday, the No. 3 Sooners overran the Huskers with their high-powered attack, marking the second time this season they have defeated a Top-Five

team with national championship hopes.

Both K-State and Nebraska will be squaring off in a couple of weeks, with the winner looking for revenge against the Sooners in the Big 12 Championship game.

But Oklahoma still has to win the South. No. 24 Texas A&M is probably the only team with a chance to keep them from doing just that.

A&M has already beaten two Top 15 offenses this season. Add to that the fact the Aggies are undefeated against Top 10 opponents at Kyle Field the last three years, and the Sooners' Nov. 11 trip to College Station looks to be a bit dicier than most Sooner fans would like.

The creation of power conferences has been the perfect evolution of college football. It creates intense rivalries and adds regular season excitement to the national title hunt.

There was no finer exam-

ple of a power conference than the Big 12 last week, when two undefeated teams met and changed the scope of the national title race.

As exciting as last weekend was, there is still a month left in the season.

As for the national title race, the only sure bet is that TCU will not be there.

No. 2 Virginia Tech, the only other undefeated team qualified for the Orange Bowl, will have to get through a Miami team that already has a victory over Florida State. Now the 'Canes are in good position to add the Hokies to their win column.

Meanwhile, one-loss teams like Florida and Florida State have yet to meet with a winner in good standing for a trip to the nearby Orange Bowl.

Why wait for the bowl games? Enjoy the bowl-worthy showdowns now.

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FILE PHOTO/THE BATTALION

The road to Miami now runs through Norman, Okla. The Oklahoma Sooners jumped to No. 1 in the BCS rankings Monday to take the driver's seat in the national title hunt.

Equine team takes 2nd, 4th at West Texas



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The Texas A&M Equestrian Team continued their season at West Texas A&M last weekend.

STAFF AND WIRE

The Texas A&M equestrian team rode to second and fourth place finishes in two Western shows held at West Texas A&M on Saturday.

West Texas A&M continued its dominance of the Western discipline at home, winning its fourth and fifth straight shows by defeating Kansas State 29-20 in the morning and Texas A&M and KSU 24-21 in the evening. National champion Oklahoma State was third in the morning show with 18 points, while the Aggies were fourth with 14.

"Several of our riders looked a lot better than they did a few weeks ago," said head coach

Tana Rawson. "I'm very pleased at the direction in which we're heading."

Though the Western team has had its struggles in finding the form that earned it fifth place at nationals last year, individually Quincy Cahill regained her magic touch in the reining class this weekend. The Madisonville junior won her reining class in both shows on Saturday, upping her yearly point total to 25. Cahill needs only one fourth-place finish to qualify for regionals and earn the right to defend her national championship.

The Aggies did walk out of Canyon with both high point rider trophies in their possession. Jaime Bodiford earned the award in the

morning show with a first-place finish in open horsemanship and a runner-up finish in reining, while Catrina Neslage swept both reining and open classes in the evening.

Aggies winning morning classes included Cahill, reining; Bodiford, open horsemanship; and Amber Ratliff, intermediate II.

Those bringing home first place ribbons in the evening show included Cahill, reining; Neslage, reining and open; and Angie Mahar, advanced I.

Texas A&M will close out the fall portion of its schedule on Dec. 2 and 3 when it plays host to two English and two Western shows at N.W. Dick Freeman Arena in College Station.

Sports in Brief

Skube, Hubbel take ITA Regional Doubles Title

Texas A&M's Cody Hubbell and Jarin Skube teamed Monday to win the doubles portion of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Regional at the Bayard Friedman Tennis Center on the Texas Christian campus in Fort Worth. The duo put together two wins over tandems from the University of Texas to win the title. In the semifinals, No. 10-seeded Hubbell and

Skube defeated Texas' No. 11-seeded Ron Klopert and Jean Simon, 6-3, 7-6. Then in the finals, the Aggie duo defeated Texas' No. 6-seeded Jorge Haro and Jose Zarhi, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Meanwhile, Skube's run in the singles bracket ended in the quarters when he was defeated by Baylor's Sean O'Connor in a protest, 9-7.

The event concludes the Aggies' fall state. They will return to action in January with an individual tournament at Rice University.

Thompson named Big 12 Defensive P.O.W.

Esther Thompson was named the Big 12 Women's Soccer Defensive Player of the Week Monday for leading the Aggies to wins over Texas and Texas Christian.

In the Texas game, Thompson played all 103 minutes of the overtime thriller and tallied seven saves in the 2-1 A&M victory.

Thompson did not allow a goal in the

match against TCU, running her shutout total to 5.5 on the season.

"Esther has really turned it up this month," said Texas A&M head coach G. Guerrieri. "She, and the rest of our defense, is peaking at the right time of the season."

With the win over Texas, the ninth-ranked Aggies will be the second seed in this week's Big 12 Tournament at the Blossom Athletic Complex in San Antonio. A&M opens tournament play with a match against Colorado. Kickoff is scheduled for 5 p.m.

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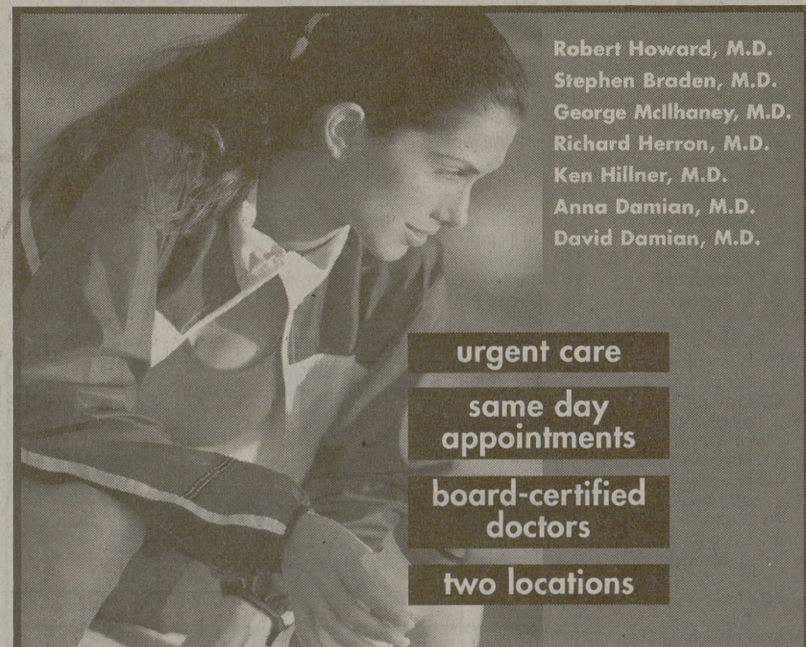
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