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Big 12 makes easy work of week on



As expected, top-five teams Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas all had dominating wins over their opponents last weekend.

The Oklahoma Sooners produced the biggest victory, pounding the Air Force Academy 44-3.

Sooners running back Quentin Griffin ran the ball 27 times for 202 yards against an overmatched Air Force defense. Griffin, OU's leading rusher last year, also ran for one touchdown Saturday. This

was the Sooners' 14th straight win.

After falling behind 7-0 to Troy State less than four minutes into its game, Nebraska scored two touchdowns in a span of a minute and a half and never let up, winning 42-14. Nebraska running back Dahrnan Diedrick, who was suspended from Nebraska's season opener last weekend, averaged 7 yards a carry en route to a 176-yard, three-touchdown performance, setting career highs in both yards and touchdowns.

University of Texas quarterback Chris Simms passed for two touchdowns and running backs Ivan Williams and Cedric Benson each scored one each during the Longhorns' 41-

7 thrashing of New Mexico State. Simms, a potential Heisman Trophy candidate, was 17-of-33 passing and led UT to a 34-7 lead in the fourth quarter before coach Senior Major Applewhite was given some playing time.

Flying high in Boulder

After dropping its season opener against Fresno State on Aug. 26, the University of Colorado surprised in-state rival Colorado State 41-14, to claim bragging rights in the Centennial State.

The Buffaloes scored two defensive touchdowns, something they failed to do in 2000. Colorado running backs Bobby Purify and Chris Brown both

ran for 191 and 121 respectively, the first time year a pair of running backs from the same team rushed for more than 100 in a game.

Doak Walker watch

The Big 12 has five running backs on the 2001 Doak Walker Award watch list. Colorado's Cortlen Johnson, Iowa State's Ennis Haywood, Kansas State's Josh Scobey, Oklahoma's Quentin Griffin and Texas Tech's Ricky Williams were preseason candidates for award that goes to the nation's top rusher.

Williams, with 2,897 yards, is the Big 12's leading rusher.

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of life about its importance. A reporter who asked to interview managers of a Beijing restaurant chain last month was told they were tied up in mandatory study sessions of Jiang thought.

Admitting the newly rich to the party seems like bowing to the inevitable. Thousands of party members already have gone into business on the side. Mercedes-driving entrepreneurs operate outside the once all-encompassing state economy. Farmers cruise the Internet while punk rockers perform in the Chinese capital.

But the party has resisted modernizing. It was not until 1999 that it amended the Chinese constitution to declare private business an "important component" of the economy, not just a "complement" to state industry.

In July, a Marxist journal, "Search for Truth," called his overture to capitalists a "bad tendency" that was creating a "new bourgeoisie" — deadly criticism in Marxist circles.

But Jiang has shown himself ready to override his critics. He issued his invitation to the capitalists without waiting for the party to finish discussing the change. As for the critical Marxist journal, he simply shut it down.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Dotel's streak ended as Reds defeat Ast

CINCINNATI (AP) — Calvin Pickering's pinch-hit RBI single in the ninth inning ended Octavio Dotel's nearly two-month streak of scoreless innings and rallied the Cincinnati Reds to a 3-2 victory Monday against the Houston Astros.

Dotel (6-5) pitched out of a bases-loaded threat in the seventh, but Reds ended his streak at 31 2-3 innings without allowing an earned run in an inning later.

Pokey Reese led off the eighth with a single, his third hit of the game, and took second when Dotel's pickoff throw glanced off Jeff Baker's leg, allowing him to reach first on an error on the first baseman.

Dotel then stopped in mid-delivery on a pitch to Jason Ligon, who was squaring to bunt, and home plate umpire Mark Carlson called a balk. Dotel claimed he stopped because someone called time, and the umpires reversed the balk call after a target of force, drawing a protest from the Reds.

Pickering made it a moot point with a single through the hole in all, stop that scored Reese from second for a 3-2 lead. It was his first home run off Dotel since July 7.

Scott Sullivan (5-1) pitched two perfect innings for his second win in two days, and Danny Graves got the last three outs for his 24th win in 30 chances.

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