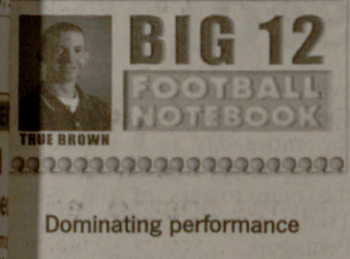


Sports

Big 12 finds success in third week



Dominating performance

It was a record-setting weekend for the Big 12 as the conference finished week three with a record of 11-1, the best one-week mark in conference history. The previous best happened in 1999, when the league had a 9-1 mark.

The two biggest wins of the weekend were courtesy of Nebraska, which easily put away

then-No. 17 Notre Dame, and Kansas State, which opened its season with a 10-6 victory on the road over the University of Southern California.

The fourth-ranked 'Huskers improved their record to 3-0. The matchup against USC was the first game of the season for K-State.

New blood

After seven of the Big 12's top eight place kickers finished their careers in 2000, the new class of kickers have taken the challenge of replacing the veterans in stride.

University of Texas freshman walk-on Dusty Mangum is the

most impressive of the group. Through two games, Mangum has converted five field goals and has been perfect on extra points. Mangum also made a 49-yard and a 51-yard field goal during UT's route of North Carolina.

Texas Tech sophomore Robert Treece, Nebraska freshman Sandro DeAngelis and Iowa State freshman Tony Yelk, all new starters, combined for a total of five field goals and 16 extra points in their inaugural games.

Streakin'

With its win Saturday, UT posted its 241st game without being shutout, the longest such streak in

the conference. The last time the Longhorns were blanked by an opponent was in 1980, when Baylor tallied a 16-0 win in Waco. UT has scored more than 40 points in its last nine home games.

The second longest streak in the league is 150 points and belongs to Colorado. The Buffaloes have scored a combined 92 points against Colorado State and San Jose State.

The 'Horns still have a long way to go to catch the current NCAA mark for consecutive games without being shutout. Brigham Young University has not been blanked since a Sept. 1975, against Arizona State, a span of 327 games.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

NASCAR welcomes Earnhardt's spirit

Dale Earnhardt Jr. smiles down from large Budweiser billboards, pretty women on either side of him. He walks the carpet at the MTV Video Music Awards and tells Playboy magazine about losing his virginity.

And, yes, that was Earnhardt making an obscene salute on national TV to his late father's teammate, Mike Skinner — caught by Dale Jr.'s on-board camera in the Southern 500.

It's hardly the image the old NASCAR might prefer, but even that might be changing because Earnhardt is a free spirit who now gets the loudest applause when drivers are introduced.

He also had to withstand talk that his victory at the Pepsi 400 at Daytona in July was a fix.

Through it all, Little E has flourished, becoming the most popular driver in NASCAR and a solid top-10 fixture. Heading into the New Hampshire 300 on Sunday, he's seventh in the chase for the Winston Cup championship — something his father won a record-tying seven times.

BASEBALL

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Bagwell agreed with the game cancellations. At least, for now.

"Here in Houston, when you see something like that happen, you don't feel a part of it because you're not there," Bagwell said.

"If I was a Yankee taking the field tonight or tomorrow night, I'd feel nervous not only for myself but all fans; that's a prime target. Those people (terrorists) have problems, taking out innocent people like that."

Astros reliever Billy Wagner also felt concern for fans.

"After seeing what went on, how can you not be concerned?" Wagner asked. "They targeted the Pentagon. If they aren't afraid of that, then they aren't scared to come after Enron Field."

"We are not rocket scientists. We're not doing anything for the greater good. We're just baseball players."

But there are people who come to these games that do make a difference."

Players have been languishing at their hotel since the attacks. Getting into Enron Field for a workout was a treat.

Astros manager Larry Dierker would like to see the game schedule resume as soon as possible.

"I can't image being held hostage by potential terrorism and doing away with football, basketball and everything that draws a crowd," Dierker said.

"Everybody has their own feelings how to react. I don't want to seem cold or uncaring but anytime I have a problem, I want to get beyond it and move on. How long is appropriate? I don't know the answer to that."

Baker isn't sure when the season should resume.

"You don't know until you get there and besides they didn't ask me," Baker said. "I'm just the foreman of the shop. One of 32 shops. If it's Friday, that's what we'll do."

NOTEBOOK

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Freshman first

Redshirt freshman running-back Keith Joseph hit the 100-yard mark for the first time in his career Thursday night against the Cowboys.

Joseph, who carried the ball 21 times for 106 yards, was the first A&M freshman to break the 100-yard barrier since Joe Weber did against Missouri in 1999.

Joseph has yet to find the endzone during his freshman season, but with sophomore Richard Whitaker moving to receiver, Joseph should have more chances next week against Oklahoma State.

4.0 & GO

The week of September 16-September 20

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Best Meat Pizza	1st place: Papa Johns 2nd place: Double Dave's
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Special thanks to those who competed as well as the Texas A&M students who served as tasters during the Great Pizza Taste-off. You helped to make Gig 'Em Week, AggieLand's Week of Welcome, a huge success. See you again next year!

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