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BIG 12 FOOTBALL WRAP-UP

Tech, K-State, Colorado all struggle in losses

N.C. State 49, Texas Tech 21

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — North Carolina State coach Chuck Amato is fond of saying statistics are for losers. They sure were on Saturday.

Greg Golden returned an interception 71 yards for a touchdown and Manny Lawson's blocked punt led to another score as the Wolfpack beat Texas Tech 49-21 despite allowing 681 yards.

B. J. Symons threw for a Texas Tech record 586 yards, which was also a record total against the Wolfpack. And the yardage surrendered was second all-time to Florida State's 745 piled on N.C. State in 1995.

"Fortunately for us we didn't give up any big plays and we came out of it with just a school record and not a loss," Golden said.

N.C. State: 2-2. Texas Tech: 2-1.

Marshall 27, No. 6 Kansas State 20

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Graham Gochneaur won a matchup of backup quarterbacks to give Marshall its first victory over a ranked major-college opponent.

"Nobody can ever take this away from me — the No. 6 team in the nation," Gochneaur said after throwing two touchdown passes in a 27-20 upset of No. 6 Kansas State on Saturday.

But Gochneaur, who threw the winning 3-yard touchdown pass to Jason Rader and added a 2-point conversion with just over 3 1/2 minutes left, had plenty of help from his teammates.

The Thundering Herd, known more for passing than for running or defense, rushed for 210 yards, forced four turnovers and made two goal-line stands in breaking Kansas State's 41-game home nonconference winning streak.

Marshall: 2-2. Kansas St.: 4-1.

No. 23 Missouri 41, MTSU 40, OT

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — All week, Missouri coach Gary Pinkel warned his No. 23 Tigers not to get too puffed up about their first national ranking in nearly five years.

On Saturday, Middle Tennessee — three-touchdown underdogs — caught Missouri flat and pushed the Tigers to the brink, losing 41-40 in overtime and leaving Pinkel questioning whether he did enough to rid his team of overconfidence.

"You're never as good as you think you are," he said sternly after Missouri improved to 4-0 for the first time since 1981, when the Tigers won their first five games and finished 8-4. "I'm disappointed in myself. I thought I had this team ready to play."

"Obviously, I didn't do a very good job. Obviously, we didn't

play as well as I wanted to."

Missouri won on Brad Smith's 4-yard touchdown scramble in overtime and Mike Matheny's extra point on 36 yards after a 15-yard unsportsmanlike conduct penalty for excessive celebration after Smith's TD.

Missouri: 4-0. Middle Tennessee: 0-4.

No. 1 Oklahoma 59, UCLA 24

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Antonio Perkins needed just five more yards on punt returns to go into the NCAA record book. UCLA was determined not to let him get the ball anymore.

Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops made sure he let Perkins' teammates know it. "We had a talking to," Stoops said of his huddle with the punt return unit late in the second half. "(Perkins) has an incredible knack, and the guys really hustled for him."

Perkins returned his final punt of the day 65 yards for a touchdown late in the fourth quarter, giving him 277 yards and three scores on seven returns to break two NCAA records as No. 1 Oklahoma routed UCLA.

Oklahoma: 4-0. UCLA: 1-2.

No. 10 FSU 47, Colorado 7

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Florida State's weak running game was mere afterthought against Colorado.

Quarterback Chris Rix and receiver Craphonso Thorpe saw to that, combining on two long scoring plays in the 10th-ranked Seminoles' 47-7 victory Saturday.

"We couldn't hold up," Colorado coach Gary Barnett said. "They were a lot more talented than we were today, absolutely. And they played harder."

Florida St.: 4-0. Colorado: 2-2.

Baylor 27, Sam Houston 6

WACO, Texas (AP) — Baylor reached the 500-victory milestone Saturday night, but new Bears coach Guy Morriss wasn't impressed.

"We peeled the paint off the walls at halftime," Morriss said after the Bears' 27-6 victory over Division I-AA Sam Houston State. "We just kept on stumbling and bumbling offensively. I was not pleased with the way we played."

Rashad Armstrong ran for 125 yards and scored two touchdowns in Morriss' second victory at Baylor.

Baylor: 2-2. Sam Houston: 1-2.

Kansas 41, Jacksonville St. 6

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Jacksonville State couldn't stop Bill Whittemore. Finally a mystery injury did.

The Kansas senior passed for 319 yards and two touchdowns and ran for two more scores Saturday night, leading Kansas past Jacksonville State

41-6 before encountering what his coach described as a "very painful situation."

Neither coach Mark Mangino nor Whittemore would disclose what the problem was. He was lifted midway through the fourth period and will apparently be OK for Kansas' match next week against archrival No. 23 Missouri.

"Our doctors are looking at him and they think it's a situation where he's dealing with pain," said Mangino, whose Jayhawks have won three straight for the first time since 1997.

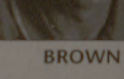
"But he is in no way in harm's way and they feel confident about preparing him for the game coming up. He should be 100 percent."

Kansas: 3-1. Jacksonville St.: 1-1.

No. 13 Texas 48, Rice 7

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas finally found a cure for its ailing running game: Rice's defense.

Cedric Benson scored three touchdowns and backup Selvin Young had two more in a 41-point first half as No. 13 Texas beat Rice 48-



BROWN

7 on Saturday night.

"I was pleased with our rushing game," coach Mack Brown said. "That's what we want to get to. We have to do different things to win. If we can run we want to. Obviously, it was a big part of our game tonight."

Texas: 2-1. Rice: 0-3.

OSU 52, SMU 6

DALLAS (AP) — The first touchdown catch Oklahoma State's Rashaun Woods made Saturday night was on a lob in coverage. The next two came with a cornerback whacking him.

Defenders were hard to find on the two after that as Southern Methodist actually expected handoffs.

Then, it was halftime. Woods came back out eyeing a Division I-A record that had stood for 34 years. He matched it early in the third quarter with his sixth touchdown grab and broke it later in the period as the Cowboys beat the Mustangs 52-6.

Oklahoma St.: 3-1. SMU: 0-3.

No. 8 Va Tech 35, Texas A&M 19

BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP) — Texas A&M put more of a scare into No. 8 Virginia Tech than the rain and wind of Hurricane Isabel. Two huge runs by Bryant Randall rescued the Hokies from all of it Thursday night.

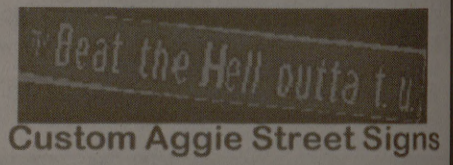
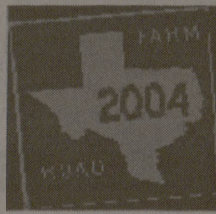
"They both felt good," Randall said of the runs, the second of which capped an 11-play, 83-yard drive and gave the Hokies a 28-19 lead.

"The first down was like a touchdown to me. It kept the drive alive and gave us new life, four more plays to try to get into the end zone."

Virginia Tech: 3-0. Texas A&M: 2-1.

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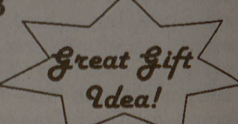
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By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Man arrested for rapes

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