

Previewing the Aggies' Opponents


By Ryan Irby
THE BATTALION

The University of Wyoming cowboys will look to continue improvement from a perennially mediocre Mountain West conference team, as second-year head coach Joe Glenn pins high hopes on the 2004 season as one that pulls the team to the top. The Cowboys finished the 2004 campaign with a surprising 8 record, including upset victories over rivals Brigham Young University and Colorado State. Glenn and the Cowboys contend that it wasn't luck at all. Six starters from offense and defense will return for the Cowboys, leaving them in a solid position to bring a heightened back. Junior Corey Bramlet, younger brother of former Wyoming standout quarterback Jesse Bramlet will start at quarterback. Bramlet will have a crop

of talented receivers to throw to as Wyoming looks to maintain an offense that relies heavily on aerial assault.


The Cowboys had the 28th best national pass offense last fall. Junior receiver Jovon Bouknight is expected to put up huge numbers and should be the main target for Bramlet. Coaches are also impressed with sophomore running back Ivan Harrison and have penned him to take the starting job in their home opener against Appalachian State on Sept. 4.

Defensively, the Cowboys will look to the leadership of an experienced linebacker corps to terrorize offenses. Seniors Randy Tschamer and Guy Tuell will start at middle and weak-side linebacker, respectively, and will provide experienced support for the defensive line. With many recognizable improvements made, the Mountain West conference has penned the 2004 Cowboys as the "Team on the Rise."



Texas A&M

vs.



Wyoming

GAME 2


DATE: September 11

TIME: 2:30 p.m.


SITE: Kyle Field, College Station, Texas

LAST MEETING: 28-20 (W) (2001)

KEY PLAYERS



Corey Bramlet



Jovon Bouknight

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Astros pound Cincinnati for 11 runs

CINCINNATI (AP) — The Houston Astros are hitting their way into the NL wild-card race. Brad Ausmus hit a tiebreaking three-run homer in the sixth inning and drove in a season-high four runs as the surging Astros reached double figures in runs for the third time in the last four games in an 11-3 victory over the Cincinnati Reds on Monday night.

Lance Berkman homered twice and drove in four runs for the Astros, who scored a combined 13 runs in their last four games and won for the seventh time in eight games.

"We're taking the pressure off of our pitchers," said Berkman, who had the 13th multihomer game of his career and fifth against Cincinnati. "Hopefully, we're getting on a roll at the right time. We had a period of time when things weren't going well, and it was all gloom and doom. Now, it's going the other way."

Houston remained just four games behind Chicago, which leads the NL wild-card race. The Astros won the last three of their four-game series against the Cubs over the weekend before beating the Reds.

"You know how many runs they scored in the Chicago series," Reds manager Dave Miley said.

"They're hitting the ball well."

Pete Munro went five-plus innings to win for the first time in seven starts since July 25. He gave up three runs and eight hits, and struck out a season-high six.

Adam Dunn hit his 40th homer for the Reds, and Felipe Lopez added a two-run shot.

"It's just not good timing for us right now," Dunn said. "We're playing as bad as we've played in a while, and it doesn't help to be playing teams that are really hot."

With the game tied at 3, Jeff Kent reached on a leadoff infield single, Mike Lamb grounded into fielder's choice, Jose Vizcaino singled and Ausmus homered to center on a 3-0 pitch from Phil Norton.

It was Ausmus' first homer in 59 at-bats since July 25.


"We've been getting timely hitting, just not usually from me," Ausmus said. "I was looking for a fastball up and out over the plate, and I was lucky enough to get one."

Houston broke it open with a four-run seventh, including Berkman's two-run double and Ausmus's run-scoring single. Berkman scored when Dunn failed to catch Kent's drive to the warning track in left for a two-base error.

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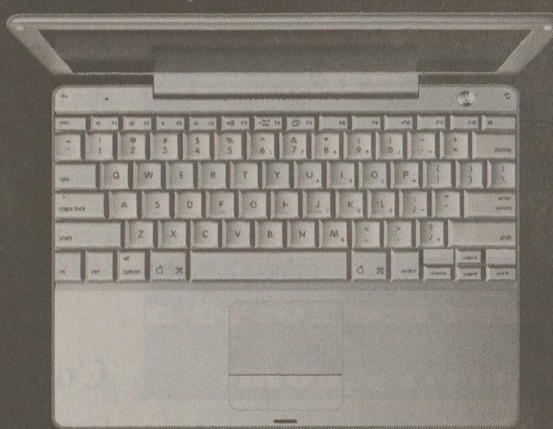


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