BIG XII WEEK IN REVIEW

FOOTBALL STATISTICS AND STANDINGS

PLAYER AWARDS

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK:

Devin West; RB; Missouri West had a career day Saturday as the Tigers defeated Kansas 41-23. The Missouri running back racked up a school-record 319 yards on 33 carries, breaking the

school's 57-year-old record. • Ran for two touchdowns of 45 and 55 yards.

· Set schol record in rushing yards (319) and all-purpose yards (333) in the Tigers' win over Kansas.

DEFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK:

Reggie Hayward; DE; Iowa

Hayward had five tackles with one for a loss and another for a sack while also causing a fumble in the Cyclones' 27-9 victory over in-state rival Iowa.

· Helped the Cyclones to their first road victory since Nov. 2,

· Defensive effort held lowa to 42 net yards rushing and three rushing first downs.

The Entire Texas Tech Defense

What can you say about a defense that yields a total of three points in two games? The Tech defense is ranked in the Top 20 in rushing defense (20), pass defense (9), scoring defense (1) and total defense (11).

ROOKIE OF THE WEEK:

Monte Christo; QB; Nebraska

As the backup to first-string QB Bobby Newcombe, he continued the Huske: string inside the red zone as Nebraska is now 12-for-12 inside the 20-yard line. He also directed the Huskers to three TDs and a field goal in the Huskers' 24-3 win over Califor-

HONOR ROLL:

- · Odell James, QB, Baylor
- Martin Gramatica, PK, Kansas St. · Ricky Williams, RB, Texas Tech
- Shane Lechler, P. Texas A&M · Darren Davis, RB, Iowa St.
- · Ricky Williams, RB, Texas
- · Correll Buckhalter, RB, Nebraska · Corby Jones, QB, Missouri
- · Michael Bishop, QB, Kansas St. · Donnie Hart, WR, Texas Tech
- North Carolina State at Baylor, 11:30 a.m. Ball State at Iowa State, 1 p.m.

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Utah State at Colorado, 2 p.m. Texas A&M at Southern Mississippi, 2 p.m. Missouri at Ohlo State, 2:30 p.m. Texas at Kansas State, 2:30 p.m. California at Oklahoma, 6 p.m. Mississippi State at Oklahoma State, 6 p.m.

STANDINGS

OVERALL PF

78 118 71

139

 OVERALL
 PF
 PA

 1-1
 58
 63

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 27

◆ FOOTBALL

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TEAM

Okla, St.

Texas Tech

Texas A&M

Fresno State at Tech, 6 p.m. Illinois State at Kansas, 6:30 p.m

BIG XII CONFERENCE STATISTICS

♦ INDIVIDUAL RUSHING RUSH Williams Texas Davis Iowa St Bucklialter Nebraska

♦ INDIVIDUAL PASS

EFFICIENCY

NAME	SCHOOL	YDS	TD	RATING
Christo	Nebraska	187	2	220.7
Bishop	Kansas St	279	3	188.9
Chaloupka	Okla St	187	1	185.8
Walton	Texas	478	1	168.5
lones	Missouri	252	3	159.5
Moschetti	Colorado	481	4	146.1

▲ INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

NAME	SCHOOL	REC	YDS	TD
Chiaverini	Colorado	12	128	1
Hart	Tech	11	242	2
Cavil	Texas	10	180	0
Anderson	Baylor	5	48	0
McGarity	Texas	8	133	0
McDonald	Kansas St	7	112	1

♦ INDIVIDUAL

INTERCEPTIONS SCHOOL

West	Okla St	2	41	1
Coady	Texas A&M	2	16	0
Foster	Baylor	1	0	0
Proctor	Kansas St	1	25	0
Butler	Kansas St	1	14	0
Lewis	Texas	1	14	0

◆ TEAM TOTAL OFFENSE

SCHOOL	YDS	PLAYS	TD	YDS/G
Tech	1045	166	7	524.5
Miscouri	1010	149	11	505.0
Texas	968	133	13	484.0
Nebraska	1340	221	15	446.6
Kansas St	868	140	14	434.0
Colorado	782	141	7	391.0
lows St	722	136	6	361.0
Okla St.	693	144	7	346.5
Oklahoma	653	133	6	326.5
Baylor	315	71	2	315.00
Kansas	598	124	4	299.00
Texas A&M	482	136	4	241.00

→ TEAM TOTAL DEFENSE

SCHOOL	YDS	PLAYS	TD	YDS/C	
Kansas St	257	108	1 _	128.5	
Oklahoma	337	104	1	168.5	
Missouri	377	101	1	188.5	
Tech	426	107	0	213.0	
Colorado	532	129	5	266.0	
Iowa St	639	116	4	319.5	
Nebraska	1015	203	* 5	338.3	
Texas A&M	633	149	3	341.5	
Baylor	347	73	3	347.0	
Okla St	716	138	8	358.0	
Kansas	806	136	10	403.0	
Texas	1067	147	12	533.5	

♦ NET PUNTING

SCHOOL	PUNTS	AVG	YDS RET	NET AV
lowa St	10	45.9	6	45.3
Texas A&M	13	47.2	66	42.2
Baylor	8	45.0	29	41.4
Tech	4	41.5	3	40.8
Oklahoma	12	41.8	22	39.9
Okla. St.	11	39.7	13	38.5
Nebraska	12	42.9	60	37.9
Kanses St	3	42.3	15	37.3
Texas	9	37.7?	26	34.8
Colorado	6	43.0	50	34.7
Kancas	13	36.4	29	34.2
Missensel		26.2	107	22.0

◆ IASON BERNSTEIN'S "INSIDE THE NUMBERS"

The number of Texas Tech football players not from the Lone Star state.

The second-most receptions by a Red Raider in a single game (Donnie Hart vs. Baylor and vs. UNT in 1997).

The total number of points allowed by Tech's SWARM defense in eight quarters of play this season.

• 12

The total number of 300-pound-plus members on the Tech roster.

The combined number of years of

collegiate coaching experience on the Red Raider coaching staff.

The number of Big XII quarterbacks named after an appetizing sandwich (Monte Christo, QB, Nebraska).

Newest Cowboy Mike Quinn ready for backup role, one step away from starting QB

IRVING (AP) — If you watched the Pittsburgh Steelers demolish the Baltimore Ravens 37-0 Nov. 9, 1997, you might remember Mike Quinn.

And if you didn't blink during the two passes he threw, you'd have seen the entire breadth of his NFL experi-

One completion for 10 yards. Now, Quinn is one injury away from quarterbacking the Dallas Cow-

of Dallas' offense will miss at least said Thursday.

four games with a broken collarbone - has made the former Stephen F. Austin and Houston prep standout next in line behind Jason Garrett.

"I've been in this situation before, The Troy Aikman void — the hear to but the stakes are higher now," Quinn sive coordinator.

Quinn has one advantage: the confident," Quinn said. new Cowboys offense installed by coach Chan Gailey is old news for him. Quinn learned it in Pittsburgh while Gailey was the Steelers' offen-

"It's very similar and I feel very

"I've been with the system for two

And Gailey shows absolute confidence in Quinn's familiarity with the offensive scheme.

"Does he know the system? I know

he does," Gailey said.

But Quinn hasn't had much practice with his new team. Consider that when Aikman was healthy, Garrett had taken only about 15 snaps in practice since training camp, Gailey

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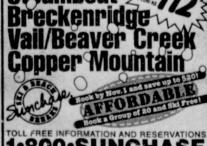
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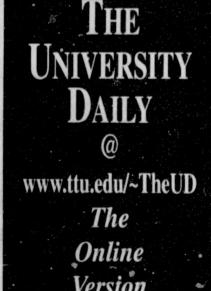
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Friday, September 18, 1998

Big 12 continues to take lumps in 1998



Heath Robinson Columnist

Welcome to year three of the Big 12 Conference. Ain't nothing changed but the rent.

There's Texas, still getting run roughshod because they house the worst defense in the history of college football. Yes, the history of college football. Texas trailed UCLA 35-3 last week. At the half.

Don't let that 49-31 final score fool you. Texas did little more than play whipping-boy the entire afternoon.

But don't blame it on Mack Brown. The poor guy had to follow John Mackovic.

I wouldn't wish that on anybody. The defensive talent Brown inherited is slower than Cam-

pus Express. Never has a bus been so wrongly named. Oh, and there's Texas A&M as well. You remember the Aggies. They

always talk about a lack of respect. And then, when they finally get a chance to earn some in a national spotlight, they blow it.

R.C. Slocum has yet to beat a Top-10 team in his tenure. That

wouldn't be so much of a problem, except that Slocum enters every season with Top-10 talent and a national ranking.

The problem? Coaching.

Slocum is that guy who always runs a draw on third and eight. He thinks that despite the fact his team only averaged two yards a carry

for the first 50 totes of the game, that 51st is going to be the big one.

And Kansas State is the worst. Every week, Kansas State lines up and plays Our Lady of the Worthless Miracle and pounds them into

Wildcat coach Bill Snyder is scared to play a tough non-conference game, because it might ruin his perfect record entering the Nebraska game, which he always tends to lose by a comfortable 30 or so points.

The problem with the Big 12 folks, is that just like the rest of the country, every team is so far behind Nebraska they couldn't see them with binoculars. No team can beat them.

Kansas States

Not with Kordell Stewart, Jr. at quarterback.

Everyone applauds Michael Bishop's playmaking ability, but just like Stewart, he blows his teams chances in big games because his brain temporarily shuts off.

Colorado cannot beat the Cornhuskers because the Buffaloes refuse to recruit towards a running game or a defense.

Texas Tech is on the right path.

The Red Raiders are building a program on the two basic fundamentals of football: running and defense. Unfortunately, Tech is four to five years away from being able to compete with the likes of Nebraska.

For years, the ACC suffered because its programs could not hang with newcomer Florida State.

The Seminoles were on a different plane, talent-wise. Now, a few ACC schools actually are showing the capabilities of being a threat to the Seminole throne every year.

It took eight seasons for the pack to catch up with Florida State. The Big 12 is suffering from similar problems. Texas, Texas A&M,

Colorado, Kansas State, and hopefully, Texas Tech, will one day catch up with the 'Huskers.

Maybe Nebraska, with what looks to be its weakest team in recent memory, will begin taking a step back to the pack during the 1998 season. More than likely, though, Nebraska will again run through the pack

with reckless abandon, and claim another Big 12 crown.

Just for prediction's sake, I believe the Red Raiders will be playing Nebraska in the Big 12 Championship game. The Red Raiders' spectacular defense will carry them that far.

Heath Robinson is a senior broadcast journalism major from Hurst.

Tech ready to crush Bulldogs

By Jason Bernstein Assistant Sports Editor

Like the grapes in a fine Fresno wine, the Texas Tech Red Raider football squad will look to squash the Fresno State Bulldogs when the two foes butt heads at 6 p.m. Saturday at Jones Stadium.

"This team has tremendous speed," said senior linebacker Ty Ardoin. "With them being from California, that is most definitely a speed state. With the recruits that USC and UCLA do not get, Fresno will most definitely get."

In fact, of the 102 Bulldog players, only six reside from states outside the Sunshine State.

Saturday's game is the first-ever meeting for the two schools but the eighth trip to Texas for Fresno State. The Bulldogs are 1-5-1 in their first seven Lone Star state appearances, with the last being a 30-30 tie with Texas-El Paso in 1994.

As for the Red Raiders (2-0 overall), they enter the third week of collegiate action as one of the hottest teams in the Big 12.

Despite tackling non-conference opponents Texas El-Paso and North Texas, the Red Raider defense has surrendered a conference-low three points in eight quarters of play.

The Red Raider defense, currently ranked No. 11 in the nation, will look to stifle an offensive attack featuring one of college football's most explosive running backs in the person of Fresno State's Jaime Kimbrough.

In last week's 29-21 loss to then-

No. 16-ranked Colorado, Kimbrough accounted for 60 percent of the Bulldog offensive output as he finished the day with 107 yards rushing on 22 carries while catching six passes out of the backfield for an additional 91 yards.

"Our first priority is to stop the run every week," said senior defensive end Montae Reagor of the task of stopping Kimbrough. "From that, we really can force them to pass the ball down the field."

Red Raider offense, which is currently the top-ranked offense in the Big 12, will look to gain over 500 yards of offense for the third consecutive week.

On the other side of the ball, the

Led once-again by senior supersub Matt Tittle, Tech will hope to have a balanced attack that has produced 524.5 yards per contest, including 299 yards rushing per game.

"I think mixing it up early will be the main thing for our offense," Tittle



Runnin' Ricky: Texas Tech running back Ricky Williams shakes a tackle in the Red Raiders' 30-0 pounding of North Texas last Saturday. Williams and the Red Raider squad takes on Fresno State at 6 p.m. Saturday at Jones Stadium.

said. "I think we'll look to pass and run, both, and then try to get it to Ricky (Williams) late in the game to run a lot."

Williams has run for an average of 210.5 yards per game with an average of 6.1-yards-per-carry. He will be looked upon to carry the offensive load against a speedy and aggressive Fresno State defense.

"It helps us a lot when Ricky does well," Tittle said of his teammate. "It keeps the defense off-balance, and

late in the game it just makes my job that much easier." For the Bulldogs (0-1 overall), the

defense gave up 378 yards to Colorado last week and forced two fumbles while recording a sack.

"They're going to be pretty tough,"

Williams said of the Bulldog defense. "They have a lot of speed and experience on defense. They're probably the best team we've faced this year. It's going to be good competition."

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For the first time since 1989, Tech

has started the season with two consecutive wins. During that season, the Red Raiders finished with a 9-3 record and an All-American Bowl appearance.

Despite the optimism surrounding the Red Raider program, the focus still remains on game No. 3.

"We're just going to keep doing what we've been doing each game," Williams said. "All the work we did this summer as a team is paying off in these first few weeks."





